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AN
ETYMOLOGICAL DICTIONARY
OF
MODERN ENGLISH

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Each language alters the by occasion
Of'traff which, canu g mutually commutation
Of th earks and Oce nt waters, w th h rdy lock
Doth words for words barrier each age and stru k:
Or else beca e h m-th r u g w th, that toyl
Is gollen termes to trick thel gr i m t i e
With new found be ues praik e ch e r mstance
Or (at the let t) aone w e y n o l w l l aunce
W th current f eedom an l a g e r s t o e
Th oil, ruy mould worme gon ne worl f yote
(Sylvester *Boatsw*)

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ELSI, 'What's that, Daddy?' FATHER, 'A cow.' ELSE, 'Why?'
(*Pm*, Jan. 17, 1906)

SPOFFING OLD PARSON, 'I didn't ask you what a "yorker" was,—
(*with dignity*)—I know that as well as you do. But why is it
called a "yorker"?'

PROFESSIONAL PLAYER, 'Well, I can't say, sir. I don't know what
else you could call it.'
(*10* Sept. 23, 1882)

PREFACE

THIS DICTIONARY is offered to those lovers of our language who without wishing to stumble about in the dim regions which produce prehistoric roots and conjectural primitive-Teutonic word forms have an educated interest in words and an intelligent curiosity as to their origins and earlier senses. That is to say it is meant for the class whose feeling for words is intermediate between the two extreme attitudes illustrated on the opposite page. It represents the results of etymological studies which may be said to have begun when the author having reached the disyllabic stage of culture acquired the habit of theorizing about words and worrying his elders with unanswerable questions. In form and scope it attempts to supply the help which many word-lovers as distinct from philological experts are still seeking. In the course of time it has gone through several metamorphoses. Conceived many years ago as a glossary of curious etymologies an offshoot of which was the author's *Romance of Words* (1912) it has gradually grown in the same unintentional way as Topsy until it has become from the point of view of vocabulary the most complete Etymological Dictionary in existence. It may seem presumptuous for one who is by trade a student of foreign languages to essay the task of compiling a dictionary of his own but the extenuating circumstance may be urged that the central Anglo-Saxon patch which is the nucleus of Modern English has been so long and so thoroughly worked by competent hands that not much remains to be done at any rate from the unambitious point of view of the present writer. On the other hand the huge and ever growing foreign accretions can perhaps be not unprofitably investigated by one whose philological studies have been largely out of the English.

Indeed one of the forms through which this book has passed was that of an *Etymological Glossary of the foreign elements in the language*. This glossary was to have excluded not only the native element but also all those words of Latin origin which as Skinner says non-obscure Romanum redolent prosopiam. But reflecting that after all most people's Latin has a way of getting rusty and that at no distant date a Soviet Board of Education may send Latin to join Greek in the limbo of useless studies the author decided to rope in all the Latin words as being likely to have at least an antiquarian interest for the rising generation. The difficult problem of demarcating strictly the native element from the early Scandinavian and Low German contributions was solved or rather dodged by the final decision to include everything both native and foreign. The author thus finds that he has produced something much more ambitious than he originally intended. He can only plead like Jo that he didn't go far to do it.

The vocabulary dealt with is, roughly speaking, that of the "Concise Oxford Dictionary" (1911), collated, during the printing of the book with that of Cassell's "New English Dictionary" (1910). These two marvels of completeness and compression include, however, a great number of scientific and technical words which can hardly be regarded as forming part of the English language, while omitting, either by accident or design, others which, in my opinion, have acquired civic rights. As our language grows with the same rapid and unnoticed progress as our empire, it results that every dictionary is, strictly speaking, out of date within a month of its publication, and many words will be found here which are not recorded in either of the above compilations.

I have included the whole of the literary and colloquial vocabulary, so far as the former is not purely archaic and the latter not purely technical or local. In the matter of archaisms some element of compromise has been extended to Scott, whose picturesque, too often sham-antique, vocabulary made the author a word-hunter before his age had got into double figure. A certain number of Shakespearean words which still re-echo more or less unintelligibly in phrases to which Shakespeare gave currency are also included. Many slang words and expressions hitherto passed over by etymologists are here historically explained. In the past the slang of one generation has often become the literary language of the next, and the manners which distinguish contemporary life suggest that this will be still more frequently the case in the future.

In the matter of "scientific" terms, often coined with complete indifference to linguistic laws and the real meanings of words, I have made it a rule to exclude everything which the "New English Dictionary" quotes only from technical treatises and dictionaries. But, as almost all the elements from which such terms are composed are found in more familiar words, the intelligent reader will have no difficulty in finding enlightenment; e.g. anyone who has not enough Greek to interpret *photomicrography* has only to look up *photo-*, *micro-*, *graph-*, and the search will do him no harm. Here again, it is impossible to predict what words may be promoted from Algebra to English in the course of the next few years. A European war may familiarize the public with unimagined lethal products of Kultur, just as a comic opera plot against a Prime Minister may turn the name of an obscure Indian poison into a temporary household word. On the whole it will be found that I have leaned rather towards inclusion than exclusion, though neologisms of Greek origin are bunched together as concisely as possible wherever the alphabetical order allows of this being done.

Foreign words are included, if, though still sufficiently "foreign" to be usually printed in italics, they are likely to occur in reading and in educated conversation; and their etymology is traced as fully as that of the other words, i.e. just as far back as the ground seems firm and the author believes himself a competent guide. Among such foreign words are many neologisms due to the Great War, a certain number of which may successfully resist that demobilization of the war-words which is now actively proceeding. The more

recondite foreign technicalities of war have been avoided but the Anglo-Indian vocabulary of the British army much of which is already to be found in the works of Mr Hapling and other Anglo-Indian writers has been drawn upon freely. Purely Latin words and phrases are usually explained without comment. Latin etymology except where it rests on quite sure foundations or shows interesting parallels with our own language being outside the scope of this work.

As a rule the proper name is only admitted to the etymological dictionary when it has attained the small initial. This seems rather an artificial distinction and one not always easy to establish. My own interest in the etymology of personal names and my conviction that the part they have played in the creation of our vocabulary is not yet realized by etymologists have led me to include here a much larger proportion of them than is usually found in etymological dictionaries. The boundary line between names and words is hardly real. It is constantly being crossed before our eyes as it has been crossed throughout the history of language and I cannot see why *Guy Fawkes* should be admitted to the dictionary as *guy* while *Tommy Atkins* remains outside. It will be found that I have proposed personal name origins for many of the hitherto unsolved problems of etymology and that in general I have brought the two classes of words into closer connection than earlier etymologists. In the case of derivatives of proper names I have omitted the obvious (*Dantesque Mosaic Shakespearean* etc.) but included the less familiar.

The word etymology is used here in a wider if shallower sense than in previous etymological dictionaries. These usually limit themselves to answering the question 'Whence?' It has always seemed to the author that the living word is of more interest than its protoplasm and that 'Whence?' is only part of the problem the real solution of which involves also answering the questions 'How?' 'When?' 'Why?' and even occasionally 'Who?'

Few people at least of those who care for words need the help of a dictionary to elucidate *agnostic* or *demarcation* but many may be interested to learn that we owe the first to Huxley and the second to a Papal bull of 1493. Nor is it at first sight apparent why a large furniture van should bear a Greek name signifying a collection of all the art.

In the matter of etymology strictly speaking the method has been as follows. For the small nucleus of Aryan words the parallel forms are given from the other languages Teutonic and Romance together with some indication of the existence of the word in Celtic and Slavonic Persian and Sanskrit. It is in dealing with this small group that the author has felt most out of his depth and inclined to be apologetic especially for inconsistencies in transliteration. Words of Common Teutonic origin are accompanied by the Dutch (German Old Norse and (if recorded) Gothic forms while for West Germanic words the Dutch and German cognates are given. The classification of the Anglo-Saxon and

¹ Though the etymology from Latin *agere* has been ascribed to more than one eminent man.

Scandinavian element into these three groups (Aryan, Common Teutonic, West Germanic) is not a simple matter, and no doubt some errors will be found

For words from Old or Modern French, or from the other Romance languages, I give the Latin original¹, tracing thus a little further back when it can be done with certainty. The parallel French, Italian and Spanish forms are usually given, and sometimes those of other Romance languages. It is well known that nouns and adjectives of these languages are usually derived from the Latin accusative case. It seemed unnecessary to repeat this information for every word, the more so as both cases would often give the same result, e.g. Old French *maistre* represents Latin *magister* as well as *magistum*, while *pater* and *patrem* would both produce *père*. I have usually, for simplicity, given the nominative, showing the stem of imparisyllabics, e.g. *custom*, OF *coustume* (*coutume*), L *consuetudo*, *-tudin-*. For words adopted early from French the Modern French

form is given when it does not differ essentially from Old French. Where the citation of the Old French form seems desirable², its current representative is added in brackets, and the same course is followed for the other modern European languages. Everybody knows that our words of French origin are chiefly from Old French, and it is just as simple and true to say that English *dame* is French *dame* as to insist on the "Old"

In cases where it seems of interest the approximate date of appearance in the language is given for foreign words, as also for many apparently native words which are not recorded until the Middle English period or later. But it must be understood that such dates, usually based on the quotations of the "New English Dictionary," are subject to revision. The actual written record of a word is largely a matter of accident, and the author's researches into the history of surnames have revealed the fact that hundreds of words and compounds are some centuries older than their first appearance in literature. Also, during the progress of the "New English Dictionary," numerous documents have been published which carry back the history of many words far beyond the dates which were known a few years ago. I have occasionally called attention to such cases. I have also tried to show how or why certain foreign words were introduced into the language, or what writers may be regarded as having coined, or given currency to, a new word or to an old word used in a new sense. Sometimes the honour belongs to a forgotten scribbler, but Shakespeare's share in such creations is enormous.

No definitions are given, except the brief indications which are needed to distinguish homonyms or to suggest the region of ideas to which an unfamiliar word belongs. I learn from the "New English Dictionary" that to *kiss* is "to press or touch with the lips (at the same time compressing and

¹ Throughout the Dictionary the word "from" is used to indicate a connection which does not amount to exact phonetic equivalence, e.g. *poplar*, OF *poplar* (*peuplier*), from L *pōpulus*.

² Where the English word is identical with the Old French the latter is not repeated, e.g. *haste*, OF (*hâte*).

then separating them) in token of affection or greeting or as an act of reverence and from Skeat that *twenty* is twice ten. So much knowledge I asume every reader to possess. On the other hand I have tried to trace the meanings of each word as well as its form to account for or at least indicate the various directions which the sense has taken and to explain the chief figurative uses and the process by which they have become part of the living language passing over of course all that is obvious to average intelligence. Hence this Dictionary includes in a way a dictionary of phrases. This has involved a very rigid system of selection. To deal fully with the phraseology connected with any common verb would be an enormous task. This may be illustrated by the fact that the New English Dictionary recognizes fifty different senses for the locution to *take up* which again is only an item in the mammoth article devoted to the verb to *take*. But it seemed possible within reasonable limits to supply an answer to a question addressed to the author much more frequently than any of those mentioned on p vii viz. Why do we say? I have seldom touched on proverbs the common inheritance of the nations though expressed in a notation which varies according to national history tradition pursuits and characteristics. All of us constantly use phrases which starting from some great or perhaps small writer or orator have become an inseparable element of colloquial English but which we often find it hard to localize. These reminiscences I have tried to run to earth without however aspiring to furnish a complete dictionary of popular misquotations. It will be noticed that a very large number of such expressions belong to the vocabulary of sport¹ and still more of them perhaps to that of the sea the Englishman's second language. Among my authorities (p xx) and sources for quotations (*id*) nautical literature accordingly holds a large place. I am aware that all this is not usually regarded as etymology but I see no reason why it should not be. A reader who is left cold by the words *bean* and *feast* may be interested in their collocation most of us use habitually the expression *foregone conclusion* in a sense remote from that intended by its coiner and the current sense of *psychological moment* is altogether different from its original use.

It will be seen from what precedes that this Dictionary whatever its defects or merits is something of a new departure. In some respects it accidentally resembles no doubt *longo intervallo* the German edition of Falk and Torp's Etymologisk Ordbog over det Norske og det Danske-Sprog from which however it differs by the modesty of its philological ambition and by the inclusion of quotations. It has always seemed to the compiler that a dictionary without quotations is too unrelieved in its austerity. Those included here range chronologically from the Venerable Bede to Mr Horatio Bottomley and represent the results of nearly fifty years omnivorous reading stored away in a rather retentive memory. Some are given to prove the early occurrence of a word.

United States metaphor is more often expressed in terms of the backwoods the mine and the railway.

others to illustrate an interesting phase of meaning or an obsolete pronunciation, others again as *loci classici* or for their historic interest, and a few no doubt because their quaintness appealed to the compiler. Some are given with only vague reference, having been noted for private satisfaction at a time when the project of a dictionary had not been formed. For many I am indebted to the "New English Dictionary," though coincidence does not by any means always

Sources of quotations indicate borrowing. On p. xx will be found a list of works specially read or re-read for the purpose of the Dictionary, the reason for their

selection being, I think, fairly obvious. I have made much use of the Bible translations, from the Anglo-Saxon Gospels to the Authorized Version, which have so strongly influenced the vocabulary and phrasing of modern English, and also of the medieval and 16-17 century Latin-English dictionaries, so valuable for the light they throw on the contemporary meanings of words. It did not seem desirable to add to the already too great bulk of the Dictionary by giving a list of all works quoted. Such a list would be almost a catalogue of English literature, with the addition of a very large number of non-literary sources, such as early collections of letters, private diaries, household accounts, wills and inventories, state papers, documents dealing with local administration, and most of the early travel records published by the Hakluyt Society. Matter of this kind, constantly published by antiquarian societies and by the Government, supplies a linguistic Tom Tiddler's Ground for the word-hunter. All quotations are given unaltered, except that *u* and *v*, *i* and *j* are distinguished, and *th*, *g* (or *y*) substituted for obsolete Anglo-Saxon and Middle English symbols¹. From c. 1600 (Shakespeare and Authorized Version) modernized spelling is usual, but this depends usually on the edition consulted. Occasionally (e.g. *cozen*) the original Shakespearean spelling is given for etymological reasons.

There are at present two schools of etymologists, the phonetic and the semantic. The former devote themselves to the mechanical explanation of speech-sounds and believe that "the laws of sound-change admit of no exceptions." The latter are guided in their investigations by the parallelisms and contrasts to be observed in sense-development in different languages. The present writer belongs, in his humble way, to the second school. He has every respect for the laws of phonetics, a science which has, within the last forty years, transformed the methods of the qualified etymologist, but he is at one with the greatest representative of the semantic school in declining to regard these laws as though they had been delivered to mankind on Mount Sinai. So it will be found that the minutiae of phonetics occupy little space in this Dictionary, and that occasionally, though with a caveat, etymologies are proposed which actually run counter to phonetic theory. A good many accidents happen to words in the course of their lives, and individual fancy is not without influence. Phonetics will explain general laws, but can hardly tell us by what

¹ Foreign symbols, other than Greek, are required throughout by transliteration into English letters. Such transliteration is necessarily sometimes of a rough and ready character.

press the schoolboy converts *name* into *sen* how *bicycle* becomes *bike* or why the *Prince of Wales* should be known to his Oxford intimates as the *Prigler* *Waller*. It is possible to recognize the great debt that etymology owes to the phonetician without necessarily regarding the study of the velps and grunts of primitive man as arboreal ancestors as the be all and end all of linguistic science.

The chief authority used in this compilation is of course the *New English Dictionary* the noblest monument ever reared to any language. But in the nearly forty years that have elapsed since the inception of that great national work and largely as a result of it inspiration a great deal of good etymological work has been done and new sources of information have been opened. It will consequently be found that the etymologies given here sometimes differ from or modify those put forward by the *New English Dictionary* and unerringly repeated by other compilation. Besides the dictionaries recognized as more or less authoritative enumerated on p. xvii I have had as mine of new knowledge many essays and monographs by eminent continental scholars together with the numerous philological periodicals published in Europe and America. I have worked through all of these so far as they touch immediately or remotely on English etymology and venture to hope that not much of real importance has escaped me. No should I omit to mention a a store house of curious lore our own *Notes and Queries*. Considerations of space have limited the list of authorities (pp. xvii-xx) to the essential texts with which I have worked day by day but no reputable source of information has remained unconsulted. As a rule authorities are not quoted except for an occasional reference to the views of the *New English Dictionary* or in disputed etymologies of Skeat. In some few very difficult cases I have sheltered myself behind the great name of Friedrich Kluge my sometime chief and teacher and in dealing with the strange exotics which come to us from the barbarian fringe I have now and then invoked the authority of my old schoolfellow James Platt whose untimely death in 1910 deprived philology of the greatest linguistic genius of modern times.

The various preliminary drafts and the final shaping of this Dictionary having extended over many years it is inevitable that there should be some unevenness not to say inconsistency and needless repetition in the final performance. There are moods in which conciseness seems most desirable and others in which the temptation to be discursive gets the upper hand. My own impression is that the book improves as it goes on. The kind of shorthand which has to be used in compressing so vast a matter into one moderate sized volume must lead to occasional obscurity but I hope and believe that this has tended to diminish with the progress of the work. Scaliger compares the lexicographer with the convict—

Si quem dura manet sententia iudicis olim
 Damnatum acrumus supplicis quo capat
 Hunc neque fabrillassent crastula massa
 Nec rigidas vexent fessa metalli manus
 Lexica context, nam cetera qui timor? Omnes
 Poenarum facies hic labor unus habet

This is too gloomy a picture. There are, in dictionary-making, desolate patches, especially those that are overgrown with the pestilent weeds of pseudo-scientific nomenclature. There are also moments when the lexicographer, solemnly deriving words from Aztec, Maori or Telugu, languages of which he knows no more than the man in the moon, is more conscious than usual of being a fraud. But, as far as this book is concerned, the greater part of the work of compilation has been a labour of love, the end of which had in it as much of regret as of relief.

There remains to me the pleasant duty of expressing my thanks to the learned friends and confrères who have assisted me in watching over the Dictionary in its progress through the press. The compiler of a work of this kind must inevitably take much at second-hand and deal with many subjects of which his own knowledge is superficial or non-existent. Thus he is bound occasionally to give himself away badly unless his work is criticized by specialists in the various branches of linguistic science. It is not without a shudder that the author recalls certain precipices from which he was kindly but firmly pulled back by helpers more learned than himself. Professor Allen Mawer, of the Armstrong College, Newcastle, has most kindly read the whole work in proof and emended it from the point of view of the scientific Anglist. His assistance has been invaluable. My friend and Cambridge contemporary, the late Dr E. C. Quiggin, had undertaken to verify all Celtic forms and etymologies but he had only read the first few sheets when his tragically sudden death robbed me of his help and the learned world of a scholar of rare attainments. Professor T. H. Parry-Williams, of Aberystwyth, at once responded to my invitation to replace Dr Quiggin and has untiringly given me the help of his specialist knowledge throughout. Professor Edward Bensly, formerly of Aberystwyth, has read the whole of the proofs. Readers of "Notes and Queries" will readily understand that no words can express what the Dictionary owes to his vast and curious erudition. My colleague, Mr E. P. Barker, has acted especially as classical corrector. He has called my attention to many points of Latin and Greek etymology, and in collaboration with Professor Bensly and the reader of the Cambridge University Press, will, I trust, have gone far to create the illusion that the compiler of this Dictionary really knows something about Greek accents. In dealing with Slavonic words I have always had at my service the remarkable linguistic knowledge of my colleague, Mr Janko Lavrin. Practically all my scientific confrères at Nottingham have been occasionally pestered by me with inquiries as to the words specifically associated with their barbarous pursuits. Professor E. H. Parker, of Manchester, has enlightened me as to the origin of a few Chinese expressions, and Dr J. Rendel Harris has advised me on the transliteration of some Semitic words. It would no doubt have been better for the Dictionary if I had had the audacity to trouble these two high authorities more frequently. My especial thanks are due to my colleague, Mr R. M. Hewitt, who has not only given me his assistance in many languages of which I know little or nothing, but has also taken the keenest interest in my work from the beginning of its final shaping and has made to it contributions which amount to collabora-

tion. The later sheets have had the advantage of being read by Professor Paul Barbier of Leeds whose authority on European fish names is unique. To all these distinguished scholars some of whom I have never seen in the flesh and all of whom would probably regard an eight hour day as approximating to the existence of the Lotus eaters I offer my most sincere thanks for the help so generously and untiringly given together with my apologies for such blunders as may be due to my ineptitude in applying their learning. Finally I have to acknowledge the very great debt I owe to the care and accuracy of Mr W. H. Swift reader to the Cambridge University Press.

Although this Dictionary is intended chiefly for the educated man (and woman) in the street or as Blount puts it for the more knowing women and less knowing men it may also conceivably fall into the hands of scholars in this country or abroad. I need not say that criticisms and suggestions from such will be welcome to the author. If some of the more austere are scandalized by an occasional tone of levity most unbecoming in such a work I would remind them that its production has coincided with the sombre tragedy of the War and the sordid tragedy of the Peace and that even a lexicographer may sometimes say with Figaro *Je me presse de lire de tout de peur d'être obligé d'en pleurer*.

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ABBREVIATIONS

abbrev abbreviation

abl ablative

abstr abstract

acc accusative

act active

adj adjective

adv adverbial-ly

aeron aeronautics

AF Anglo-French

Afr Africa-n

agent agential

AL Anglo-Latin

alch alchemy

Alp Alpine

Amer America-n

anat anatomy

Anglo-Ind Anglo-Indian

Anglo-Ir Anglo-Irish

antiq antiquarian

aphet aphetic

app apparently

Arab Arabic

Aram Aramaic

arch architecture

archaeol archaeology

Armen Armenian

art article

AS Anglo-Saxon

AS Gosp Anglo-Saxon Gospels (see p 11)

assim assimilation

Assyr Assyrian

astrol astrology

astron astronomy

attrib attributive

augment augmentative

Austr Austrian

Austral Australia-n

auxil auxiliary

AV Authorized Version of Bible

Bay Bavarian

Bibl Biblical

bibl bibliography

biol biology

Boh Bohemian

bot botany

Bret Breton

Brit British

build building

Bulg Bulgarian

Byz Byzantine

c *circa*=about

Camb Cambridge

Canad Canadian

carpent carpentry

Cath Angl Catholicon Anglicum (see p 111)

Celt Celtic

cent century

cf *confer*=compare

Chauc Chaucer (see p 11)

chem chemistry

Chin Chinese

Chron Chronicle

class classical

cogn cognate

collect collective

colloq colloquial-ly

commerc ; commercial

compar comparative

compd compound

Com Teut Common Teutonic

conj conjunction

contemp contemporary

contr contraction

cook cookery

Coop Cooper (see p 111)

Corn Cornish

corrupt corruption

Cotgr Cotgrave (see p 11)

crim criminal

Croat Croatian

Coverd Coverdale (see p 11)

Cumb Cumberland

Dan Danish

dat dative

def definite

demonstr demonstrative

Dev Devonshire

dial dialect

Dict Dictionary

Dict Cant Crew Dictionary of the Canting

Crew (see p 11)

Dict Gén Dictionnaire Général (see p 111)

dim diminutive

dissim dissimulation

Du Dutch

Duc Du Cange (see p 111)

E East

EAngl East Anglia-n

eccl ecclesiastical

econ economics

EDD English Dialect Dictionary (see p 111)

EFris East Frisian

c *exempli gratia*=for instance

Egypt Egyptian

EInd East India-n

electr electricity

clipt elliptical-ly

eng engineering

entom entomology

equit equitation

erron erroneous-ly

esp especial-ly

Est Estienne (see p 111)

ethn ethnology

etym etymology, etymological-ly

euph euphemism, euphemistic

Europ European

exc except

F French

facet facetious

Falc Falconer (see p 11)

falc falconry

f, fem feminine

fenc fencing

feud feudal-ism

fig figurative-ly

financ financial

fl *floruit*=flourished

Flem Flemish

OSlav Old Slavonic
 OSp Old Spanish
 OSw Old Swedish
 OT Old Testament
 OTeut Old Teutonic
 Oxf Oxford

paint punting
 palaeont. palaeontology
 Pal-gr Palgrave (see p. xviii)
 part participle
 pass. passive
 Pastori Lat. Paston Letters (see p. xx)

path pathology
 PB Prayer-Book
 perf. perfect
 perh. perhaps
 Pers. Persian
 pers. personal
 Peruv. Peruvian
 phil. philology
 philos. philosophy
 Phoen. Phoenician
 phon. phonetics
 phot. photography
 phys. physics
 physiol. physiology
 Pic. Picard

Piers Plowm. Piers Plowman (see p. xx)

pl. plural
 pleon. pleonasm, pleonastic
 poet. poetical-ly
 Pol. Polish
 pol. political-ly
 pop. popular
 Port. Portuguese

posit. positive
 possess. possessive
 p.p. past participle
 prep. preposition
 pres. present

pres. part. present participle
 pret. preferite

print. printing
 prob. probably

Prompt. Parv. Promptorium Parvulorum (see p. xviii)

pron. pronoun
 pronunc. pronunciation
 prop. properly
 Prov. Provencal
 pugil. pugilism
 Purch. Purchas (see p. xx)

quot. quotation
 q.v. *quod vide*=whence see

Rac. Racine
 R.C. Roman Catholic
 redupl. reduplication
 ref. reference
 reflex. reflexive
 reg. regular
 rel. religion, religious
 rhet. rhetoric
 Rom. Romance, Romanic
 Rum. Rumanian
 Russ. Russian
 RV Revised Version of the Bible

S. South
 SAfrDu. South African Dutch

Sard. Sardinian
 Sc. Scottish
 sc. *scilicet*=understand
 Scand. Scandinavian
 scient. scientific
 sculpt. sculpture
 Scint. Scintille
 Serb. Serbian
 Shake. Shakespeare
 Sic. Sicilian
 sing. singular
 Slav. Slavonic
 Slov. Slovenian
 Sp. Spanish
 spec. special, specifically
 Spens. Spenser
 subj. subjunctive
 superl. superlative
 surg. surgery
 s.v. *sub voce*=under the word
 Sw. Swedish
 swim. swimming
 Sylv. Sylvester (see p. xx)
 synon. synonyms
 Syr. Syriac

Tasm. Tasmanian
 techn. technical
 temp. *ten fore*=in the time (of)
 Teut. Teutonic
 theat. theatre, theatrical
 theol. theology, theological
 topogr. topography
 Torr. Torriano (see p. xx)
 trad. traditional-ly
 trans. transitive
 transl. translation
 Trev. Trevisa (see p. xx)
 Turk. Turkish
 Tynd. Tyndale (see p. xx)
 typ. typography

ult. ultimately
 univ. university
 US. United States
 usu. usually

var. variant
 ven. venery
 Venet. Venetian
 vet. veterinary
 v. *vide infra*=see below
 Virg. Virgil
 viz. *videlicet*=namely
 VL. Vulgar Latin
 Voc. Vocabularies (see p. xviii)
 vol. volume
 v. *vide supra*=see above
 Vulg. Vulgate
 vulg. vulgar

W. West
 Westm. Westmorland
 WGer. West Germanic
 Wyc. Wyclif (see p. xx)

zool. zoology

*. unrecorded form
 † died
 x: combining with

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ignota suspicari possint quam quassam perque locos communes
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(Claus Vimos Diction in p aetia commentar
Alciat Emblemata)

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an on (abed asleep twice a day, etc.) less fre
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(Jhn xxi 3)

A 1 Symbol used in Lloyd's Register to de
scribe a ship as first class The A referring
to the hull and the 1 to the stores Cf first
rate (see rate)

A prop r A 1 copper bott ml
(Times Oct 6 191)

aard wark S Afr quadruped Du aarde
earth vash pig (e ferro) Cf aard wolf
aavrogel [S Afr] Vulture Du lit catrion
fowl cf Ger aas carnion prob cogn with
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(AS Gusp Is W 1 Iv 10)

abacot Closest word which appears in most
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OF word (Sp bicoquete cap) of doubtful
origin

abacus Frame with balls on wires for me
chanical calculation L G abax abax
board slab

abaddon [Bib] Heb abaddon destruction
us d in Rev ix 11 of the angel of the
bottomless pit and by Midton (Par F iv
(24) of the pit itself (cf Job xxvi 6 R)
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T estate E palu i r t hol ea lur ba dun
(Rol 04)

The Scottis m n da g on so fast
And sch t as thum at abandon (Barbour)

ab ad h adon free licence full libertie for
others t us a thir (Cott)

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* See Preface, p x

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(Claud Minos Di lo 1 in praefat commentar Alciat. Limb mit)

a See on

a As E prefix this generally represents AS *an on* (*abed asleep twice o-day* etc) less frequently *MI of* (*anew*) and *As ge* (*aware*). In a few words it represents an AS prefix: orig *tr* cogn with Ger *er* and having intens force (*arise awake*). To words of F or L origin it comes from *od* (*achieve arise*) or *ad* (*advert*). Many scient terms begin with C & neg (*amorphous*). Less common origins are illustrated by the words *along ado affroy alas*. The gerund preceded by a (= *on*) now dial was literary *Γ* in 17 cent.

S mon Peter saith unto them I go a fishing
(Jhn xxi 3)

A r Symbol used in Lloyd's Register to describe a ship as first class the A referring to the hull and the r to the stores Cf first rate (see rate)

A proper A r copper bottom etc
(Times Oct 26 1914)

aardvark S4fr quadruped Du *airde* earth *ark* pig (see *farrou*) Cf *aard wolf* aasvogel [S4fr] Vulture Du lit *carnion* for l of Cer *aas* *carnion* prob cogn with *essen* to eat

ab L from away cogn with *of* (qv)
Also a *abs*

aba Substitute for sextant invented by and named from Antoine d Abadie

aback AS *on bac* (= *ea*) now reduced to *back* etc in naut lang Taken *aback* is a naut metaphor from the sudden checking of a ship through the square sails being flattened back again t the masts by a change of wind or bad steering

G ng the screw on ba
(As G pt Matt iv 10)

abacot Chast word whi h appears in most d cts from Spelman onward and defined as a cap of state wrought up into the shape of two crowns orn formerly by English kings Orig m print for a *bicocquet* an

OF word (Sp *bicquette* cap) of doubtful origin

abacus Frame with balls on wires for mechanical calculation L G *ab* & *abax* board slab

abaddon [Bibl] Heb *abadon* destruction used 10 Rei ix xi of the angel of the bottomless pit and by Milton (*For F* iv 624) of the pit itself (cf Job xxvi 6 R/) The angel of d p es to wh m th ane bl lbru Labadon (c Abaddon) forsoth by Greke Appolon a d bl Lalya h vyng th name Dest r (Wye Rev i)

abast [naut] AS *on bast* the latter for *bafta* See *oft* and cf *oback*

abaisance [archaic] OF *obaisance* humility from *abaisser* to *abas* (qv) Hence a deep bow Confused in E with *obaisance* (qv) by which it is now quite absorbed *aba* a *ce* *alowa* g o bow (B 15)

abandon F *abandonner* from OF adv *d* *brndon* at will at discretion (whence pleon *MI at abandon*) *Bandon* from *ban* (qv) had in OF & ME the meaning of control jurisdiction etc Current sense of adj *abandoned* is from earlier *abandoned* to given up to (not necessarily to wickedness etc in ME)

Test t E paigne i the turba d n
(Rol 2704)

The Scott men dang on so f st,
And schot on thaim t abandon ne (B 2704)

As d bandon free l e n full libert e for oth rs to use a th g (C 12)

abase F *abaisser* VL **ad-bassiare* See *base*

abash OF *esbair esbais* (*ebahir*) to astonish make to gape from L *er* and a second element which may be *baht* exclamation of astonishment (see *baht*) The -iss of F 10choative verbs regularly becomes *ish* in *Γ* (*cherish flourish* etc) but in ME we find also forms in -iss (*cheriss flourish*) so that *abash* has been confused in

form with *abase* (q v), in ME also *abaiss*, and this confusion has influenced the sense of *abash* Cf *bashful*

And thei weren abaischt [fulg obstupuerunt] with greet stonewing (Wc Mark, v 42)

abate F *abattre*, lit to beat off, from *battre*, to beat, VL **battere* for *battuer* See *bate*¹. Cf to *knock something off* (the price)

abatis, abattis [mil] Defence made of felled trees F *abattis*, from *abattre*, to fell (v s) The ending *-is*, OF *eis*, represents L *-aticus*, added to verb-stems

abattoir Slaughter-house F, from *abattre*, to fell See *abate*

abba [Bibl] See *abbot*

Abbassides [hist] Caliphs of Baghaad (749-1258), claiming descent from *Abbas*, uncle of Mohammed Most famous was Haroun-al-Raschid

abbé, abess, abbey See *abbot*

abbot AS *abbod*, L *abbas*, *abbat-*, G *āββās*, Syriac *abbā*, father (Mark, xiv 36), applied in East to all monks and in West restricted to superior of monastery, cogn with Arab *abū*, father, so common in personal names Ult a word from baby lang.; cf. *papa*, *baby*, *babble*, and see *pope* Other words of this group come via F, e.g. *abbé*, *abess* (Late L *abbatissa*), *abbey* (Late L *abbatia*), or are of later and learned formation, e.g. *abbatial*, *abbatical* Vague use of F *abbé* for ecclesiastic, esp one not holding Church office, dates from 16 cent

abbreviate From L *abbreviare*, from *ad* and *brevis*, short Cf *abridge*

abe From 13 cent Cf *alphabet*, *abecedarian* **Abderite** Democritus (q v), who was born at *Abdera* (Thrace) Cf *Stagyrte*

abdicate From L *abdicare*, to proclaim off **abdomen** L, from *abdere*, to hide away, from *ab* and *dare*, to give

abduct For earlier *abduce* From L *abducere*, *abduct-*, to lead away

abeam [naut] Abreast, level with, i.e. neither ahead nor astern The *beams* of a ship are at right-angles to the keel, cf *beam-ends*

abear [dial] AS *āberan*, from *bear*² Obs from c 1300, exc in dial

"Territorial" is a word that the dunderheads of the War Office "cannot abear"
(Sun day Times, Aug 25, 1918)

abecedarian Alphabetical, concerned with the alphabet Still used in US for begin-

ners at school Cf MedL *abecedarium*, barbarously formed from ABC

abecedarium an absec (Loop)

abed [dial] For *on bed* See *a-* **abele** White poplar Du *abeel*, OF. *aubel*, Late L *albellus*, from *albus*, white

aberglaube Ger, superstition, from *glauben*, to believe, with pejorative prefix as in *abgott*, idol

aberration From L *aberrare*, to wander off See *err*

aberruncator Incorr for *averruncator* (q v)

abet OF *abeter*, to egg on, from OF. *beter*, to bait, ON *betta*, to cause to bite See *bait*, *bet* First in Shaks (v i), but the noun *abetment* is found in ME

Abetting him to thv art me in my mood

(Com of Errors, ii 2)

abeyance OF *abeance*, from *abeer*, to gape at, compd of *bayer*, *béer*, to gape Now usu of a right or estate which is regarded with (gaping) expectancy See *bay*²

abhor L *abhorere*, to shrink from, from *horere*, to bristle (see *horrid*) The *abhorers* (hist) expressed in various petitions to Charles II their *abhorrence* of Whig and Nonconformist views

abide AS *ābidan*, from *bīdan*, to bide (q v), remain Followed by *gen*, it meant to wait for, hence, to endure, put up with, as still in dial (*can't abide*) Shaks use in the sense of pay for, expiate (v i) is due to confusion with obs *abye*, AS *abyegan*, to expiate, from *byegan*, to buy, pay for

If it be found so, some will dear abide it

(Jul Cæs iii 2)

abiet- [chem] From L *abies*, *abiet-*, fir

abigail Waiting-maid Name of character in Beaumont and Fletcher's *Scornful Lady* (1616), this perh suggested by 1 Sam xxv 24 sqq

ability Re-fashioned, after ModF *habileté*, from ME & OF *ableté* See *able* Often *hability* in 16-17 cents

abiogenesis [biol] Generation of living organisms from dead matter Coined (1870) by Huxley from G *ā-*, neg, *βίος*, life So also *biogenesis*, its opposite

abject From L *abieere*, *abject-*, to cast away, from *jacere*

abjure L *abjurare*, to swear off See *jury*

ablactation Weaning From L *ablactare*, from *lac*, *lact-*, milk

ablativ Lit bearing away. F *ablatis*, L *ablativus*, from *ablat-* (*auferre*) Coined by Julius Caesar, there being no ablativ in G

ablaut [ling] Change of vowel Ger from *laut* sound with prefix cogn with *off* Cf *umlaut* Introduced by Jakob Grimm (1819)

ablaze Fr on *blaze* See *a* and *blaze* and *cf aba k abed* etc

They setten all on blaze (Gower)

able OF (replaced by *habile*) L *habilis* fit apt, from *habere* to have hold Cf *capable* for sense-development

ablution From L *abluer* *abluo* to wash away Orig a chem term (Chauc) the rinsing of chymical preparations in water to dissolve and wash away any acrimonious particles (Johns)

abnegate From L *abnegare* to deny off Cf *negative*

abnormal Few words show such a series of pseudo-etymological perversions G *ανωμαλος* L *anomalis* having been altered in Late L after *norma* to *anormalis* whence F *anormal* and E *anormal* the latter referred to L *adnormis* and altered to *abnormal* It has displaced the earlier *adnormis* (NED) See *normal* *anomalous*

aboard [naut] F *à bord* of Teut *on-arn* (see *board*) With *to lay aboard* cf orig meaning of vb *to board* (see *board* *atcost*)

abode From *abide* cf *road* (*rode*) from *ride*

abolish F *abolir* *aboliss* from L *aboliscere* from *aboler* to destroy Hence *abolition* *ism* *ist* orig coined by opponents of slave trad (c 1800) Some connect the L word with G *ἀλλοιμ* I destroy

abominable L *abominabilis* from *abominari* to deprecate shrink from the omen (cf *absit* omen) Strong meaning is due to error medieval derivation from *ab homine* as though inhuman unnatural Hence usual MedL OF & ME spelling *ab hom n* So *Holofernes*

Thi alhom abl which he would call abomin bi (Love's Lab Lost v li)

aborigines L from *ab origine* First applied to original inhabitants of Greece and Italy

abortion From L *aborire* *abort* to miscarry from *oriri* to appear

abound F *abonder* L *abundare* to overflow from *unda* wave Cf *snpe fuous*

about AS *on ðulan* for *on ðe utan* on by outside *utan* being adv from prep *ut* Cf *above* All senses spring from primitive meaning e.g. a man about fifty is in the neighbourhood of fifty (cf similar use of *Γ ενviron*)

above From AS *þufan* for *be ufan* by upward from *uf* up First element added later by analogy with *abast* *about* (q v) Hence *above-board* a figurative expression borrowed from gamblers who when they put their hands under the table are changing their cards. It is used only in familiar language (Johns) Cf *Γ jouter cartes sur table* to play fair

abracadabra Cabalistic word used as charm first occurs in 3 cent From G *ἀβραξ* a cabalistic word composed of letters whose numerical values give 365 the number of successive manifestations attributed to the Supreme Being by the gnostic Basilides

abrade L *abradere* to scrape off See *razor*

abram to sham [naut] To feign sickness Hotten's explanation is very doubtful

An Ab abram man is he that walketh bare arm d a ll legged and f yivth hymselfe mad (And I y b te yve f i a ho d 36) It appears to have been the past of *limer* d stowdow certain inmates f fethleth m hospit l tsh fised dayt g begg a H n unpst r w e s a d so sh m Ab l am (th Abraham Wa d in Bedi m ha l g i its item t i the m id cant juncties) when t y p te ded th y w a f used beggars on beh l f th hosp t l (Hotten)

abrancheate [biol] Without gills Cf *branchiopod* See *a*

abreast Frh orig of *breast* cf F *aller de front* See *aneu*

abridge F *abréger* L *abbreuiare* from *ad* and *brevis* short Cf F *alléger* to lighten \ L *alleviare* from *levi* light

abroach to set [archaic] Ong to pierce a cask. See *branch*

abroad Altered on adj *broad* from ME *on brede* on breadth widely scattered etc Mod sense of foreign travels evolved from ME meaning of out of doors Cf *travel sayage* for similar sense development characteristic of sea faring race

abrogate From L *abrogare* to call off Cf *repeal*

abrupt From L *abruptere* *abrupt* to break off See *roul*

abscess L *abscessus* from *abscedere* *ab cess* to go away from *cedere* to go

abscissa [math] L (sc l nea) from *abscepare* *abs iss* to cut off

abscond I *abscondere* to hide away Orig trans mod use being for ea tier reflex

The poo m a fied f om pl e to pl al second g h n self (NED 1721)

absent F L *absens* *absent* pres part of *absesse* to be away (see *entity*) First records

for *absentee* (Camden, Blount, Swift) refer to Ireland.

absentee a word used commonly with regard to Irishmen living out of their country (Johns)

absinthe F, L *aosintheum*, G *ἀψίνθιον*, the herb wormwood In this sense used in E in 1612, while the liqueur is first mentioned by Thackeray

absit [vnu] L, let him be absent Cf *exeat* **absolve** L *absolvere*, to set free, replacing from 16 cent earlier *assol* (qv) Hence *absolute*, freed from restraint or conditions. Much earlier (12 cent) is *absolution*, in eccl sense

absorb L *absorbere*, to suck away, swallow up

absquatulate [US] To make off, skedaddle Facetious US coinage, perh suggested by *squat*, to settle

Rumour has it that a gay bachelor, who has figured in Chicago for nearly a year, has skedaddled, absquatulated, vamoosed, and cleared out (Rocky Mountain News, 1862)

abstain From F *abstemr*, VL **abstemre* for *abstinere*, to hold away Orig reflex (cf. *abseond*)

Wrote unto them that they absteyne them selves from fylthynesse of idols (Coverd *Ads*, xv 20)

abstemious From L *abstemius*, from *temetum*, strong drink Wider sense in E partly due to association with *abstain*

absterge L *abstergere*, to wipe away.

abstinence F, see *abstain* Total *abstinence* in spec sense dates from c 1830

The passionate Eastern character, like all weak ones, found total abstinence easier than temperance (Kingsley, *Hypatia*)

abstract From L *abstrahere*, *abstract-*, to draw away As adj, withdrawn from matter, opposite of *concrete*

abstruse From L *abstrudere*, *abstrus-*, to push away.

absurd F *absurde*, L *absurdus*, from *surdus*, deaf, dull, dissonant.

abundance See *abound*.

abuse F *abuser*, VL **abusare*, from *abuti*, *abus-*, to misuse Sense of reviling first in Shaks (*Oil* v 1)

abut Mixture of two F. verbs, viz *abouter*, to join at the end (*bout*), and archaic *abuter*, to join exactly, reach the aim (*but*) But *bout* and *but* are ult ident

aby [poe*]. See *ahide* Revived by Scott

abyss. OF *abysme* (abyme), VL **abissmus*, altered, after words of G. origin in *-ismus*, from *abyssus*, G *ἄβυσσος*, bottomless,

whence *abyss*. Mod pronunc is due to spelling, the *-s-* becoming mute in early OF

Feele such a case, as one whom some abisme,
In the deep ocean kept had all his tyme
(Drummond of Hawthornden, 1616).

abyss. See *abysm*

ac- For *ad-* before *c-*

acacia L, G *ἀκακία*, prob from *ἀκή*, point

academy F. *académie*, L, G. *ἀκαδημία* Orig grove near Athens where Plato taught, named after a demi-god Ἀκαδημος Sense of learned assembly after It *accademia*

Acadian F *acadien*, from *Acadie*, Nova Scotia (see *Evangelhne*), from native name.

acanthus L, G *ἄκανθος*, from *ἄκανθα*, thorn,

from *ἀκή*, point Cf *acaeria*

Accadian [ing] Lang preserved in cuneiform inscriptions earlier than Assyrian and prob obs c 2000 BC From *Accad* in *Shinar* (*Gen* x 10)

accede L. *accedere*, to move towards See *cede*

accelerate From L *accelerare*, from *celus*, swift

accent F, L *accentus*, from *ad cantus* (see *chant*), orig. translating G *προσῳδία*, from *πρός*, to, *ᾠδή*, song, in sense of song added to instrumental music Used in E of diacritic signs from 16 cent.

accept F, L *acceptare*, frequent of *accipere*, *accept-*, from *capere*, to take

access F *aeès* or L *accessus*, from *accedere*, *access-*, to approach, come to Cf *accession*, coming to (the throne), *accessory*, coming as addition

accidence For *accidents*, pl of *accident*, in sense of grammatical phenomenon. Cf *occurrence*

Not changing one word for another, by their accidents or cases

(Puttenham, *Art of English Poesie*, 1589).

accident F, from pres part. of L *accidere*, to happen, befall, from *cadere*, to fall Orig. chance, hap

Moving accidents by flood and field (*Oil* i 3)

accipitral From L. *accipiter*, hawk, associated with *accipere*, to take for oneself, but prob for **accipiter*, sharp winged, with second element cogn. with G *τετράπτερον*

acclaim From L *acclamare*, to shout to. See *claim*

acclimatize From F *acclimater*. See *climate*
acclivity. From L *acclivitas*, upward slope, from *ad*, to, *clivus*, rising ground Cf *declivity*.

accolade [Aist] F It *accollata* from *accolare* to embrace from L *collum* neck.

a *collade* a collar clapping embracing about the neck hence the dubbing of a knight or ceremony used th in (Cotg)

accommodate From L *accommodare* to fit to See *commodious*

accompany From F *accompagner* See *companion*

accomplice For earlier *complice* F L *complex* *complice* lit woven together Mod form may be a mistake for a *complice* or be due to some fancied connection with a *compish*

Your brother th book-binder and his accomplices at Burle (Nashe 1578)

accomplish F *accomplir* a *compliss* from OF *complir* VL *complere* for *complire* to fill Current sense of *accomplishment* a some study accomplished a high accomplishments the student (VED)

accept Restored spelling of *account* (q v)

accord I *accorder* VL *accordare* from *corda* harp-string but affected in sense by association with *cor* cord heart. Cf *concord* *discord* Hence *accordion* invented at Vienna (1829) with ending imitated from *clarion* Of one's own accord i.e consent was in VL by one's own accord

accost F *accoster* VL *accostare* from *ad* and *costa* rib Orig to border on come in contact with Cf F *aborder* "to approach" *accost* aboard board or lay aboard come or draw near unto (Cotg) See *coast*

accouchement F from *accoucher* to bring to bed See *couch* Early 19 cent euph

account OF *aconter* VL *acomputare* from *computare* to reckon See *count* *Account* is from the OF pres part For two groups of meanings (also in *recount*) now represented in F by differentiated forms *compter* *compter* of those of tell

accoutre F *accouter* orig, to fit out equip in any way For mod restriction of meaning cf *dress* Of obscure origin From F *coule* a ploughshare L *culler* with orig sense of equipping a plough ? or from F *accutere* seam VL *consutara*

accredit F *accreditare* from *credit* credit (q v)

accretion L *accretio* from *acrescere* a *acrescere* to grow to (v i)

accrete Orig pp form of F *acrescere* to grow L *acrescere* (v s) Cf *value* *issue* etc and *acrescere* *acrescere*

accumulate See *cumulative*

accurate From L *accurare* to give care to See *curse*

accursed Perverted spelling of *accursed* where the *is* intens as in *the* See *curse* For intrusive *e* cf *acknowledged*

accuse F *accuser* L *accusare* to call to account *causa* Hence *accusative* translating G a *causa* from a *causa*

ace F as L as a *causa* said to be Tarentine a for C a one Oldest sense is side of dice with *en pip* the lowest throw Hence *ambace* i q v *ace* *ace* (ee *deuce*) and *within an ace of* With sense of crack airman after Mod F cf *fig* use of *trump*

Your lord h p s th most p t ent m p b s s, th most oldest th i ever turn d p (f m) i v

Aceldama G A *lōma* representing from *haild na* field of blood (Acts 1 19)

acephalous From G d neg *phal* head

acerbity F *acerbitas* L *acerbitas* from a *erbus* harsh to the taste from *acer* keen

acetic (chem) From L *acetum* vinegar from *actre* to be sour (v s) Hence *acetylene*

Achates Faithful friend L *fidus* *Achates* companion of *Aeneas* (Virg)

ache The verb IS a *an* (i cogn with L *agere*) was earlier and correctly *ake* the noun was *ache* (ch as in *church*) whence dual *edare* headache cf *lake* *bal* *h* *speak* *speak* etc and note pronounce in quot below The noun was influenced by the verb and both became *ake* while in the 18 cent the spelling a *he* was introduced

For this paradoxical result Dr Johnson is mainly responsible ignorant of the history of the word and erroneously deriving them from the Greek *αχος* (with which they have no connection) he declared them more grammatically written *ache* (VED) The verb was one strong (past)

I like to know the old *ake* mp

F itally by *akes* with a *ake* *roak* *three* to *t*

(Temp 1)

acheronic Gloomy moribund from C *Ache* *pon* a *erol* Infernal Regions Cf *stygian*

achieve OF *achever* *toni* stem of a *achever* VL *accipere* from *ad* and *capere* to reach or formed in *ake* from *d* and *cheif* Cf I *achieve* *cheif* to succeed in

Achilles tendon Great tendon of the heel Allusion to vulnerable heel of Achilles by which his mother held him when dipping him in the Styx

achromatic Colourless From C *ἀχρωματός* See *chroma*

acid F *acide* or L *acidus*, sharp, sour, cf. *acies*, edge, *acus*, needle

ack emma Mil slang for A V, letters easily confused on the telephone being perverted in the interests of clearness, e g *pip* for P, *lock* for T, etc

Not so much of your ae, ac, ae, and your O pip Emma Wot's the blooming message?

(Impatient Coastguard, in *Punch*)

acknowledge Artificial spelling for *a-know-ledge* This is app due to confusion between the ME verbs *knowlechen* and *ahnouen*, AS *oncnāwan*, to perceive See *know*, *knowledge*

acme G *ἀκμή*, point Usu printed in G letters up to 18 cent

acne [med] ? From G *ἄκνη*, small particle, e g froth, chaff, down on fruit

acolyte MedL *acolitus* for G *ἀκόλουθος*, following For facet sense cf *myrmidon*, *satellite*

aconite Monksblood L *aconitum*, G *ἀκόνιτον* Origin unknown (see Pliny, *Hist Nat* 27 10)

acorn Mod spelling is due to the word being regarded as oak (AS *āc*) *corn*, but app it is related to neither of these words AS. *acern*, Ger *ecker*, Goth *akran*, are supposed to be related to AS *æcer*, field (see *acre*), and to have meant orig wild fruit in general, then mast of forest trees, the meaning of the E word becoming limited later to the most important kind of mast for feeding swine Cf OF *aigrun*, collect name for fruit and vegetables, from Teut

acotyledon [bot] Without seed-lobes See *cotyledon* and *a-*

acoustic F *acoustique*, G *ἀκουστικός*, from *ἀκούειν*, to hear

acquaint From Norm form of OF *acointier*, to make known, from *acoint*, Late L *accognitus* See *quant*

acquiesce L *acquiescere*, inept formation from *quies*, quiet

acquire L *acquirere*, from *quaerere*, to seek Acquisition is L *acquisitio-n-*, from *acquisit-*

acquit F *acquitter*, VL. **adquitate*, from **quitus*, for *quictus* Orig to discharge a debt, obligation, etc See *quit*

acre Earlier *aker*, AS *æcer*, field, without ref to dimension Com. Teut ; cf Du *akker*, Ger. *acker*, ON *akr*, Goth *akrs*, cogn with L *ager*, field, G *ἀγρός* Mod spelling is due to MedL *acra*, OF *acre*, but the more correct *aker* survives in some surnames, e g.

Hardaker, *Whittaker*. As a measure of land it at first meant as much as a yoke of oxen could plough in a day, but was afterwards fixed by statute *God's acre*, churchyard, is a mod adaptation, due to Longfellow; cf Ger *Gottesacker*

I was jered at [in 1880] as the apostle of "Three acres and a cow" (J Collings)

acid From L *acis*, *acr-*, sharp, sour Irieg formation due to analogy with *acid*

acrimony L *acrimonia*, from *acer* (v s).

acroamatic Of oral teaching, esoteric, esp. in ref to Aristotle's intimate lectures G *ἀκροαματικός*, from *ἀκρόαμα*, from *ἀκροᾶσθαι*, to hear

aerobate F *aciobale*, G *ἀκρόβατος*, tip-toe walking, from *ἄκρος*, topmost (as in *Acropolis*), and *-βατος*, from *βαίνειν*, to go

aeropolis G, from *ἄκρος*, highest, *πόλις*, city across For on cross, or suggested by F *en croix*, rendered in *crosse* by Caxton

acrostic Also earlier *acrostich*, F. *acrostiche* (cf *distich*), from G *ἄκρος*, extreme, and *στίχος*, a row, line of verse

act F *acle* and L *actus*, from *agere*, *act-*, to do Verb is much later than noun Theat sense is in L, legislat sense appears in E. from 16 cent In some senses partly superseded by later *action*

actinia Sea-anemone Coined by Linnaeus from G *ἄκτις*, *ἄκτιν-*, ray Cf *actinic* (phot)

action F, L *actio-n-*, from *agere*, *act-*, to do Leg sense is earliest (c 1300) Cf *active*, F *actif*, L *activus*, and *activist* (neol), app from F

acton [hist] Orig quilted garment worn under armour, later, leather coat with plating OF *auquelon* (*hoquelon*), Sp *alcolon*, Arab *al-qūḥin*, the cotton, in allusion to the padding Revived by Scott (Lay, iii 6)

actor Orig *doer* L, from *agere*, *act-*, to do In current sense from 16 cent

actual Late L *actualis*, pertaining to *acts* Mod use of *actuality* in the sense of realism, contact with the contemporary, is due to F *actualité*, from *actuel*, which does not mean actual, real, but now existing, up to date.

actuary L *actuarius*, recorder of items, proceedings, etc Current sense is 19 cent

actuate From MedL *actuare*, from *actus*, act acuity From MedL *acuitas*, from *acus*, needle

aculeate From L *aculeatus*, furnished with a sting, from *aculeus*, dim of *acus*, needle

acumen L, sharpness, from *acuere*, to sharpen

acute L *acutus* p.p. of *acuere* to sharpen

See *acid* and cf *acacia*

acushla [fr] Darling Short for a *chusla*
mo chroidhe O pulse of my heart

ad L *ad* to cogn with L *at* (q.v.) L *u*
assimilated to following consonant (*achieve*
acquaint affect a vandine announce etc.)
Often restored from earlier *a* (*adventure*
adjourn etc.) and sometimes wrongly substituted (*advance admiral*)

adage F L *adagium* from *ad* and root of
ais I say

adagio [mus] Slowly It *adagio* at ease
See *agio ease*

adamant OF L *adamans adamant* G
adamas invincible from d neg *damu* to
tame (q.v.) In earliest uses applied to very
hard metals and stones and later spec.
to the loadstone or magnet and the diamond.
In the first of these meanings medieval
scholars connected it with *ad-amare* to
attract (cf *Γ αμαμαι* magnet) Its popular
form has given *diamond* (q.v.)

Adam's apple Allusion to the forbidden fruit
supposed to have stuck in Adam's throat
In most Europ. langs

adapt F L *adaptare* from *aptus* fit

add L *addere* to put to from *ad* and *dare* to
give Hence *addenda* things to be added
adder AS *næfre snæho* Com Teut. cf Du
adder (earlier *nadder*) Ger *natter* (var *otter*)
ON *næthr* Goth *nafirs* cogn with OIr *na*
thair Wel *hnydyr* and perh with L *salix*
water snake Now limited to the common
viper The initial *n* was lost in NF a
natter being understood as an *adder* Cf
apron aiger and for the converse *neat*
Nedder is still in dial. use

addy or *addy* serpent (Prompt P. re)

addict Orig. alj L *addictus* adjudged
made over p.p. of *adducere* from *ducere* to
say tell

The number of drug addicts in the United States
is estimated to be in the *cons* of 2,000,000
(1) *y Herd Jun 1911*

additament L *additamentum* from *addere*
addit- to add (q.v.) Cf *addition* F L
additio-n

addle AS *addela* patrid mud filth cogn
with Dan *æile* urine of cattle Now only in
compds *addle-egg addle-paw* etc. In
later *addled* cf *newfangled*

address Orig. to make straight F a *resser*
from *desser* See *dess* and cf *senses* of
direct With *addres* is skil. cf *address* (q.v.)

Golf ense is a survival To *address* accept
is for earlier reflex to *address oneself* to

adduce L *adducere* to bring to

ade F suffix in loan word representing
Prov. Sp. Port *ada* It *ata* L *ata* which
gave F *ade* In 16-17 cent. often changed
into pseudo Sp. form e.g. *imbudo* *ad* *palsado*
and the surviving *basinado*

ademption [leg] L *ademptio* from *ad*
mere *adempt* to take to oneself take
away

adenoid [med] From *C. adeny* aden fig
gland (q.v.) See *-oid*

adept L *adptus* p.p. of *adipisci* to attain
Orig. used by medie. alchemists of those
who had attained the great secret

adequate From L *adequare* to make equal
to

ad eundem (sc. gradum) in n Admission of
graduate to the same (degree) at another
university

adhere L *adhaerere* to stick to

ad hoc L for this (specific purpose)

adiantum Bot. Fern From G a neg
daion to *et*

adieu I OF a *Dieu* Orig. said to the party
left as *farewell* was to the party setting
forth

adipose From L *adip* *adip* fat unex-
plained alteration of *C. ale* *adip* unguent.

Il *ex* *pol* of *t* *it*
But *adipose* *post* *it* *it*

adit Approach to mine I *aditu* from
adire to go to

adjacent From pres. part of L *adjacere* to
lie by

adjective F *adjectif* L *adjectivum* from a
acere *adject* to add from *jacere* to throw

adjourn To put off orig. fix a day for a
person I *journer* VI *ad-journ* *s*
from *diurnus* *adj* from *di* day or
possibly formed in OF from *d* and *jour*
(*jour*) L *diurnus* To *adjourn* *d* is
strictly speaking a *full*

ad-journ to *t* *ad-journ* *with* *t* *ad-journ* *t*
serve *ad-journ* *ad-journ* *ad-journ* *ad-journ*

adjudicate From L *adjudicare* from *judicare*
judic judge from *ius* law *dicere* to say

adjunct From L *ad-junct* *ad-junct* to
join to

adjure From L *adjurare* to swear to

adjust Two F verbs are included *ajuster* *ajuster*
OF *ajuster* (you *ajuster*) to all put together
VL *ajustare* or *ajustare* in OF from *d*
and the prep *jo* (I *ajustare*) *ajustare*
formed from *d* and *justare* or representing

the above verb refashioned under the influence of *juste*, just, exact

ajouter to adde, adjoyne, set, or put unto, also, to increase, augment, eke, also, as *adjuster*
adjuster to adjust, place justly, set aptly, couch evenly, joyne handsomely, mixch fully, dispose orderly, severall things together (Colg)

adjutant From pres part of L *adjutare*, frequent of *adjuvare*, to help Prob not straight from L, but a remodelled form of Sp *ayudante* Cf Ger *adjutant* (17 cent), a Sp loan-word from the Thirty Years War The *adjutant-bird*, a gigantic Indian crane, is so named from his stiff military gait Cf *marabout*

ad hb Short for L *ad libitum*, from *libere*, to please

adminicle Auxiliary, corroboration L *adminiculum*, prop. from dim of *manus*, hand

administer Orig with province, estate, etc., as object Hence to furnish, supply, e.g. castor oil or a thrashing See *minister*

admiral Artificial spelling of *amiral*, F Oldest sense in F & I^s is emir, Saracen chief Arab *amīr*, commander, is commonly followed by *al*, as in *amīr-al-bahr*, commander of the sea, and many other compds, from which a clipped noun *amiral* resulted Mod maritime sense is due to the office of *amīr-al-bahr* or *amīr-al-mā*, created by the Arabs in Spain and Sicily Explained by a 16 cent etymologist, with ref to Columbus, as L *admirans mare*, admiring the sea From 16 cent also applied to the admiral's ship or flag-ship, the admiral himself being called the general

Keeps the admiralty,
That we be masters of the narrow see
(*Libel of Irish Policy*, 1472)

admire From L *admirari*, to wonder at, from *mirus*, wonderful Cf *marvel*, *miracle*

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and when I saw her I wondered with great admiration (Rev xlii 6)

admission L *admissio-n-*, from *admittere*, *admiss-* (v 1)

admit ME *amūt*, OF *amette* (*admettre*), remodelled on L *admittere*, to send to

admonish ME *amonist*, OF *amonisher* (*admonester*), VL **admonestare*, an unexplained derivative of *admonēre*, from *monēre*, to advise It has been assimilated to the large class of verbs in -ish Cf *astonish*, *distinguish*, etc.

ado Orig infin *at dō*, the prep *at* being used in ON with infin. like E. *to*. This usage

long survived in northern E dial Cf *a great to do* and F. *affaire* (*à faire*), *avoir affaire à*

-ado. See *ade*

adobe Unburnt brick dried in the sun US, from Mexico, often made into 'dobe From Sp *adobar*, to plaster Cf F *adonner*, to put in order, arrange ? Same origin as *dub* (q v.), ? or Arab *al-tub*, the brick,

adolescent From pres part of L *adolescere*, to grow up, from archaic L *olēre*, to grow old Cf *adult*, from p p

Adonis G. name from Phoenician *adōn*, lord Cf Bibl name *Adoni-Bezek* (Judges, i 5)

adopt F. *adopter*, or L *adoptare*, to choose for oneself Cf *option*.

adore L *adorare*, to play to Replaced ME *aoine*, OF. *aoier*.

adorn L *adornare* Replaced ME. *aoine*, OF *aoinei*

adown [archaic] For *of down*, AS *of dūne*, lit off hill See *down*¹

adrift Prob for *on drift*, See *a-*

adroit F, orig adv, *à droit*, rightly Cf E. *to rights* *Droit* is L *directus* See *dress*

adscitious, *ascitious* Supplemental, unsanctioned Coined from L *adscit-*, from *adsciscere*, to acknowledge, from *scire*, to know

adscript, *ascript* Chiefly in pedantic unit of L *adscriptus gl'bae*, enrolled to the soil, used of serfs

Practically he [the working-man] is as firmly ascript to his trade as the medieval serf was to the soil (Fortnights, Aug. 1919)

adsum L, I am here

adulation From L *adulari*, to flatter, ? orig. to wag the tail, and ult cogn with Ger *wedeln*, to wag the tail (see *wheelde*)

Adullamite [hist.] Nickname given (1866) to group of M.P.s who seceded from Liberal party. Made current by a speech in which John Bright likened them to the discontented who rallied round David in the *Cave of Adullam* (1 Sam. xxi), but recorded as pol nickname for 1834 Cf *cave*

adult See *adolescent*

adulterate From L *adulterare*, to commit adultery, corrupt, from *alter*, other (*ad alterum convertere*)

adumbrate, From L *adumbrare*, to fore-shadow, from *umbra*, shadow Almost obs. in 18 cent, but now overworked

adust L. *adustus*, p p. of *adurere*, to burn, scorch. Parched, sunburnt hence, gloomy in temperament.

advance Bad spelling for earlier *atance* F *a ancer* to put forward VL **abantiare* from *ab ante* whence F *avant* before
advantage F *acantage* VL **abantium* or formed in OF from *avant* with suffix *a e* L *advantium* See *odiance tanta e*
advent L *adventus* from *advenire* to come to arrive Cf F *avent*
adventitious From L *adventicius* coming from abroad (1 s)
adventure For earlier *aventure* *avunter* re spelt on L *adventura* from *adventare* *adient* to happen See *venture*
adverb F *adverbe* L *adverbium* *cujus significatio verbis adicitur* (Priscian) translating G *επιρρημα*
adverse From L *adversus* *advers* to turn against Hence *adversary* in ME esp the Devil
advert Earlier *avert* OF *avertir* VL **advertire* for *advertere* to turn to See *advertise*
advertise F *avertir* s leantened stem of *avertir* to warn from L *advertere* to turn to (vs) The *ad* is a restoration and the survival of the *ise* form (cf *advert* *cor vert* *revert* etc) is prob due to noun *advertisement* F *avertissement* (cf *aggrandize*) Mod sense developed from that of public announcement is unknown in F
 Jo chym king of J da depraized th admon t m (1 s ad vertisement) and th doctrines of God (1 FD 1475)
 My greifs cry louder than ad v rusement (1 Muck 42 v 1)
advice advise Earlier *avice* F *avis* counsel opinion warning It *aviso* Sp *aviso* point to VL *advisus* s from *ad* and *videre* *vis* to see but in OF the two elements occur apart as in the colloquial *Ce mest avis* for *Ce mest d vis* (*ad visum*) The differentiated spelling (cf *prophesi* *practise*) is artificial The oldest meaning of the noun is opinion of the verb to look at or reflex to consider F *s a iser*
advocate First as noun ME *avocat* F L *advocatus* called in ASleg title no usu Sc *advowson* Right of presentation to a benefice Earlier *avowson* OF *avocson* L *advocatio* -o from *advocare* to call to summon
adylum Sanctum L G *advorum* from *ad* neg *δεν* to enter
adze Often spelt *advis* *addice* as late as 17 cent AS *adesa* of unknown origin
aedile [hist] L *aedilis* commissioner of work from *aedes* building cogn with G

a the to burn (with suggestion of hearth as nucleus of home) Cf *edify*
aegis I G *αἴγῃ* shield of Zeus or Pallas from G *αἴς* *aiy* goat orig applied to g at km shield belt of Zeus
aegrotat [univ] L *he* is sick *ager* Cf *ex affluat* etc
Aeolian (1) Mode of music from *Aeolis* or *Aeolia* Greek colony in Asia Minor Cf *Doric* (2) Natural harp from L *Aeolus* god of the winds (Ieu 1 5)
aeon L G *αιων* age cogn with L *aeternum* See *age*
aerate From L *aer* air after F *aerer*
aerial From L *aer* air after *etheral* An aerial ship London to Pan was advertised in 1835 but burst during inflation
aero- From C *αἰρ* *deu* air *Aerodrome* (neol) is after earlier *Hippodrome* (19 v) *Aerodrome* *Aerolite* is for *aerolith* from G *αἰρος* stone *Aeronaut* F *a onaut* from *ναυτης* sailor pilot *aerostat* F *aérostat* from *στατος* supported both date from 1783 (cf *Mont oliver*) *Aeroplane* (neol) is F *aéroplane* *Aerobatics* stunts is after *acrobatism* *Aerobus* is mod (Feb 1919)
cr na lica the p t ded t of lung in vessel thro the a r o tmosph (Ch mbers Cy opa d a 1733)
 Th *aerop* k (may) in th word had many h cty time dur g th reire t (Co b It Sm th M e a id after)
aery **eyry** F *aire* an aerie or nest of hawks (Cotg) dubiously connected with L *ager* field which app took the sense of home place of origin whence Prov *agere* nest. See *débouair* Spelling *eyry* is app due to Spelman's attempt to connect the word with ME *ey* egg The spec association of the word with the eagle suggests that it may rather be connected with the Teut. name for the bird (see *crue*) which has cognates in Celt (Corn Bret *er* Welsh *eyr*)
Aesculapian Esculapian Of *Aesculapius* G *Αἰσκληπιός* god of medicine Cf *galeni* of *aesthete* G *αἰσθητής* from *αἰσθάνειν* to perceive First recorded by NED for 1881 (aesthetic craze) but *aesthetic* dates from 1798 having been introduced by Baumgarten into German philosophy (c 1750) with the sense of criticism of taste The word suffered (c 1880) a temporary depreciation from which it has now recovered
 I m broken b rted troubr our Whose mind's aestheti And whose t tes are pur (Gulbe t Pat ence)

aestival, estival Of summer L *aestivalis*, from *aestas*, summer Cf *aestivate*, opposite of *hibernate*

aetiology, etiology Study of causation L *aetologia*, from G *aíria*, cause

afar AS *feor*, far, compd with *of* and *on*. Both of *fer* (cf F *de loin*) and *on fer* (cf F *au loin*) became in 14 cent *a fer*, whence *afar*. Thus from *afar*, *afar off* are sometimes pleon

afear[dial] Very common in Shaks, but now considered vulgar, having been supplanted by *afraid* (q v), with which it is quite unconnected. It is the pp of obs *afear*, to terrify, (see *fear*)

Fie, my lord, fie! a soldier and afeard!
(Macb v 1)

affable F, "easily spoken to by, willingly giving care to, others" (Cotg), L *affabilis*, easy to be spoken to, from *adfar*, to address

affair F *affaire*, OF *asaire*, for a *faue* Cf *ado* (q v), to do

affect F *affecter*, L *affectare*, to aim at, frequent of *afficere*, to apply (oneself) to, from *ad* and *faccere*, to do. Hence *affection*, orig (13 cent) any mental state, the more mod *affectionation* preserving better the etym sense. *Affect*, to influence, impress, etc., is rather directly from L *afficere*, *affect-*

affiance OF *afiance*, from *asier* (*asier*), VL **affidare*, from *fidus*, faithful Cf *affidavit*. Or OF *afiance* may be a compd of OF *fiance*, VL **fidantia*. The oldest meaning was trust, then, pledging of troth, and finally the word was made into a verb

affiche F, from *afficher*, to affix, from *ficher*, to fix, ult from L *figere*

affidavit Lit "he has pledged his faith," from VL **affidare*, for which see *affiance*. Rogue Roderhood (*Our Mutual Friend*) makes it *Alfred David*, and it appears also in the vulgarism to *take one's davy*. In leg lang the deponent swears it and the judge takes it

affiliate From L *affiliare*, to adopt as son, *filius*

affinity F *affinité*, L *affinitas*, from *affinis*, bordering on, from *finis*, end, boundary

affirm F *affirmer*, L *affirmare*, to make firm, *firmus*

afflatus L, from *afflare*, to inspire, from *ad* and *flare*, flat-, to blow

afflict From L *affligere*, *afflict-*, from *figere*, to strike

affluence F, L. *affluentia*, from *affluere*, to flow towards

afflux. MedL *affluxus* (v s) Cf *influx*

afford Earlier *asforth*, AS. *ge-forþian*, from *forth*, forward. Orig to "further," promote, then, supply, furnish. For prefix of *aware*, for consonant change cf *burden*, *burthen*, *murder*, *murther*

aflorest MedL *afforestare*, from *ad* and *foresta*. See *forest*

affray First as verb, to frighten, OF. *esfreier* (*effrayei*), VL **exfridare*, from OHG *fridu* (*friede*), peace, thus a "breach of the peace." The noun is now aphetized to *fray*, and of the verb only the pp *afraid* (*affrayed*) survives, its success in supplanting the unrelated *afear* being due to its regular use in the AV

affright Bad spelling of *afright*, from pp of AS *āfyrhtan*, to terrify. See *fright*. Cf *accursed*

affront F *affronter*, VL **affrontare*, to strike on the forehead, hence to insult, from *frons*, *front-*, forehead. In ModF. it means also confront, as *affront* does in Shaks

That he, as 'twere by accident,
May there affront Ophelia (*Hamlet* iii 1)

afloat AS *on floce*. See *float*. So also *asfield*, *afire*, *afoot*, etc. See *a-*

afoot For *on foot*. See *a-*. The game's *afoot*, i.e. on the move, is after 1 Hen IV 1 3

afore AS *on foran* (see *fore* and *a-*) or *æt foran*. Now dial, but once literary equivalent of *before*. Cf *pin afore*, *aforesaid*. Hence *aforethought*, in *malice aforethought*, transl of *malice prepense*

As I wrote afore in few words (*Trph* iii 3)

afraid For *affrayed*, pp of *affray* (q v)

afreet, afrit Evil demon of Mohammedan mythology. Arab *'ifrit*. First in E version of Beckford's *Vathek* (1786)

afresh From *fresh*, after *anew* (q v).

Afrkander [SAfr] For Du *Afrikaner* influenced by Du *Englander*

aft AS *æftan* (adv), behind (cf *abast*). *After*, AS *æfter* (adv & prep), was orig compar of a prep cogn. with Goth *af*, off, not of *aft*, though the words are related

aftermath After (the first) mowing AS *mæth*, mowing, from *māwan*, to mow. NED has no AS or ME record for the compd. It was also called *lattermath*. Cf. Ger *grummet*, for *grun mähd*, green mowing,

agnail [*dial*] Orig corn on the foot, later, painful swelling of any kind. Now used in *dial* of loose skin or soreness at root of finger-nails. This meaning, like the corrupted forms *hang-nail* and *anger-nail*, is due to mistaken association with the *finger-nail*. The metal *nail* and the human *nail* are etym ident., but in *agnail* the former is referred to. It is AS *angnægl*, corn, where the first element means compressed, painful (cogn with L *angustus* and Ger *eng*, narrow) and the second is AS *nægl*, nail. Cf F *clou*, nail, also used of a swelling.

clou a navle, also a corne (in a foot, or toe) (Cotg.)

agnate Kin. F *agnat*, L *agnatus*, from *agnasci* (*ad gnasci*), to be born to.

agnomen L, from *ad* and (g)nomen, name. Added to cognomen as result of some exploit, etc., e.g. Publius (praenomen) Cornelius (nomen) Scipio (cognomen) Africanus (agnomen).

agnostic Coined (1869) from G *ἄγνοστος*, unknowing, unknown, unknowable, by Huxley, to whom it was suggested by Acts, xvii 23 (*ἀγνώστω θεῷ*). From *ἀ-*, neg., *γινώσκειν*, to know.

Agnus Dei L, Lamb of God.

ago Earlier also *agone*, p.p. of AS *āgān*, to pass (of time).

O he's drunk, sir Toby, an hour ago.
(Twelfth Night, v 1)

agog Earlier also *on gog*. OF, *en gogues*, of unknown origin. Cf *goguenard*, playful.

être en ses gogues to be frolicke lustie, lively, wanton, gamesome, ill-a-hoit, in a pleasant humour, in a vein of mirth, or in a merrie mood.
(Cotg.)

agony Oldest in Bibl sense (Wyc Luke, xii 43). Prob adopted from L *agonia* (Vulg.), G *ἀγωνία*, from *ἀγων*, assembly for the public games, from *ἄγω*, to lead. F, *agonie* means throes of death. First NED record of *agoni column* is 1880.

agouti Small rodent of guinea-pig tribe (Sämer & Wind). F, Sp *aguti*, from native name.

agra, **agrad** [*Ir*] Darling. Voc of Ir *grádh*, love.

agraffe [*archaic*] Clasp. F *agrafe*, also OF *agrappe*, from OHG *krapfo* (*krapsen*), hook, via VL **grappa*. Cf *grape*.

agral [*reol*] Portmanteau-word for agricultural railway.

A little while ago the Minister of Reconstruction invented "arrails" (*Observer*, Jan 19, 1919).

agrarian From L *agrarius*, from *ager*, *agri-*, field. Hence spec form of crime in Ireland, pol party in Germany.

agree F *agrée*, VL **adgratave*, from *gratus*, pleasing. Etym sense survives best in *agreeable*.

agriculture F, L *agri cultura*, from *ager*, field, and *colere*, *cult-*, to cultivate. See *culture*. Cf *agronomy*.

agrimony Plant. L *agrimonia*, corrupted (? by association with *ager*, field) from G *ἀγριμόνη*. Some of the ME forms are due to F *agremoine*. Perverted forms are found in other Europ langs, e.g. Ger *ackermennig*, Norw Dan *agermaane*.

aground For on ground, cf *afloat*, *ashore*. See *a-*.

ague OF *ague* (*aigue*), sharp, L *acuta*, in *fièvre ague*. In E applied first to the burning or feverish stage of disease, then to the shivering stage, and finally to a spec malarial fever.

ah Natural ejaculation. Cf F *ah*, MHG *ā*, ON *æ*, also E *ay*, *ey*, *ha*.

ahead Orig naut. Cf *abeam*, *astern*.

ahem Imit of calling attention by clearing the throat. Cf *to hem* and *ha*.

ahoy ? From *hoy*, vessel. But cf OF *aoi*, interj. which ends each stanza of the *Chanson de Roland*.

Ahriman Spirit of evil in OPers mythology. F, L, G *Ἀρειμάνιος*, Pers *Ahriman*, Zend *anra-mainyu*, spirit that beats down.

Dark Ahriman, whom Irak still
Holds origin of war and ill (*Talisman*, ch. iii).

ahungered See *an-hungered*.

ai Brazilian sloth. Native name, from cry. aid. F *aider*, L *adjutare*, frequent. of *adjuvare*, *adjut-*, to help. Cf *adjutant*.

aide-de-camp F. In E from 17 cent.

airette. Orig lesser white heron, or *egret* (q.v.), then its crest, and later applied to various similar tufts.

aiguillette See *aglet*.

ail AS *eglan*, to afflict, cogn. with Goth *agljan*, and ult. with *awe*. Orig. trans (cf *What ails you?*), and in early ME impers. *What ailed thee, o thou sea, that thou fleddest?* (Ps. cxiv 5).

aileron [*acron*] End of wing. F, from *aile*, wing, L *ala*, for *axilla*. Orig term of falconry.

aim Earlier *eyme*. App. due to two OF verbs, *esmer*, L *aestimare*, *aesmer*, L *ad-aestimare*. The oldest meaning is to esteem, then, to calculate with a view to action,

while the sense of directing a missile or blow does not appear till 16 cent

Or the some of man for thou eymest hym

(Wye Ps exult 3)

air *F L aer G aep* from *aer* to blow
Subsidiary sense of manner taken from *Γ* may have been developed from orig sense in allusion to the atmosphere of a person or environment (cf sense-develop ment of *L annuus spiritus*) but some regard it rather as belonging to a separate word (see *d'bonair*) For mus sense from *It aere* (now replaced by *aria*) cf Ger *weise* manner tune and mus sense of *mode mood* In *airs and graces* there is prob a secondary mus allusion a *grace* being an embellishment added to a tune The nu merous neologisms in *air* (*aircraft airman airmanship airworthy* etc) are modelled on the naut vocabulary *Air raid* is of about the same date as *baby killer* *Air drome* occurred in the published abstract of the peace terms (May 1919)

ere th al e Also an poet countenance
cheere a look or apperance in th face of ma r
wom n Also a tunc a raie of a so g or dittie

(Flor)

As soo a our men got th r air l g (if there s
s ch a thin) th porte th 3 bro ght back w e
unv luable (Corbett Smith 1/4 c 1450)

airedale Terrier from valley of the *fire*
Bradford district of Yorks Name regis tered by Kennel Club (1886) for earlier *Bingley* (where first bred) or *broken haire t terrier*

airt [Se] Direction point of the compass
Gael *aird* Ir *ard* point common in place names A late introduction in literary E due to Burns

O of a the airts the wind can blaw
I dearily lik the west

aisle Orig *ele* OF (*isle*) wing I *ala* for *avilla* I rop a lateral division of a church usually separated from the nave by rows of pillars The curious spelling *aisle* which Johns attributes to Addison is partly due to ModF *aisle* but also to confusion with E *isle* MF *il* island This seems im credible but is certified by the fact that *insula* was its usual rendering in MedL while *island* or rather its older and more correct form actually occurs in the same sense The word has also been confused with *alley*¹

Orate pro a imo Roberti O b gb q istud i
fi rleth (NED c 1370)

In th porch in th south yland of the church
(b 1390)

ait Small island esp in Thames Now often spelt *etel* or *evot* App AS *ægað* of ob scure formation related to AS *ieg* island The ME form is *ait* but the NED has no record between 1205 and 1649 Cf Anglesey Sheppey and *Eig* (Hebrides)

aitch bone For *nache* or *na e* the *n* being lost as in *adder* (q v) ME *nache nage* buttock OF *nache* still used by F butchers VI **natica* for *natis* *Nachebo* is occurs in Craven Gloss (1828) The existing form is perh due to a fancied re emblance of the bone to the letter H Among other per versions in dial use *we edge bone ice bone* etc But some of these are rather connected with Du *ysbeen* hip bone with which cf LG *Isbèn* Ger *eisbèh* (from LG) the first element of which may be C *σχ* or hip-joint

ajar Formerly *on char* on the turn See *charwoman char* Cf synonym Du *op een kier* from *keeren* to turn Confused in quiers 3 4 with *jar* (q v)

Th d e char it stude (Gav n Dougl c 313)

On the what? v lained th l ttle judge

I arly op n my lo d sald berjeant Sn bb n

Sh id on th 31 said the litle j dg w th a
cun ng lock (P whick)

Thou h t t my fath and hum t jar s

(L dv R II ghiv 1503)

My temp was so thoro ghly)

(H Martin e)

akumbo ME *on henebowe* For *can bow* the *bow* or handle of a *can* or vessel Cf synonym L *ansatus* from *ansa* handle and F *faire le pot à deux anses* to stand with *arms* *akumbo* lit to play the pot with two handles The same very natural metaphor is found in Du Cer Sp and prob other langs

a at h m on th t in bragging man strow
teth up and down with his armes a-c ne-bow

(Thomas 1644)

j ro pot with a g t bell and two ha dies
(St vents)

nda enf r s to set one s arms a k mbo

(Sevan)

akin For *of kin* cf *next of kin* Cf *aneu*

Akkad an See *Acead an*

al In some words chiefly of Sp origin represents Arab *dal* cf art

alabaster OF *alabastr* (*albitre*) L *ala baser* C *ἀλαβή* *orpas* Said to come from *Alaba tron* (Egypt)

alack Prob arbitrary alteration of *ails* re corded two centuries earlier by association with *lack* in older sense of failure shame

Chiefly in *alack-the-day* or *alack-a-day*, whence *lack-a-day* and *lackadaisical*
 alacrity From L *alacritas*, from *alacer*, brisk
 Cf *allegro*

alamode Esp in *alamode silk*, beef F *à la mode*, in the fashion

alanna [Ir] Voe of Ir *leanbh*, child

alar L *alaris*, from *ala*, wing

alarm F *alarme*, OF *à l'arme*, It *all' arme*, a call "to (the) arms" With rolled -r- it has given *alarum* With aphet *larum* cf Ger *lärm*, "an alarm, alarum" (Ludw) Cf *alert*

It was nothing but a false larum, given of purpose to see how every one would be found in a readinesse (Purch)

And so to bed, to be up by times by the helpe of a larum watch (Pepys, July 14, 1665)

alarum See *alarm*

alas OF *a las*, *he las* (*hélas*) or *lasse*, the adj agreeing with the speaker The first element is an interj, while *las*, weary, is L *lassus* Cf It *ah! lasso* or *lassa*

alate L *alatus*, from *ala*, wing

alb Eccl vestment AS *albe*, early loan from L *alba* (sc *vestis*) Cf F *aube*, alb, also found in ME

albacore, albicore Fish Port *albacor*, Arab *al-bukr*, the young camel, from the size of the fish In Haki

Albanian Aryan lang of *Albania*, allied to Greek, but containing much Slav and L admixture

albatross Corrupted from obs *alcatras* (16 cent), frigate-bird, under influence of *albus*, the name being extended from the frigate-bird, which is black, to a larger and white sea-bird (cf *penguin*) Recorded in present form in 17 cent *Alcatras* (Hawkins' *Voyage*, 1564) is Sp Port *alcataz*, sea-fowl, pelican, orig Port *alcathuz*, bucket of a water-wheel, Arab *al-qādūs*, borrowed from G *kādōs* (L *cadus*), jar App first applied to the pelican, from its storage capacity Cf Arab *sagqā*, pelican, lit water-earner

alcatraces a kind of fowle like a seamew that feedeth on fish (Percyvall)

albeit For *all be it*, a survival of the ME use of *all*, in sense of *although*, with a sub-junctive

albert (chain) Named after Prince Albert, Consort of Queen Victoria Cf *victoria*, and hundreds of words created in the same way

albicore See *albacore*

Albigenses [hist] Southern F protestants, orig of *Albi* (Tarn), persecuted (13 cent) at instigation of Innocent III

albino. Sp or Port, from L *albus*, white

Orig. applied in Port to "white negroes"

Albion G name for Great Britain; cf L *Albion* (Pliny), Gael *Alba*, Scotland Perli "white land"

album "A book in which foreigners have long been accustomed to insert the autographs of celebrated people" (Johns). Neut of L *albus*, white, blank Still in italics in *Ingoldsby*

albumen L., from *albus*, white

alburnum Sap-wood, L, from *albus*, white

alcaide, alcaide, alcaide Magistrate Sp, from Arab *al-qādī*, the judge (see *cadī*) *Alcaide*, prison governor, is, strictly speaking, a different word, Arab *qā'id*, leader (see *cadī*), but the titles have been confused by E writers

alcalde a sheriffe, or constable (Percyvall)

alcahest See *alkahest*

alcaic Metre employed, c g by Horace, in imitation of Greek poet Ἀλκαῖος (fl Mytilene, c. 600 B C) Cf *Sapphic*

alcazar Palace, fortress Sp, Arab *al-qasr*, from L *castrum*

alchemy OF *alchimie*, MedL *alchimia*, Arab *al-kīmīā*, G *χημεία*, *χημεία*, transmutation of metals (3 cent) This has been connected with G *Χημία*, Egypt (in Plutarch), and with G *χημεία*, pouring (*χέω*, to pour), whence the archaic spellings *alcumy* (Shaks), *alchymy*, *chymist*, etc The medieval farns, due to folk-etym, are numerous It seems clear that the word came from Alexandria via the Arabs into Europe

alcohol Arab *al-koh'l*, the fine metallic powder used to darken the eyelids (see *kohl*) Later applied to fine chemical powders and then to subtle essences and quintessences Current sense occurs first in *alcohol of wine*

It will be a consolation to Americans to know that there is one place where they may enjoy an alcohol holiday (P M Murphy, June, 1919)

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alcove F *alcôve*, Sp *alcova*, *alcoba*, Arab *al-qobbah*, the vault

alcoba a closet, a close room for a bed (Percyvall)

alder. AS *alr*, with intrusive -d-, as in *elder* (tree) Com Teut, cf Du *els*, Ger. *esle*

(OHG *elira*) ON *elr* Goth *alra* (whence Sp *also*) cogn with L. *alnus* Earlier and dial forms of *alder* appear in place and surnames e.g. *Alresford Allerton Ollerton Ollershaw Ollershaw Lightowlers* etc

He advises that you plant willows or oaks is about it (the fishpond) (Comp. at *elr* ch. 22)

alderman AS *ealdormann* First element though early confused with the compar of *eald* old orig meant patriarch prince formed from *eald* with the noun suffix -or It is used in AS to translate any title of high rank but had also the spec meaning now represented by *earl* (q.v.) which tended to displace it under the Dan dynasty

aldine [vul.] From *Allis Manusius* Venetian printer (1515) Cf *el air*

ale AN *alah* cf ON *el* See also *beidal* aleatory Hazardous L. *aleatorius* from *alea* die (dice)

electryon Cock G *elektrop* = youth changed into cock

alegar [dial] Vinegar from ale From ale by analogy with *vinegar* (q.v.)

Alemannic HG tribe and dial of Upper Rhine now represented chiefly by Ger Swiss OHG *alaman* prob all man whence F *allemand*

alembic F *alambique* Sp *alambique* Arab *al anbiq* the still C *anbiq* *anbiq* beaker Aphet. form *al mbech* is obs

Cocu t tes and alan bikes eek (Chauc. G. 94)

alambique a lumbecke a stiller (Percy II)

allerton allerton (*her* 1) Small spread eagle without beak or claws F *altron* formed with L. suffix -ion from MHG *adeler* (adler) eagle orig compd *adel-a* noble eagle Cf MedL *alario*

alert OF *a lerte* (*alerie*) It *al erta* for *alla erta* to the height, L. *erecta* Thus on the alert is pleon Cf *alarm*

erta a crane's place an upright watch a high watch tower (Flor)

Alert et sur es gardes (L. Font. F. b. vii. 22)

Alexandrian Alexandrine Of the school of G. learning at *Alexandria* (n.c. 323-A.D. 640)

alexandrine [met.] Line of twelve syllables Prob from its use in a 13 cent F poem on *Alexandre le Grand*

Au dier al andrin nds th song

Th t hae a wou ded t she drags is slow length along (Pope Esu on *Cris* son 339)

alfalfa Kind of clover Sp from Arab *fachfacha* lucerne

al fresco It in the fresh (air) See *fresco*
algarobba Sp Arab *al kharrubah* the carob tree

algebra It Arab *al-jabr* the reunion of broken parts In early use also in the sense of bone setting

agib th arte of figurati bers nth m tuck Also th art i bone etting (Flor)

algia From G *algos* pain

algid Cold L. *algidus* from *al re* to be cold

Algonkin Group of Amer langs F *algonquin* from native name

algorism [arabic] Arab or decimal system of notation hence arithmetic OF *algorisme* MedL *algorismus* Arab *al kha wa arini* i.e. the man of *Khwarizm* (I hiva) famous Arab mathematician (fl. 9 cent) through whose works the Arab numeral became known in Europe ModF *algorisme* refashioned on to a 16th also occurs in E There was a MF *augrime* corresponding to OF *var ou orime*

Hu a trelab longyng i hu art

Hu a gryn st en laym f ur p t

(Ch. uc. 4. 209)

alguazil Sp police officer Sp *alguazil* (*alguazil*) Arab *al uasir* the ruler (q.v.)

alward hinde b lift het er to re

(Percy II)

The School Board and th i *alguazil*

(D. i. Tel. 20)

algum [Bibl.] Kind of tree (2 *Chro* 1: 11 8)

Incorr *alung* (1 *Am* 5: 11) Heb *algum*

Alhambra Short for Arab *al andalus al hamra* the red city palace

alias L. otherwise from *ali* us other

alibi L. for *ali ubi* elsewhere

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D th wey iym goddli (Wyn. Gen. 22. 2)

alight Verb AS *a litan* to spring down on; to lighten from *litian* to alight

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For if that they were put to swiche assayes
The gold of hem hath n w so badd alayes
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(Ch. E 1166)

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His Almagest and bookes greite ad smale

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(Rog r Bacon 1267)

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Fr. *almosne* is (illegible) French (*frank almoss*) is given in our common law as a nature or title of land. (Cotg B)

almond OF *alamande* (*amande*) from L. *amygdala* G *αμυγδαλη* The forms are difficult to explain but L. *anardula* (Pliny) is perhaps altered on *manlere* to chew The *al* is prob due to confusion with numerous Arab words in the Rom langs. This is lost in It *mandola* and Ger *mandel*

4. *al maunde tre* (Eng. *amygdalus*) which flourishes
(Wace, E. E. 2. 5)

almoner See *alms*

Almoravides Arab dynasty See *marabout*

almost AS *eallmāst mēst eall* most (nearly) all (cf IS *mōst all*)

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For alms are but the whistles of prayer

(Dryden *Henr 4* Pt 1 *l* 106)

I thank you for your almsous said Ochiltree
(14 *l* q *ary ch* 2)

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alumnus [univ] L nursing from *alere*

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always From *all* and *way*. Must once have referred to space but in earliest records to time alone. *Alway* now poet was the acc and *always* ME *alles weis* the gen Cf *once* (qv)

am See *be*

amadavat See *avadarat*

Amadis Fantastic hero From medieval Sp and Port romance of *Amadis of Gaul*

amadou German tinder F Prov *amadou* lit lover from quick kindling

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al me mixt n of g ld and qui k silve (Cotg)

Da ward in roter Le (e a red met h) ein kühler f

im lauen D d d LE e (ie a whitewash) vernüßlich (e nat i e 43)

amanuensis L (Suetonius) from *a manu* (sc *servus*) with ending *-ensis* as in *atriensis* steward from *atrium* hall

ama ne s s a r d k o secret ry alway it udnyg a scribe [Coop]

amaranth F, *amarante* I G *δρακονες* everlasting from *δ neg* *παρὰ* *r* to wither. Final *k* is due to influence of G *arbor* flower as in *polyanthus*

Bid am thus all his bee ty shrd (J yndas 149)

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amateur F L *amator-em* from *amare* to

love Orig one who has an interest in or a taste for anything. This is still the usual meaning of F *amateur*. In the sense of non professional ModF uses rather *dilettante* (qv). L *amare* is prob from a baby syllable *am* (see *am*)

amat Violin by *Amati* family (Cremona 16-17 cents) Cf *stradivarius*

amaurosis [med] Disease of eye G from *αμαυρος* dark

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Amazon L G *Ἀμαζών* explained by the Greeks as from *δ neg* and *μαζω* breast the Amazons being fabled to cut off the right breast for convenience in archery. This is prob folk etym (cf *butler* and *squirrel*). The river *Amazon* was named by Sp travellers from female warriors encountered there

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fifth brother," in the *Arabian Nights*, lit "the lawyer," who has visions like those of the milkmaid in the fable

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There's a sweet little cherub that sits up aloft,
To keep vatch for the life of poor Jack

alone Orig *all one*, quite solitary (cf Ger *allein*) Hence *all alone* is pleon By aphesis *lone*, whence *lonely* *Alonely* occurs up to c 1600

[Athelstan] regned first al on in Fugelond
(Trev II 109).

along AS *andlang* (cf Ger *entlang*), first element cogn with G *antri*, against (cf *answer*) But in dial *along of*, meaning on account of, owing to, it represents AS. *gelang*

And when I lay in dungeon durt,
Of Nav orth Castle, long months three,
Till ransom'd for a thousand mark,
Dark Musgrave it was long of thee

(Scott, *Lay*, v 29).

aloof Adapted from Du *te loef*, to windward. Orig naut, but no longer used by sailors See *luff*

The Dolphin lay a loofe off and durst not come nere (Hakl VII 37)

A coward, voide of valours prooffe,
That for deaths feare hath fled, or fought a loofe
(Sylv I 7)

aloud From *loud*, after earlier *ahigh*, *alow*, etc See *a-*

Alp L *Alpes*, prob Celt Cf Gael *alp*, Ir. *ealp*, hill In Switzerland used of a mountain pasture, as also in MHG Hence *alpenstock* (Ger)

alpaca Peruv llama, having long, fine, woolly hair Sp *alpaca*, or *alpaco*, from *el*, the, and *paco*, native name of animal, *al-* for *el-* being due to association with numerous words in *al-* from Arab. Cf *alligator*

alphabet L *alphabetum* G *ἀλφα βῆτα*, A B, Heb *āleph*, ox, and *bēth*, house, from Phoenician symbols First found in 16 cent, though *alpha* and *beta* both occur in ME Cf *abecedarian*

Alphonsine tables [astron] Compiled (1252) by Alphonso the Wise, king of Castile already Ong adj, *all ready*, quite prepared

Alsatia Latinization of F *Alsace*, Ger *Elsass*, seat of strangers, cogn with *else* and *sil* Cant name for Whitefriars (Lond), sanctuary for law-breakers See *Fortunes of Nigel*, ch xvi. Perh from Alsace being regarded as a kind of No Man's Land.

All that neutral ground of character, which stood between vice and virtue, or which in fact was indifferent to neither, where neither properly was called in question, that happy breathing-place from the burthen of a perpetual moral questioning—the sanctuary and quiet Alsatia of hunted casuistry—is broken up and disfranchised (Lamb, *On the artificial Comedy of the last century*)

alsike Kind of clover From *Alsike* near Upsala

Alsiat Razor-like bridge over hell to Mohammedan paradise Arab *al-strūh*, from L *strata*, street

Though on al Siat's arch I stood
Which totters o'er the fiery flood (*Glaour*)

also For *all so*, AS *call-swā* See *as-*

Altaic Name of group of agglutinativelangs, Ugro-Finnish, between *Allat Mountains* (Central Asia) and Arctic Ocean.

altar L *allare* ME has usually *awter*, OF *auter* (*auel*) An early Church word in most Europ langs, but AS. usu. has *wēofod*, for *wig-bēod*, idol-table Mod spelling was fixed by rel disputes of 16 cent, the Protestants preferring *Lord's table*

altazimuth [astron] Instrument for determining *altitude* and *azimuth* A port-manteau-word

alter F *altérer*, MedL *alterare*, from *aller*, other The F. word now always implies degeneration.

alterer to alter, change, vary, turne from what it was; also, to adulterate, falsifie, sophisticate (Cotg)

altercation From L *altereari*, to dispute, speak to each other (v1).

alternate. From L *alternare*, to take turns, from *alternus*, from *alter*, other.

althaea Mallow L, G *ἀλθαία*, cogn: with *ἀλθαίειν*, to heal

althing [hisl.] Icelandic parliament, abolished 1800 *All thing*, general assembly. Cf *storthing* and see *thing*

although *All though* Orig. more emphatic than *though*. Cf *albeit*

altitude From L *altitudo*, from *allus*, high

alto It *alto*, L *altus*. High (of male voices).

altogether Three words in AS See *together* As equivalent for *in puris naturalibus* it dates from du Maurier's *Trilby* (1894)

altruism *Γ altruisme* coined by Auguste Comte (*Philosophie positive* i 614) from *It altru* to express the opposite of *egoism*. *It. al us* and *Γ altruus* are *VL* **alterus* from a *ter* other modelled on *em* cf *Γ lu* from *L illut*. First used by Lewes (1853). See *comitism*.

alum *OF alum (alun)* *L a umen*

aluminum Earlier *aluminium*. Discovered and named (c 1812) by Davy from *alum* *alumnus* [*univ*] *L*, nursing from *alere* *alveolar*. From *L alveolis* socket of tooth dim of *a' ens* channel cogn with *C* a *lōs* flute longitudinal cavity.

always From *all and way*. Must once have referred to space but in earliest records to time alone. *Alway* now poet was the acc. and *always* ME *alles weis* the gen. Cf *once* (q v).

am See *be*.

amadavat See *ava tatat*.

Amadis Fantastic hero. From medieval Sp and Port romance of *Amadis of Gaul*.

amadou German tinder. *Γ Prov amadou* lit *lover* from quick kindling.

amañ [archaic] From *mañ* (q v) by analogy with other words in *a*.

amalgam *Γ ama ame* MedL *amal ama* (13 cent) of obscure origin. The most probable conjecture supported by the *OF* var *algame* connects it via Arab with *C yamur* marriage. The marriage of the metals is often referred to in alchemistic jargon as in quot 2 from Goethe no doubt suggested by his study of Paracelsus.

I me mixture of gold, and qu *kai r* (Cotg).

Da wa dēn tot r *Leo* (i.e. red metal) *akūshner* *Frei r*.

Im l en *Bad der Lile* (i.e. a white metal) *vermählt* (*Is st i* 1043).

amanuensis *L*, (Suetonius) from *a manu* (se *servus*) with ending *-ensis* as in *atriensis* steward from *atrium* hall.

ama *usu* a clerk or secretary always attending a scribe (Coop).

amaranth *F amarante* *I C* *ἀμαραντος* everlasting from *d neg papus* *ur* to wither. Final *A* is due to influence of *G arbor* flower as in *polyanthus*.

Bid *amaranthus* all his beauty shed (*Lycidas* 149).

amaryllis Flower. Named by Linnaeus from *G* *Amarpullis* name of typical country maiden. In latter sense used by Milton (*Lycidas*).

amateur *Γ L amator-em* from *amare* to

love Orig one who has an interest in or a taste for anything. This is still the usual meaning of *Γ amat ur*. In the sense of non professional ModE uses rather *dilet ante* (q v). *L amare* is prob from a baby syllable *am* (see *aunt*).

amati Violin by *Amati* family (Cremona 16-17 cents). Cf *stradivarius*.

amaurosis [med] Disease of eye. *G* from *μαυρος* dark.

amaze Earlier *amase*. *AS amased* con founded. Oldest sense to put out of one's wits stun etc. *Vaze* (q v) is of about the same date. Origin obscure of Norw dial *masast* to lose one's senses.

Amazon *L C* *Ἀμαζών* explained by the Greeks as from *a nep* and *μαζος* breast the Amazons being fabled to cut off the right breast for convenience in archery. This is prob folk-etym (cf *butler* and *squid*)! The river *Amazons* as named by Sp travellers from female warriors encountered there.

ambassador *F ambassadeur*. But *L* has many earlier forms due to those found in other Rom langs and in MedL. *Embassador* is the usual US form of *embassy*. *L ambactus* vassal retainer of a Gallic chieftain (Caes *De Bello Gallico* vi 15) is said by Festus to be of Gaulish origin. *Ambactus* apud Ennius lingua Gallica servus appellatur. The existence of Goth *andbakti* office service *AS ambakti* idem OHG *anbakti* (Ger *amb*) all very common words has suggested Teut origin but it is generally believed that these are very early loans from Celt the origin being *amb* round about and the root *ag* to go cogn with *L amb* and *agere* (see *ambiguous*).

amber *F ambre* Arab *anbar* ambergris a word brought home by Crusaders. *E amber* is now replaced in this sense by *ambergris* *F ambre gris* and is used only of fossil resin. *Γ ambre jas ne*. This has no connection at all with *ambergris* but the two substances were confused both being found by the seashore.

ambergris See *amber*. The spellings *amber grease* (Macaulay) *ambregreece* are due to folk-etym. For association with *amber* of Norw Dan *hvalrau* *ambergris* lit whale *amber*.

amba amb *L amba* about cogn with *G* *ἀμφι* on both sides.

ambidexter Lat *L* from *ambi* (vs) and *dexter*. See *dexterous*.

ambient From pres part of *L ambire*, to go about (v s)

ambiguous From *L ambiguus*, from *ambigere*, from *amb-* and *agere*, lit to drive both ways (cf *desultory*, *prevaricate*)

ambit *L ambitus*, going round (v i)

ambition *F ambition*, *L ambitio-n-*, lit. going about (for votes), from *ambire*, from *amb-* and *ire*, *ir-*, to go

ambire to goe about, to sue or stand for an office (Coop)

Agrippa and Bernice camen with moche ambicioun [*G με-α πολλῆς παρ-αίας*] (*W₃c Ads*, xxi 23).

amble *F ambler*, *L ambulare*, to walk

ambo [*hist*] Reading-desk in early Christian churches *L*, *G ἀμβων*, from *ἀβαβαίω*, to go up

Amboyne wood From *Amboyne*, one of the Moluccas

ambrosia *L*, *G ἀμβροσία*, food of the immortals, from *ἀμβροτος*, immortal, from *ἀ-*, neg, *βροτός* (for *μβροτός*), cogn with *L mortuus* Hence *ambrosial*, divine, often with reference to the fragrance associated with the gods

ambry, aumbry [*dial*] Storehouse, cupboard Earlier *armary*, *almery*, OF *armarie*, *almarie*, *L armarium*, "where bookes are layd or other stuffe of household" (Coop), orig place for arms and tools The *-l-* of OF *almarie* is due to dissim, but there has also been confusion with *almonry* Cf also Ger *dial almer* ModF *armoie*, cupboard, is the same word with change of suffix.

almoie an ambrie, cup-board, box Look *armoie* (Cotg)

The Eleemosinary, or Almonry, now corruptly the Ambry, for that the alms of the abbey were there distributed to the poor (Stow)

ambs-ace, ames-ace [*archaic*] OF *ambes-as* (*L ambo asse*), two aces, lowest throw at dice See *ace* Still in gen use in Munster in *within an am's-ace of*

ambulance *F ambulance*, earlier *hôpital ambulant*, from *L ambulare*, to travel. Introduced into E during Crimean War (1854-5)

ambury See *anbury*.

ambuscade *F embuscade*, It *imboscata* or Sp *emboscada*, p p fem of *imboscare*, *emboscar*, to "enbush" (see *bosky*) The form *ambuscado* (*Rom & Jul* 14), common in 17 cent, is a specimen of the pseudo-Sp words then popular Cf. *camerado*, *camisado*, etc See *ambush*

ambush. OF. *embusche* (*embûche*), from *em-*

buscher, to hide in the woods, now replaced, under the influence of *embuscade*, by *embusquer*

embuscher. to belay, to lay in ambu-cadoc for, to waylay (Cotg.)

âme damnée *F.*, familiar spirit, orig. soul damned by compact with controlling demon

Ameer Of Afghanistan See *emir*

ameliorate From *F ameliorer*, OF. *amellorer*, from *â* and *meilleur*, *L melior-em*, better.

amen *L*, *G ἀμήν*, Heb *ā-mēn*, certainty, truth, used as expression of consent, etc In AS transl by *sōthhece*, soothly, or *swā hit sȳ*, so let it be Cf *sobert* and *F. ains soit-il*.

amenable Orig hable to be brought before jurisdiction *AF*, from *F amener*, VL **ad-nāre*, from *mirari*, to threaten, whence *mener*, *amener*, to lead The transition in sense of the VL word was prob from cattle-driving

amend *F amender*, VL **amendare* for *emendare*, from *mendum*, fault Hence *aphet. mend*, which has supplanted *amend* in most senses *Amends*, as in *make amends*, is *F. amende*, from the verb The earliest meaning in both langs is pecuniary reparation, fine The prevalence of the pl form in E is curious, but it is usu treated as a sing

amende a penalty, fine, mulct, amercement, an *amends* made by an offender to the law violated, or partly wronged (Cotg)

amenity From *L amoenitas*, from *amoenus*, pleasant Orig of places, as still in loss of *amenity* (as result of industrial operations)

amercé [*archaic*] Earlier *amercy*, *AF amercier*, to fine Formed from *merci*, *mercy*, grace The phrase *estre a merci*, to be at mercy, i e at the discretion of the tribunal, was corrupted to *estre amercé*, and thus a verb was evolved which, at first, in accordance with its origin, was used only in the passive For a similar case of a verb formed from an adv phrase see *abandon*

Frans hom ne seit amerciez pour petit forfet (*Magna Charta*).

American In 16 cent American Indian; current sense from end of 18 cent *Americanism* (of speech) is recorded for 1794 The continent is named from *Amerigo Vesputici*, 15 cent navigator.

Another Italian, Americus Vesputius, carried the name away from them both (Columbus, Cabot) (Purch)

ames-ace See *ambs-ace*

amorphous From G *ἄμορφος*, shapeless, from *ἀ-*, neg, *μορφή*, shape
amortize F *amortir*, *amortiss-*, from *à* and *mort*, death For form cf *advertise* and MedL *amortizare* In ME to alienate in mortmain Sense of extinguishing a debt is quite mod (NED 1882) and is imitated from F *amortir une dette*

amount First as verb OF *amonter*, to mount up, from *amont*, up hill, L *ad montem* Earlier used also in sense of *mount*

So up he rose, and thence amounted straight

(*Faerie Queene*, 1 ix 54)

amour F, L *amor-em* A common ME word for love, later accented *amour* (cf *euamour*) Now with suggestion of intrigue and treated as a F word

The amours of Lotharius Learoyd

(Private Orthers)

ampère Unit of electricity Adopted by Paris Electric Congress (1881) from name of F electrician (†1836) Cf *ohm*, *volt*

ampersand [*archaic*] The sign &, formerly &, ligature of *et* This ended the "criss-cross row" of the hornbook, which was repeated aloud by children—"A per se A, B per se B, and per se and" Common in dial with numerous vars

The pen commandeth only twenty six letters, it can only range between A and Z, these are its limits—I had forgotten and pussy-and (Southey)
 Tommy knew all about the work Knew every letter in it from A to Emperzan (Pett Ridge)

amphi- G *ἀμφί*, on both sides, cogn with L *ambi-* Hence, *amphibia*, L, G *ἀμφίβια*, neut pl, from *βίος*, life, *amphibiology*, F *amphibologie*, Late L, from G *ἀμφιβολία*, ambiguity, from *βάλλειν*, to cast, *amphibrach*, metr foot, e.g. *āmlā*, L, from G *βραχύς*, short (on both sides), *amphictyonic*, orig council of Greek States, G *ἀμφικτύονες*, those dwelling around

amphigouri, **amphigory** Rigmorole F *amphigouri* (18 cent) Origin obscure ? Coined from G *ἀμφί* and *γῆρος*, circle (cf *roundabout*, *circumlocution*)

amphimacer Metr foot, e.g. *cānīlās* L, from G *μακρός*, long (on both sides), cf. *amphibrach*

amphisbaena Fabled two-headed serpent G *ἀμφίσβαινα*, from *ἀμφίς*, both ways, *βαίνειν*, to go

amphitryon Host, entertainer From Molière's *Amphitryon*, adapted from Plautus

Le véritable Amphitryon est l'Amphitryon où l'on dîne (iii 5)

amphora L, two-handled vessel, from G *ἀμφί*, on both sides, *φέρειν*, to bear In L also *amphora*

ample F, L *amplus*, from prefix *amb-*, *ambi-*, about, and *-plus* as in *duplus*, double
ampulla Globular vessel L, dim of *amphora* (q v)

amputate From L *amputare*, from *amb-*, about, and *putare*, to lop, prune Thus, metaphor from gardening

amuck, **amok** Malay *amog*, rushing in a state of frenzy to the commission of indiscriminate murder First Europ form (c 1500) is Port *amouco*, *amuco*, used of a frenzied Malay Now only in to *run amuck* Sometimes erroneously understood as *a muck*.

amoucos a sort of rash people in India (Vieyra)

Frontless and satire proof, he scours the streets,
 And runs an Indian muck at all he meets

(Dryden, *Hind and Panther*, iii 1187).

Thy cliffs, dear Dover, harbour and hotel,
 Thy custom-house, with all its delicate duties,
 Thy waiters running mucks at every bell

(Don Juan, x 69).

The German submarines have been running amok among Norwegian trading-vessels

(*Daily Chron* Oct 26, 1916).

amulet F *amulette*, L *amuletum*, ? for *amōlitum*, from *amohiri*, to avert, used to translate G *φυλακτήριον*, from *φύλαξ*, *φυλάκ-*, guard (see *phylactery*)

amuse F *amuser* (see *muse*) Not in Shaks Orig to make to muse, occupy the attention, and even trick, delude So also *amusement*, distraction, orig rather loss of time The sense-development has been curious, and more of the orig meaning is found in *benuse*

amuser to amuse, to make to muse, or think of, wonder, or gaze at, to put into a dumpt, to stay, hold, or delay from going forward by discourse, questions, or any other amusements (Cotg).

This if well heeded, might save us a great deal of useless amusement and dispute (Locke)

Le moindre amusement [delay] peut vous être fatal
 (Tartuffe, v 6)

amygdaloid [*geol*] Igneous rock Lit almond-shaped See *almond* *Amygd-* in med terms refers to the tonsils, pop called "almonds"

amyl- [*chem*] From G *ἄμυλον*, starch

an¹ Adj Orig ident with *one* (q v), AS *án* Cf. double use of F *un*, Ger *ein* *An* was reduced early to *a* before a consonant In Sc *ane* has survived both as numeral and art

an² Archaic conj In *an it please you*, etc See *and*

an- As G prefix for *ana-* (q v.) or for *á-* neg before vowel

anchoress, representing the same word borrowed by AS, and surviving up to c 1600 Cf the 13th cent *Ancien Rule*, or *Rule of Nuns*, in which the name is pseudo-etym explained as a metaphor, the nuns being "anchors" of Holy Church Shaks uses *anchor* (*Hamlet* iii 2)

arachorete the hermit called an inkrosse, or anchorite (Cotg)

anchovy Earlier *anchove*, Sp *anchova* Forms of the word are found in all the Rom langs, and F *anchois*, app a pl, is rather older than our word Origin unknown

anchylosis [med] Stiffness of joints G, from ἀγκυλος, crooked, cogn with *angle*^{1,2}

ancient F *ancien*, VL **antianus*, from *ante*, cf It *anziano*, Sp *anciano* Often incorr. used formerly, e g by Shaks, for *ensign* in both senses (1 *Hen IV*, iv 2, 2 *Hen IV*, ii 4)

ancillary Subordinate, from L *ancilla*, hand-maid, dim of archaic L *anca*.

Others are engaged in v or work or munitions work or on contracts ancillary thereto

(Lord Chief Justice, Nov 15, 1916)

and AS *and*, *end* Aryan, cf Du *en*, Ger *und*, ON *endr*, Goth *and*, Sanskrit *ātha*; cogn with L *ante*, G *anti*, against, juxtaposed, and with *end* See also *answer* It was used not only as a simple copulative, but also to introduce a condition, in which sense it was often reduced to *an* and strengthened with a redundant *if* This survives in the archaic *an it please you*, where older editions of Shaks have *and* But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart (*Isaiah* xiv 48)

andante [mus] It, pres part of *ardare*, to go, ? from L *ad* and *nare*, to swim (cf *arrive*) ? Or from L *ambulare* (see *ambit*)

andron ME *androun*, etc, OF *andier*, now *landier*, for *l'andier* Ending is assimilated by folk-etym to *bradiron*, a word of somewhat similar meaning A further dial corrupt. is *harduun* See also *gridiron* MedL forms are numerous, *andena*, *anderius*, *anderus*, etc ? From a Gaulish **ardera*, young cow (cf Welsh *anner*, heifer) Cf *non fire-dog*, F *chevet*, Ger *feuerhock*, lit fire-goat.

Andrea Ferrara [hist] Sc broadsword *Andrea dei Ferrari*, ie Andrew of the armourers, was a famous 16 cent sword-smith of Belluno, but it seems unlikely that any great number of his costly blades could have got to Scotland. According to some

Se authorities the native blades were made by *Andrew Ferrars* or *Ferrier* (? of Arb-roath), who again, according to a popular legend, may have been the Italian in exile. See *Cornh Mag* Aug 1865

Andrew Patron saint of Scotland; hence *St Andrew's cross* on the national flag, supposed to be the shape of the cross (X) used at his martyrdom *Merry Andrew*, quack's attendant, is from the common use of *Andrew* as name for a serving-man (cf *abigail*, *zany*, *jack-pudding*) See also *dandy* androgynous [*anat*] Hermaphrodite From G ἀνδρόγυνος, from ἀνρ, ἀνδρ-, man, γυνή woman

Andromeda [*astron*] G maiden rescued from sea-monster by *Perseus* Also used of a genus of shrubs

anecdote F, MedL, G ἀνέκδοτα, neut pl, things unpublished, from ἀν-, neg, ἐκδιδόαι, to give out It thus corresponds exactly to F *inédit* Orig private or secret details *Anecdoteage*, for garrulous old age, with a play on *dotage*, is a coinage attributed to John Wilkes

Those who pretend to write anecdotes, or secret history (Gulliver)

anele [*archaic*] To give extreme unction (*Hamlet* i 5) ME *anelien*, from *ele*, oil, L *oleum*

anemone L, G ἀνεμώνη, wind-flower, lit daughter of the wind, ἀνεμος

anent AS *on efen*, on a level, with excrement -t Orig side by side with, as still in dial; cf *forment*, opposite, now esp Ir So also Ger *neben*, near, beside, is for older *enebēn* In ME *anentis*, *anentst* is the usu form (cf *against*) The word is very common in Se law, its use by ModE writers being an affectation

I came to Jerusalem, for to see Petre, and dwellide anentis him [*Vulg* apud eum] fiftene dayes (W, c Gal i 18)

aneroid F *anéroidé*, coined from G ἀ-, neg, ῥηρός, damp

aneurism [med] Morbid dilatation of artery From G ἀνεῦρσιν, from ἐπινῆναι, to open

anew Earlier of *new*; cf F *de nouveau* Ther kan no man in hurable-se hym acquite As women kan, ne kan been half so trewe As women been, but it be falle of newe (Chaucer E 936)

anfractuosity F *anfractuosité*, from L *anfractus*, winding, roundabout, from *anfractus*, a breaking round, bending, from *ambi-* and *frangere*, *fract-*, to break

angel AS *engel* L. G. *αγγελος* messenger used by LXX to translate Heb *mal'ak* messenger (of Jehovah) Or in sense in *angel of death* Adopted by all the converted nations ModE form is due to influence of L and of OF *angle angele* (an e) The coin called in an *el* (15 cent) was a new issue of the noble stamped with St Michael and the Dragon This was the coin always presented to patients touched for the King's evil

▲ ut

Like those of angels short and f r between

(Bl u G ar)

Ang l visits f w and far between

(Campbell *Parasitology of Hope* ii 326)

angelica Herb ModL *herba angelica* so named from reputed med qualities (16 cent)

angelus From init word of devotional exercise repeated at the ringing of the angelus bell—*In eius domini nuntiatus Mariae* Mod currency is due to Long fellow (*Fear eline*)

anger ON *anger* cogn. with L *anere* (see *anguish*) Orig rather in passive sense of pain affliction etc Influenced in later sense by OF *engrès* vehement passionate L in *ressus*

To suffer al that God sente syknesses a d angers

(*Piers Plowm* C xlii 29)

angina [med] L *angina* quinsy from *angere* (▲ s) cogn with G *αγγίζω* Usu mispronounced *angier* See an *usik* quinsy

angio From G *αγγε* or dim of *αγγος* vessel chest

angle Verb From old *angle* fish hook AS *an-el* dim of AS *anga orga* prickly goad ult cogn with L *uncus* and also with *angle* So al o the hist *Angles* took their name from *An-el* ON *On-ell* a hook shaped district in Holslein

The fl hys also shall mourn and all they that cast a gle (▲ ut hams) into th brooks shall lurne

(Is xix 8)

angle Noun F L *anulus* corner of G uy or bend See *angle*

Anglian [hr] Used to include Mercian and Northumbrian (see *angle*) Fa t *Anglian* includes Norfolk and Suffolk

Anglican From 17 cent but ModL form—*An lican ecclesia*—occurs in *Magna Charta* and earlier App modelled on *Gillicanus* Becket couples the words in a letter to the Pope (1169)

Anglo-French [hr] French as spoken in England c 1100–1400 chiefly from the Norman dial of OF

angliomania First used in US (18 cent) Cf later *an, loophobia* modelled on *hydrophobia*
Anglo Saxon Sometimes understood as referring to mixture of *Angles* and *Saxon* but orig used to distinguish the English Saxons from the continental Saxons (cf *Anglo French*) It was applied esp to the people of Wessex and the other *ser* counties The word fell out of use after the Conquest and does not reappear till c 1600 when Camden in his antiquarian and philological writings adopted *Anglo Saxonicus* or *Englisch Saxon* as a name for the old English lang which like the race had during the Middle Ages been known as *Saxon* only *Anglo Saxon* is now often replaced e g in the VFD by *Old English* which serves to mystify the layman At the same time *Anglo Saxon* is a misnomer as it strictly applies to only one of the three invading tribes

angola See *Angora*

Angora Mod name of *ancira* in Asia Minor famous for breed of goats and cats with long silky hair Hence a material often corrupted to *angora*

angostura *angustura* A bark used for making bitters from a town on the Orinoco formerly so named Now Ciudad Bolívar

angry See an *er*

angune [biol] Of the snake L *anguis anguin*

anguish OF *anguisse* (as *gousse*) L *angustia* compression from *angustus* narrow cogn with *anger* *auris* *grins* and possibly with *pang* Cf Ger *bange* anxious from OHG *argo* (an e) narrow with prefix *be* anharmonic Not harmonic (d new an hungered [Btl]) For earlier a *hungered* with a for earlier of (cf *anew*) with intens for e Cf Ger *abgehungert* starving here the prefix is cogn with E of See *athirst*
anhydrous G *ανήydros* from an- neg *oup* water

anigh Mod sham antique modelled on *afa* A favourite word with William Morris.

M to Cios e pressed w hth the ould uly get ang to m

And Mister Mart a T pper sent the f llowing r ply t m (Gilbert G nile Peman)

anile L *anilis* imbecile from *anus* old woman

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dark blue, as in the *Nilgherries*, or Blue Hills Cf *nylghau*

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That tithen mente, anese [*var* anete] and comyn (Wyc *Matt* xviii 23).

anker [*archaic*] Cask In most leut langs, earliest in Du Older is MedL *anceria*, *ancheria*, a small vat Origin obscure; ? OHG *hant-kar*, hand tub

ankle AS *anclēow* The first element is perh related to *angle*¹, while the ending suggests *claw*, cf Du *enclaanuw*, OHG *anclāo*, ON *okkla* But this will not explain ME *ankyl*, mod *ankle*, which appears to represent a Fris or Scand form, cf Du *enkel*, Dan, Sw *ankel*, also Ger *enkel*, used in some dialects for the more usual *knöchel* (see *knuckle*)

ankylosis See *anchylosis*

anlace [*hist*] Kind of dagger Metath of OF *anlas*, from *alène*,awl (cf *cutlass*). This suggests that it was not a blade, but a kind of stiletto, used as a dagger of mercy (quot 2) See *awl*.

Genus cultell, quod vulgariter anelacius dicitur (Matthew Paris)

Un nlenas en sa main

Cherche des armeures l'estre [joint]

Pour lui oere et afiner (Duc 1308).

An anlaas, and a gupser al of silk

Heeng at his girdel, whil as mornic milk

(Chauc A. 357).

His harp in silken scurf was slung,
 And by his side an anlace hung (*Rokeby*, v. 15).

anna. Sixteenth part of a rupee Hind. *ānā*.

annals. F. *Annales*, L *Annales* (sc. libri), year-books, from *annus*, year.

annates [*hist*] First fruits, payment to Rome of first year's income by newly appointed ecclesiastics. F. *annale*, MedL *annata* (whence also F. *année*) Transferred to the Crown at Reformation and later used to establish the fund called Queen Anne's Bounty.

anneal AS, *on-ālan*, to set on fire, bake (tiles, etc.), whence ME. *anle* Perh. influenced by OF *neeler* (*nieller*), It *nuellare*, VL **ingellare*, to blacken

Up on the walles of anelid [*var* bakna] tyil (Wyc *Is* vi 7).

annelid [*zool*] ModL *annelida* (Lamarck), from F. *annelé*, ringed, from OF *annel* (*anneau*), L *annellus*, dim of *annulus*

anner Orig to attach. F *annerer*, from L *annexus*, from *ad*, to, *nectere*, *nect-*, to bind. Cf F *annexe*, supplementary building.

annihilate From Late L *annihilare*, to reduce to nothing, *nihil* Cf F *anéantir* Scemihilist.
anniversary L *anniversarius* (adj), returning yearly, from *annus*, year, *versare*, *vers-*, to turn

Anno Domini L, in the year of the Lord.
annotate. Elaborated from earlier *annote* (16 cent), F. *annoter*, L *annotare*. Occurs first in Johns as gloss to *comment* See *note*.

announce. F. *annoncer*, L *annuntiare*, from *ad* and *nuntius*, messenger Hence *annunciation*, earliest in ref to Virgin Mary.
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anodyne L. G ἀνοδίνος painless from ἀν neg οδ τῆ pain

anoint Orig pp of OF *enouindre* Lat *unio* *unere* from *in* and *un ere* *unet* to an int The Lord's *An int* is used by Coverd (1535) where Wyc has the *Cri t of the Lord* Has replaced in rel sense native *smear*

Mkn healed thā mal le we smyredost theos smyfrede mud seal e milne tti (Luke vi 4)

anomalous Farther also *anomal* L G ἀνωμαλος from ἀν neg μαλος even from ὅμος same Cf *homologous*

anon AS *on an* into one *on one* in one Older sense at once forthwith etc but now used rather like *presently* which has also changed its meaning Cf Ger *auf einmal* *pidgin one time* Dial *anon* meaning something like What do you want? is the same originating from the stock reply of the summoned servant common in Shaks and corresponding to the modern waiter a Coming Sir This may account for change of sense

He that he with the word and anon [G θί τῆ αἰε] contr wo] with joy recei th it (11 ii xii 20)

He hall p evenly [G ὅτι τῆ αἰε] g o mo more than twel regions of angels (31 ii 22 L 53)

anonymous From G ἀνώνυμος from ἀν neg νομα name

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If it were so It was a grievous fault

And grievously bath Caesar answe d it

(J i C ii li 2)

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Goe to th emmote dō sll regard

(Doway B Me Prov vi 6)

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The antelope and wolf both fierce and fell

(Faerie Queene 26)

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aphasia [med] Coined by Trousdale (1864) for earlier *aphemia alalia* from C *ā* neg *phasia* to speak

aphelion [astron] Coined by Kepler (16 cent) after *apogee* from C *apo* off *ήλιος* sun Cf *perihelion*

aphesis [lin.] G *ἀφαισις* letting go from *αφαι* off *αι* to send Suggested (1880) by the late Sir James Murray instead of the elder *aphaetresis* [lin] for the loss of init unaccented vowel so common in F e.g. *prentice gipsy pest* etc Hence *aphe* It may conveniently be used also as in this Dict. of the loss of a whole init syllable e.g. *drawing room taxi* etc

aphetic See *aphesis*

aphis Plant louse ModL coined by Lan *aveus* ? Back formation from pl *a, h des* suggested by C *ἀφαισις* unsparing

aphorism F *ἀφορισμός* ModL G *ἀφορισμός* a distinction definition from *ἀφορίζω* from *apo* from *epos* bonus lary (see *anvil*) Cf definition from *finit* Orig the *ἀφαισις* of *ἱσθητικὰς* then extended to other statements of principles

Aphrodite Goddess of love Venus Trad from C *ἀφροδισία* but prob ident with *Ishtar* cf *Ishtar* of the Phoenician Assy *Ishtar* Hence *aphrodite*

apary L *ap-ium* from *apis* bee Cf *apiculture*

Apician From *apicium* famous Roman epicure temp Tibertus

apee The prefix is the loc of art.

aplomb I adv phrase *à propos* perpendiclar from *plomb* lead plummet L *plumbum*

apo-, aph-, ap- G ἀπό, off, from, cogn with E *off*(f)

Apocalypse L, G ἀποκάλυψις, from καλύπτειν, to cover Cf *revelation*, from *velare*, to veil *Apocalypse* is the older word, *revelation* being used by Wyc (v 1) to explain it

He hath teehunge, he hath apocalips, or revelacioun, he hath tunge (Wyc 1 Cor xiv 26)

apoeope [ling] Loss of final syllable L, G, ἀποκοπή, from ἀποκόπτειν, to cut off

Apocrypha L, neut pl (se *scrip̄ta*), from G ἀπόκρυφος, hidden away, from κρύπτειν, to hide Exclnded from Bible at Reformation

The other followynge, which are called *apocrypha* (because they were wont to be reade, not openly and in common, but as it were in secrete and aparte) are neyther founde in the Hebrue nor in the Chaldee (*Great Bible*, 1539)

apod [biol] Footless G ἄπους, ἀποδ-, from ἀ-, neg, πούς, ποδ-, foot Cf *apteryx*

apodosis [gram] G, from ἀποδιδόναι, to give back Cf *protasis*

apogee [astron] F *apogée*, L, G ἀπόγειον, from γῆ, earth Dates from Ptolemy the Alexandrian astronomer (2 cent) Cf the imitated *aphelion*

apolaustic G ἀπολαυσιτικός, from ἀπολαύειν, to enjoy

apollinaris Vulg "polly" Advertised in E. c 1870 From *Apollinaris-brunnen* (spring) near Remagen, on the Rhine

Apollo Handsome man L, G Ἀπόλλων, the sun-god

Apollon The destroyer G ἀπολλύων, pres part, from ἀπό, from, λύειν, to loose Used by Wyc (see *Abaddon*)

apologue F, "a pretty and significant fable, or tale, wherein brut beasts, or dumbe things, are fained to speak" (Cotg) L, G ἀπόλογος, from λόγος, speech

apology F *apologie*, L, G ἀπολογία, a speaking away O. 3 formal defence or pleading, as in Plaut's *Apology for Socrates*, and in *apologetics*

Waistcoats edged with a narrow eord, which serves as an apology for lace (*NED* 1752)

apophthegm G ἀποφθέγμα, a terse saying, from φθέγγεσθαι, to utter Prob through F

Jamais homme noble ne hait le bon vin, c'est un apophthegme moral (Rabelais)

apoplexy F *apoplexie*, MedL, G ἀπο-ληξία, disablement, from πλήσσειν, to strike Cf the vulgar "strofe"

aposiopesis [rhet] G from G, ἀποσιωπάειν, to become silent

Tantane vos generis tenuit fiducia vestri?

Jam caelum terramque meo sine numine, Venti,

Miscere, et tantas audetis tollere moles?

Quos ego sed motos praestat componere fluctus (*Aen* 1 131)

He was in the act of stooping low to deposit the pantaloons in the grave which he had been digging for them, when Tom Ingoldsby came close behind him, and with the flat side of the spade—, The shock was effectual, never again was Lieutenant Seaforth known to act the part of a somnambulist (*Spectre of Tappington*).

apostate F *apostat*, L, G ἀποστάτης, one who stands away, from ἵστασθαι, to stand **apostille** Marginal note F, from verb *apostiller*, from OF *postille*, postil (q v)

apostle AS *apostol*, L, G ἀπόστολος, messenger, from στέλλειν, to send (cf *emissary*) Influenced by OF *apostle* (*apôtre*) In AS & ME used for messenger as well as in spec sense *Apostle spoons*, i e a set of twelve spoons of which the handles had figures of the apostles, were a usu gift of sponsors

apostrophe L, G ἀποστροφή, from στρέφειν, to turn Orig a turning aside of the orator's speech to address some individual, present or absent, hence to *apostrophize* In the sense of sign of omission (') it comes later via F

apostropher to cut off (by an apostrophe) the last vowel of a word (Cotg).

apothecary F. *apothicaire* VL *apothecarius*, from G ἀποθήκη, store-house, from τιθέναι, to put Orig keeper of a shop for what we should now call "colonial produce" Then esp druggist The London Apothecaries' Company was not separated from the Grocers' till 1617 Aphet *potlicary* (cf *prentice*) was once usual and survives as a surname Cf F *boutique*, Sp *bodega*, both via L from G ἀποθήκη

Ful redy hadde he [the Doctour of Physik] his apothecaries

To sende him drogges and his letuaries

(Chaucer A 424)

Item to Goldring the potecary for marmalad and other things xs (*Ruiland Papers*, 1551).

apotheosis L, G ἀποθεώσις, from ἀποθεοῖν, to make a god, θεός

appal OF *apaler*, to make pale, also to become pale, the former the earlier sense Thus suits the ME meanings of *appal*, but the F. verb should have given *appale*, a word actually in use in 16 cent The later meanings are, trans to quell, frighten,

in pp, e.g. *well appointed* Cf *embon-point*

a *point* aptly, fitly, conveniently, to purpose, in good time, in due season (Cotg.)

apposite L *appositus*, from *apponere*, *apposit-*, to put against

apposition In sense of 'Speech day' (St Paul's School) is a var of *opposition*, in medieval sense of public disputation

To Paul's school, it being Apposition day there I heard some of their speeches but I think not so good as ours were in our time

(Pepys, Feb 4, 1663)

appraise F *apprécier*, Late L *appréhare*, from *pretium*, price Replaced ME *praise*, OF *preisier*, Late L *pretiare*, which developed the same double sense as *esciem*, value L *pretiare* gave OF *preisier*, while *pretiat* gave OF *prise*, whence a new F infin *priser*, to value See *prize*

appreciate From Late L *appréhare* (v s)

apprehend L *apprehendere*, to take hold of The sense of fearing is ellipt for the earlier one of understanding or anticipating any emotion

Oh! let my lady apprehend no fear

(Troil & Cress iii 2)

apprentice OF *aprentif* (*apprenti*), formed on *apprendre*, to learn (vi), with suffix from L *-ivus* The -s may represent the OF nom (cf *Fitz*) or an orig pl (see *bodice*) It may even have been affected by the OF fem *aprentisse* The usu ME form was the aphet *prentice*, *prentis*, as still in *prentice-hand*

apprise F *appris*, pp of *apprendre*, to learn, teach, L *apprehendere* The verb is formed from the pp fem This is a common process in L (cf *comprise*, *value*, *issue*, etc.)

approach F *approcher*, Late L *appropriare*, from *ad* and *propius*, nearer

At ille Ne appropies, inquit, huc (Vulg Ex iii 5).

approbation From L *approbare*, to assent to See *approve*

appropriate From Late L *appropriare*, from *proprius*, own See *proper*

approve F *approuver*, L *approbare*, from *probus*, honest, genuine In some senses, esp in the adj *approved*, it represents rather F *éprouver*, to test, VL **ex-probare* *Approver*, now meaning one who turns King's evidence, esp in Ireland, was orig one who offers to prove another guilty, hence informer The older form is more

usu *prover*, *provour*, and the *a-* may be artificial (cf *accomplice*)

esproué proved, tried, approved, experimented (Cotg.)

approximate. From Late L *approximare*, from *proximus*, nearest

appui In *point d'appui* (mil), lit fulcrum, point of support, from F *appuyer*, VL **appodiare*, from *podium*, support, etc See *appoggiatura*, *peu*.

appurtenance AF *apurtenance*. Now used as noun from *appertain*, *pertain*, F *appartenir*, compd of OF *paitenir*, from L *perlinere*. But there was also an OF *portenir*, from VL **prothnere*, of which the Norm. form *purtenir* is responsible for the spelling of our word

apricot F. *abricot*, Port *albricoque*, Arab *al-burqūq*, where *al* is def art, and *burqūq* is late G *πραυόκιον*, from L *praecocum* (sc *malum* or *pomum*), for *praecox*, early ripe, "precocious" The obs *apricock* represents the Port or Sp form, while the spelling *apr-* is perhaps due to fancied connection with L *apricus*, sunny Thus Minsh derives the word from *in aprico coctus*, ripened in a sunny place Ger. *apricose*, from Du, was orig pl (cf *E. guince*)

The other kinds are sooner ripe, wherefore they he called abrecox or aprecox (Lyte's *Dodoens*, 1578)

abricot the abricot, or apricock, plum (Cotg.)

April L *aprilis* (sc *mensis*), ? a compar formation from *ab*, *April* being the second month Has supplanted earlier *avril*, *averil*, etc, from F. Both forms were orig. accented on second syllable Replaced AS *Eastermōnath* With *April fool* cf *Se April gowk* (cuckoo), F *poisson d'avril*, Ger. *Aprilsnarr* The origin of the custom is unknown It is not old in England (17 cent)

Whan that Aprille [var *Averylle*], with his shoures soote,

The droghte of March hath perced to the roote (Chauc A 1).

apron ME *naperon*, F *napperon*, from *nappe*, cloth, L *mappa*, whence *napery*, *naphin* (qv), F. *napperon* is now table-centre, *apron* being rendered by *tablier*. For loss of *n-*, a *naperon* becoming an *apron*, cf *adder*, *auge*, etc *Apron-string* was orig. leg, meaning tenure in right of one's wife, hence *tied to apron-strings*, under wife's

arbutus L, "a tree growing in Italy, having thick leaves like a bay" (Coop) Origin unknown

arc F, L, *arcus*, bow

arcade F, It *arcata*, "an arch of a bridge, a bending" (Flor), from *arcare*, to bend, from L *arcus*, bow

Arcadian From G *Ἀρκαδία*, mountainous region in the Peloponnesus, regarded as ideally rural Cf *solecism*, *sandal*, etc *Arcades ambo*, poets or musicians both (Virg *Ecl* vii 4)

Each pull'd different ways with many an oath,
Arcades arbo, 'd est—blackguards both

(Don Juan, iv 93)

arcana L, secrets, lit things enclosed in chests See *ark*

arch¹ Noun F VL **arca*, for *arcus*, bow The native and older word for *arch* is *bow*¹ (qv) Hence the church of *St Mary-le-Bow*, or *de Arcubus*, where the Court of *Arch*, or eccl court of appeal for the province of Canterbury, was orig held With to *arch one's eyebrows*, cf *supercilious*

arch² Adj Orig the prefix *arch-*, as in *archbishop*, used as a noun or adj to mean principal G *ἀρχι-*, from *ἀρχός*, chief, from *ἀρχα*, to begin, cf F *arch-*, *archi-*, It Sp *arce-*, Du *aarts-*, Ger *er-* From constant association with such words as *rogue*, *thief*, *naive*, etc, *arch* acquired the meaning of roguish mischievous (cf *arrogant*), a meaning now softened down to pleasantly saucy The oldest of the *arch-* words is *archbishop* The prefix replaced AS *hlafe-*, high, in *hlafe biscop*, *hial eysel*, etc

The most art deed of piteous massacre

(*Ric* III iv 3)

Arch • as I'er Iok and she had pleasant ways

(Cribbe).

archaeology. G *ἀρχαιολογία*, from *ἀρχαῖος*, old Cf *archaic*

archetype See *arch*¹

archer F, VL **arcarius* from *arcus*, bow, used for *arcutarius*, from *sagitta*, arrow

archi See *arch*¹

Archibald, Archie (*first*) "It was at once raised at Brooklands that in the vicinity of, or over, water or damp ground there were disturbances in the air causing bumps or ripples to the earth's surface. Some of these 'remous' were found to be permanent, once over the Wey river and another at the corner of the aerodrome next to the service farm. Youth being fond of strong proper names to designate objects, the

bump near the sewage-farm was called by them *Archibald*. As subsequently, when war broke out, the effect of having shell bursting near an aeroplane was to produce a 'remous' reminding the Brookland trained pilots of their old friend *Archibald*, they called being shelled 'being *arched*' for short. Any flying-man who trained at Brooklands before the war will confirm the above statement" (Col C. H. Joubert de la Ferté, I M S ret).

archil, orchil Plant, dye OF. *orchil*, It *orcello*. Of unknown origin

archimandrite Abbot in Eastern Church Late G *ἀρχιμανδρίτης*, from *μάνδρα*, enclosure, monastery

Archimedean From *Archimedes*, mathematician and physicist of Syracuse (fl 3 cent B C) See *eureka*

archipelago. Orig Aegean sea It *arcipelago*, from G *ἀρχι-* (see *arch*²) and *πέλαγος*, sea. Not a G compound, but formed in It. (first record 1268) to render MedL *Egeopelagus*, Aegean Sea Hence any other sea studded with numerous small islands

architect F *architecte*, L. G *ἀρχιτέκτων*, chief builder or craftsman See *arch*². Orig E sense was master-builder

architrave [*arch*] F, lit chief beam, from G *ἀρχι-*, *arch*², and OF. *trave*, L *trab-*, *trab-*, beam "A mongrel compound" (Evelyn) used as a name for the epistle

archives F, from MedL *archivum*, G. *ἀρχεῖον*, public office, from *ἀρχή*, government (see *arch*²) Formerly used in sing in F & E, as still in Ger

archivolt [*arch*] It *archivolto*, *arcovolto*, first element from L *arcus*, bow (hence not as in *architrave*) For second element see *vaill*¹.

archon [*hist*] Athenian chief magistrate G *ἀρχων*, pres part of *ἀρχα*, to rule

-archy From G *ἀρχα*, to begin, rule. See *arch*².

Arctic F *arctique*, L. G *ἀρκτικός*, from

ἄρκτος, bear, constellation of the Great Bear. Cf *Antarctic*, opposite Arctic (see *anti*-)

Arcturus [*astron*] L. G *Ἀρκτοῦρος*, from *ἄρκτος*, bear, *οἶκος*, guardian, from its situation at the tail of the Bear. ME also *arctour*, *arctur*, etc

Canst thou bring forth Mazzarelli in his second year? thou canst do Arcturus with his name? (Job, xxxviii 32.)

-ard I Ger. *-hart*, hard, strong, used as

intens suffix, becoming depreciatory in F.

& L. Cf similar use of F *-ard* Ger *wald* mighty
 ardent. From pres part of L. *ardere* to burn cogn with *arid*
 Arditi [col] It picked troops Pl of *ardito* bolt hardy (q v)
 arduous From L. *arduis* steep difficult
 are¹ Verb See *be*
 are² Measure See *area*
 area L. vacant pce of level ground in town Arch. sense with vulgar pronunc.
 ari¹ dates from 17 cent Hence also F *are* unit of extent in metric system
 areca Port. from Tamil *arai-kay* meaning closely clustered nut
 arefaction From L. *arefacere* to make dry See *arid*
 arena L. sand prop *arena* Cf F *arène* sand also "a place to just in strowed with gravell (Colg)
 Areopagite [hist] Member of the *Areopagus* court that held its sittings on Mars Hill G *αρειος πάγος* Mars. Late L. *areopagus* [vulg]
 Diocys Anopagite or greet man of common school (Wye, Acts xvi 34)
 arête [Alp] Sharp ridge F L. *arista* beard of corn ear also fishbone From OF *arête* comes techn *arris* sharp edge
arista the small bone of a fish also the spine, awn or beard of an ear of corn also the edge, or e island ridge of a stone or stone-wall (Colg)
 argali Asiatic wild sheep Mongol
 argand Lamp F name of inventor (c 1782)
 argent F L. *argentum* silver cf G *αργυρος* cogn with *argos* white
 argillaceous From L. *argilla* clay cf G *αργιλος* white clay (v s)
 argol [chem] Cream of Tartar In Chauc AF *argol* of unknown origin.
 argon [chem] Inert component of the atmosphere discovered and named (1838) by Lyle, h and Ramsay from G *αργον* idle from a neg *αργον* work.
 Argonaut. Sailor G *ναυτης* of the *Ar o G* *Αργω* the ship of Jason from *αργος* swift orig shining Also applied to a kind of nautilus Martial connects it punningly with preceding word
 At vos t m pl uidas g per undas
 Tut i uidas otrum carinas
 Non uitas p ito vos sed Argonautas (EP 3 m 1 67)
 argosy [hist] Earlier *ragusya* (15,) It *ragusa* (sc. nave) ship of *Ragusa* in

Dalmatia. Chapman spells it *argosea* The town also is called in 10 cent. E *Arva ouso* *Arva ouso* etc Used several times by Shaks (*Mech of Ven*) but now only poet Cf *ship of Tarshish*
 argot Slang F from 17 cent Origin unknown
 argue F *arguer* VL *argularis* (Propertius) frequent. of *arguere* to prove chide etc ? orig to make white and plain (see *argent*) Oldest sense to bring evidence of prove as still in formal speech
 Argus Argus-eyed f *Argus* had a hundred eyes and was appointed by Juno to watch Io of whom she was jealous After his death his eyes were transferred to the peacock's tail
 And f H of Argus eyes th t ta les dyredd n w d (F *Argus* 1 7)
 argute Crafty L. *argutus* pp of a *grecere* to argue
 aria [mus] It air (q v)
 Arian [theol] Adherent of the heresy of Arius (Alexandria 4 cent) who denied that Christ was consubstantial with God See *Arianism*
 and L. *ardus* from *ardere* to be dry
 ariel Gazelle Arab *aryal* var of *ayyal* stag
 aright Prob for *on right* (see a)
 arise AS *arisan* intens of *rise* by which it is now almost uplanted
 Aristarchus Great critic f *Aristarchus* of Alexandria (130 c. 157) critic of Homer
 aristocracy F *aristocratie* OF also *aristocracie* from G *αριστος* best
 Aristotelean Of Aristotle G *Αριστοτέλης* (11 4 cent B.C.)
 arithmetic A restored form borrowed from L. *arithmetica* G *ἀριθμητική* (sc *τῆς ἁριθμῆς*) number OF had *arismetrie* (s for θ) whence ME *arismetrie* understood as L. *arithmetica* AS used *kelcraft* tell-craft in this sense
 For in the bond ther was n crafty man
 That geometrie of remm kn kan (Chauc. A 898)
 ark. AS *ear* chest Noah's ark etc An early pre-Christian loan in Teut. langs from L. *arca* chest or coffer cogn with *are* to keep off cf Du *ark* Ger *arche* Oñ *ark* Goth *arka* Still used in the north (hence name *Arkangel*) In sense of Noah's ark the F form *arke* often occurs in ME Luther has *kasen* chest. The early and wide extension in the Teut. langs. of a *ark* box chest suggests that wooden

receptacles, other than "dug-outs," were unknown to the early Teutons

Iac tibi arcem deliquis livigatis

(*Vulg Gen vi 14*)

Make to thee a work [war ship] of plumed trees

(*Wace 11*)

arche a coffer, chest, hatch, bureau, also, an ark, whence *Parce de Nœ* (*Cotg*)

arm¹ Limb AS *arm* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *arm*, ON *armr*, Goth *arms*, cogn with G *ἀρμός*, joint, Sanskrit *irmā*, fore-quarter, and ult with *art*

arm² Weapon F *arme*, L *arma*, neut pl taken as fem sing, cogn with *arm¹* Orig applied to whole of warlike equipment, including device on shield, armorial bearings, as in *King-at-Arms*, herald

armada Sp, pp fem, L *armata*, whence also *army* (q v) Incorr *armado* is earlier (*Com of Errors*, in 2)

armadillo Sp, dim of *armado*, L *armatus*, man in armour

Armageddon In common use since beginning of the Great War G *Ἀρμαγεδών* (*Rev vi 16*), app *mount of Megiddo*, alluding to *Judges*, v 19

That plain of Edraclon or Megiddo, which has been red with the blood of battles all through history

(*Daily Chron Nov 29, 1917*)

Our cavalry, traversing the field of Armageddon, had occupied Nazareth

(*Sir E. Allenby, Sep 22, 1918*)

armament L *armamentum*, from *armare*, to arm Of late esp in *bloated armaments* (*Disraeli*)

Armenian Lang intermediate between the Aryan tongues of Asia and Europe The survival of the race, in spite of periodical massacre, is remarkable

Armida Dangerous enchantress From Tasso

armiger Esquire L, arm-bearing

armillary Shaped like a bracelet, L *armilla* **Arminian** [*theol*] From *Arminius*, latinization of *Harmensen*, Du theologian (fl 16 cent) who opposed Calvin's doctrine of predestination

armistice F, ModL *armistitium*, coined on *solstice* (q v) Cf Ger *waffenstillstand*

armorial From archaic *armory*, heraldry, F. *armoire*, from *armoier*, to blazon, It *armeggiare* See *armoury*

Armorican Of Brittany From L *Armoricus* (Caesar), Gaulish, cogn "by the sea" See *mer¹*

armour Earlier *armure*, F, L *armatura* A word which would now have become anti-

quarian but for the introduction of the "non-clad" warship In this sense *armoured* is recorded for 1842 See *iron-clad*, *monitor* More mod are *armoured train* (Egyptian var) and *armoured car* Out soldiers at the front all now wear steel helmets, and in to-day's paper (*Daily Chron Nov. 9, 1916*) is an article on the "Triumph of Armour"

armoury F. *armurerie*, but gen treated and felt as derived from E *armour*. Earlier spellings also show confusion with the related *armory* (see *armorial*) and *amory* (q v)

army Earliest sense, armed expedition, then, naval force F *armée*, pp fem of *armer* (cf *armala*). The native word was *ere* (as in *Hereford*, *harbour*, etc; cf Ger *her*). This was superseded by *foet¹* (q v), and it is probable that *crude* orig qualified this word, which it has now supplanted

In the Gate See

At many noble arm² had he be (*Chauc A. 50*)

arnica ModL (F & E, 18 cent.) Origin unknown

aroint [*archaic*] In Shaks (*Macb. 1. 3, Lear*, in 1) and hence in Scott and the Brownings Exact meaning and origin unknown

² Connected with dial. *ron-tree*, rowan-tree, mountain-ash, efficacy of which against witches is often referred to in early folklore

aroma Restored spelling of ME *aromat*, spice F *aromate*, L neut pl. *aromata*, from G *ἀρώμα*, seasoning, spice

aroon [*Ir*] Darling Voc of Ir *áin*, secret, secret treasure For voc. prefix cf *asthore*. The Ir word is cogn. with *rune*, cf ON. *eyrarína*, darling

around Perh for F *en rond* Not in Shaks. or AV

arouse Formed from *rouse²* (q v) by analogy with *rise*, *arise*; *awake*, *awake*

arpeggio [*mus*] It, from *arpeggiare*, to play the harp, *arpa*

And little sweet arpeggios,
Like harps borne on the air

(*Corney Grain, Polka and Choir-boy*)

arquebus [*hist*] Also *harquebuss*. F. *arquebuse*, It *archibuso*. This from MHG. *hakerbühse* or LG *hakkebusse*, from Ger *haken*, hook, *buchse*, gun, lit. box; cf Du. *haakbus* So called because orig rested on a hook when fired Cf later F. *arquebuse à croc*, when the meaning was forgotten The alteration of the first syllable was due to

influence of It *arco* bow and *arblast* (q v) which the *arquebus* replaced while It. *buso* hole alludes to the barrel The early vars. are very numerous and incl. the obs. *hachbit* (q v)

a *qurbuss* an arquebuse cal. vr or hand-gun

(Cot.)

a *qurb* & a *croc* an arqueb. se a-crock (somewhat bigger than a musket) (ib)

arack Also *rack** Forms in most Europ. lang. borrowed from various Ind. ver. naculars Arab *arag* sweat, juice as in *arag al lamr* (fermented) juice of the date

arra Ir. expletive. In Farquhar (1705) who was of Ir. extraction

arraign For earlier *arayne* with intrusive *a*. AF *arainer* OF *araisier* VL **adra* *tionare* orig. to address. ModF *arraisonner* is from the OF tonic stem

arrange F *arrange* from *d* and *ran*, (see *ran**) Orig. to draw up in line of battle gen. sense first appearing c. 1500 Not in Shaks. or A1. See *range*

There be arayged h. a men in th. streets

(Berners Froissart)

arrant Var. of *errant* (q v) By constant association with *thief* and later with *rogue* *ra abond* etc. it lost its orig. meaning and came to be regarded as an intense epithet (cf *arch**)

Right so b. twice a titelless i. rraunt

And an o. flawe or a theef erraunt

The sam. I seye ther is no differ. nce

(Chao H. 3)

arras From *Arras* (Pas-de-Calais) place of manufacture App. not known in F. in this sense CL *cambric laan* etc. *arras* takes its name from the *Ardennes*

array OF *arier* *arier* (whence F. *arroy*) VL *ad-red-are* the root syllable being Teut. and cogn. with Goth. *garais* ready prepared F. *ready* Ger. *rat* supply counsel of It. *arridare* Sp. *arrear* With Goth. *garaisian* to make ready cf. Sc. *gra* h. to make ready from ON. whence also F. *grier* to rig (a ship) *agris* rigging Oldest sense of *array* is usu. to marshal an army. See also *raiment* *curry** VL had also the opposite *devar* *disarray* now replaced by *disarray*

arrears From adv. *arrear* F. *arriere* L. *ad retro* Mod. sense (17 cent.) is evolved from the phrase *in arrear* F. *en arriere* behind hand ME used *arria age* F. *arrietas*

arrear an arrearage th. rest of the remainder of a payment that wh. h. was unpaid or behind

(Cotg.)

arrect L. *arrectus* upright from *arri-ere* from *ad* and *revers*

arrest OF *arresier* (*arrier*) VL *ad restare* to come to a halt Orig. intrans. but had become trans. before adoption in F. See *rest**

arride [*archais*] L. *arrire* to mule upon *arriere-ban* (1211) F. perversion of OHG *hars ban* army summons See *ban** *harv*

arris See *arlie*

arrive F. a *river* VL *adripere* from *ripa* shore Farthest meaning naut. Cf *accost* and F. *aborder* Oldest sense in L. is trans. to bring ashore then to land

Huc arri et sacrament la nacle essel

(1 d. 14e st. 1 cent.)

Let a g. o. to th. eth. sd. 1 th. l. ke

And they arr. ed. t. the country 1 th. G. d. w. res (Luke v. 2-26)

arrogate From L. *arrogare* to call to claim from *ad* and *re* are to ask. Hen. 8 *arrogant* from *pres* part

arrow AS *arwe* a rare word com. with L. *arcus* bow More usual AS words were *fla* and *strid* Cogn. with *arrow* are ON. *or* Goth. *a krazna* The *brad arrow* His Majesty's mark (1661) is thought by some to have been orig. an anchor used earlier (1609) on timber reserved for the Navy but the use of the *bad arrow* as a distinguishing though not royal mark goes back to the 16 cent. and prob. much further *Arrow* root (Wind) is supposed to be so named from the use made of the tubers to absorb poison from wounds especially those caused by poisoned arrows But according to some it is from the native name *ara*

arroyo [US] Water-course gully Sp. *arroyo* MedL. *a. c.* um cogn. with L. *arrogia* canal (Pliny)

Arry The NED quotes *arry* on Orseback from *Punch* (1841)

arse AS *ears* Com. Teut. cf. Du. *aars* Ger. *a. sch* ON. *a. s.* cogn. with G. *oppor* rump where *pp* is for *or*

arsenal ON. (16 cent.) dock wharf. Forms with numerous vars. in most Europ. langs. Immediate source is It. *a. se ale* earlier *ar end* (Dante) Early It. var. is *arsena* (cf. Sp. *arsena* Port. *arsena* F. *arsine* dock) First found at Venice the *arsenal* of which is explained by Coryat (1611) as quasi *ars magna*! The two groups of forms represent Arab *arsna* h. for *al-qanas* h. the work shop or the same preceded by

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Aryan [*lin*] From Sanskrit *ārya* noble Hence also G *Apua* Eastern Persia and Pers *Irān* Persia Introduced by Max Müller as generic name for inflected lngs (see *Caucasian Japhetic*) Divided into West Aryan i.e. most Europ lngs (etc Basque Finnish Hungarian Turkish) and East Aryan i.e. Persian Sanskrit and the Hindi vernaculars related to the latter Armenian is regarded as intermediate between the two Some use *Aryan* of the Asiatic group only

as AS *alsud* *alsut* i.e. all so also of which *as* is a worn-down form the fuller also surviving in more emphatic position Cf Ger *als* also Our *as* as was orig *alswa* *sua* or *alsua* *alsua* and for some time the first term remained fuller than the second

Also salt as and so (VED c 1235)

assafoetida assafoetida Hybrid MedL (14 cent) from a a Pers *asā* mastic L *felida* stinking

asbestos L G *ασβεστος* unquenchable from d neg *αβαν* ai to quench

ascend L *ascendere* to climb up from *ad* and *scandere* In the *ascendant* is from astrology the *ascendant* being the degree of the zodiac ring above the eastern horizon at a particular moment esp at the birth of a child (cf *zodiacal meridian* *horary scope* etc) In the sense of superiority control (over) now usu replaced by *ascendancy* (18 cent) The earliest word of the group is a *cession* in rel sense

Nyn *ascendent* was Taur and Mars thirline

(Ch or D 63)

ascertain Earlier *aceraine* to assure or certify OF *acerlerer* from *d* and *certa* n Later pelt *asc* *fine* prob. by analogy with synon *assure* Mod sense has been evolved from the reflex. use to *ascertain oneself* of something

ascetic C *ἀσκητός* from *ἀσκητός* monk hermit from *ἀσ* to exercise practise

Asides, c est à-dire servants (Boswell)

ascidium [soot] Mollusc with althery casing G *do* *idion* dim of *donde* wine skirt

ascititious See *ad cititious*

asleep ad [*metr*] From *ἀσλῆμ* by C poet cf uncertain identity

ascribe Restored spelling of earlier *ascribere* Of a c stem of *ascribere* L *scribere* from *ad* and *scribere* to write

Let to my name L *letor* be ascribed

(Wyc 2 Sem. xii. c3)

ascrip See *adscript*

aseptic Not septic (q v) Prefix is G *a* neg *Asgard* [*myth*] Norse Olympus ON *ás garðr* home (garth) of the gods

ash¹ Tree AS *æsc* Com Teut cf Du *asch* Ger *esche* ON *askr* Older and dial forms survive in place names and surnames e.g. *Aske* *Asquith* *Ascham* etc

ash² From fire AS *asce* Com Teut cf Du *asch* G'r *asche* ON *aska* Goth *a-gō* ult cogn with *arid* *Ash Wednesday* from penitents sprinkling ashes on their heads is recorded for 13 cent Cf Ger *aschen* *ruht* *woch* F *jour (mercredi) des cendres*

ashamed. Prefix may be a *ge* or *of* all three forms occurring early Cf *alshrest aware*

ashlar Masonry construed of flat squared stone as opposed to rubble work F *asselier* boarding (cf *assiean* wooden til) from OF *asselle* plank L *avilis* dim of *avis* whence F *ais* plank board Meaning has app been transferred from woodwork to stonework

Ashmolean Museum At Oxford Presented (1677) by Elias Ashmole

ashore For on shore See also 1 Usual Elizabethan word is *aland shore* (q v) not being a native word

aside Only on s's (cf *a'ed* etc) as still in to put on one side

asinine L *asininus* from *asinus* ass

as in praesent Latin rudiments Opening words of mnemonic lines on conjugations in Lilley's *Lat C am* (16 cent)

We will sing to ye the private members of the presents under the arched of the Pons Atriana (Theaters)

ask AS *æscan* or *æc* n WGer cf Du *aschen* Ger *he chen* (OHG *as* n) Mod form should have become *ask* *esa* (cf *ask*) forms found in ML. *ask* is north rn while *ax* from *d* *asa* (v z) was literary F till circa 1600 and is still in gen dial use in south and midland

As and it shall give you (Tyndal's *Mat* b 1)

askance For a glance OF *descon* from an OF *p* *asken* Cf F *regarder* *quelqu'un à la dévante* from *dériver* to steal hide and F. to steal a glance *askew* has a similar sense history

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assafoetida See *asafoetida*

assagal assagal Became familiar in connection with the Zulu wars (19 cent) but is found in Purch in ref to Guinea From Africa whither it was taken by the Portuguese (cf *kraal sjambok*) Ult Arab *a za idyah* *az* for *al* the and the Berber name of the weapon Hence throw h Sp F *azate* formerly *azague* *arche*, *az* The latter is found in ME and *Farhega e* became by folk-etym. *lancegav*

az *ya* a kind of a small Moorish spear (Vieyra) A d in his hand a lanceg v

A long sword by his side (Chauc. B 194)

They of Granada *for bi terrelle* with their box es a d *archegayes* (Barn r *Froussart*)

assail Earlier *asale* OF *assaler* (assailier) late VL *adsalare* (Salvo Law) to jump at for L. *ass* *live*

assart [hist] Cleared forest land AF OF *assart* from L. *ex sarare* *ex* *sa* *l* to root cut whence MedL *a sarare*

assassin F It *assassino* Arab *hashshashkin* eaters of *hashish* an intoxicant made from hemp For the pl form cf. *Bedouin* (q v) *clari'm* The orig *assissins* were the emissaries of the Old Man of the Mountains a famous sheikh at the time of the Crusades who intoxicated themselves before attempting murder

Hoc tam Saracen quam Christiani *Assasinos* repellant (Roger of Wendover c. 13)

assault Earlier *assaut* F VL *ad saltus* cf. *assail* Mod spelling is latinized (cf *fault*) In *assault and battery* (La v F) the second word is added to distinguish a real from a technical assault

If one lifts up b c ne or b f i t, n a threatening manner t a ther or tricks at him but misses him this is an assault (Bla k tone)

assay Var of *es* *oy* (q) which has survived in spec. sense of trying metal

assegai See *assagai*

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assert From L. *asserere* *assert* from *serere* to join orig to maintain a right as in *self asseritice*

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asso to set, settle plane, plant also to cesse or t x (Cote)

assets Late AF *assets* (Littleton 15 cent) F *asse* enough L. *ad sibi* Orig is to *huc assets* The archaical sing *asset* is quite mod (1884 in VED)

asseverate For earlier *asseret* L. *asserere* to affirm solemnly from *serere* *us*

assiduous From L. *assiduus* from a *idre* to sit down to (ad and *idre* to sit)

assiento [hist] Contract with Spain for supplying slaves to Sp colonies in America Sp *assiento* as a *sent* (q v)

assign F *assigner* L. *assignare* to allot by sign *signum* An *assignal* paper money of first French Republic was secured (as *signed*) on confiscated Church property

assimilate From L. *assimilare* to make like *similis* In phonology *assimilation* is the tendency of a sound to imitate its neighbor e.g. F *chercher* OF *cercher* (1 sea ck) VL *irra s* For a good E example see *sni ker snee*

assist F *assister* L. a *viscere* to stand by In the sense of to be *pre* entetym meaning survives Though now regarded as a F whom this was once current E

assure Fem pp of F *asse* r VL *ad sed re* f *ass dère* Found in 1 cent both of the " sitting or session of a court and of the enactments passed With the latter sense cf AS *gesetnes* law and Ger *gesetz* *Sie* (q v) in all its senses is aphet for a *sine*

associate From L. *associare* from *socius* companion 15. *association* football follows the rules of the Nat anal Too all *Association*

assoil [ar base] OF *asoile* pres subj of *asold e* (*absolvere*) L. *absolvere* as in *que Deus asoue* whom may God absolve in speaking of the dead whence ME *whom* (*whoss soul*) Gd *asoids* a stock phrase in

askari Arab, soldier, from 'askara, to gather together

A small warlike class, from whom their askaris, or soldiers, were selected

(D Lloyd George, Jan 5, 1917)

askew See *skew*

aslant Very much older than *slant*, which is evolved from it. Earliest form *o-slant*, *on-slent*, *on-slont* (c 1300), while *slant*, noun and verb, is not recorded till 16 cent. There is, however, a ME verb *slenten*, app of Scand origin, cf archaic Dan. *slente*, Sw *slinta*, to glide, slip obliquely.

Towards the evening we had a slent of a northerly wind (Raleigh)

asleep Earlier *on sleep*, cf *abed*, *aside*, etc

For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep (*Acts*, xiii 36)

aslope Much older than *slope*, adj., noun, and verb (16 cent.), which is evolved from it (cf *aslant*). Prob pp *āslopen* of AS. *āslūpan*, to slip away (cf adj *awake* from pp *awacen*). This is cogn with *slip*

Asmodeus Evil spirit of Pers legend corresponding to *Aeshmā Dacvā* of Iranian myth

Dæmonium nomine Asmodæus occiderat eos, mox ut ingressi fuissent ad eam (*Vulg Tobit*, iii 8)

asp, aspice OF *aspe* and ModF *aspic*, L, G *ἀσπίς*, *ἀσπίδ-*. The form *aspic* (*Ant & Cleop* v 2) is app a F alteration of Prov *aspi*, from *aspid-em*

aspid an aspice or aspe (Flor 1611)

asparagus L, G *ἀσπάραγος* for *ἀσφάραγος*. Earliest forms were *aphet* and *sperage* was usual in 16-17 cents. Cf F *aspeige*, Ger *spargel*. The perverted *sparrow-grass* was the polite form till 19 cent

asperge the herb sparge or spargus (Cotg)

Brought home with me from Fenchurch St a hundred of sparrowgrass, cost 18d

(Pepys, Apr 21, 1667)

Sparrow-grass is so general that *asparagus* has an air of stiffness and pedantry

(Walker, *Pronouncing Dict* 1791)

Aspasia Gifted and influential woman. Famous hetaira, mistress of Pericles. Cf *Egeria*

aspect F, L *aspectus*, from *aspicere*, to look at, from *ad* and *specere*. Earliest use is astron (Chauc)

aspen Orig an adj (cf *linden*), which has replaced the noun *asp*, though both *asp* and *aps* are still in dial use. AS *æspe* and *æps* Com Teut., cf Du *esp*, Ger *espe*, ON *ōsp*. The form *aspen* may be the gen., so

common in the compd. *aspen-leaf*, cf Ger *zittern wie ein espenblatt*. For association with trembling cf. F. *tremble*, Ger. *zitterpappel*, lit tremble-poplar. It is curious to note that one could once "quake like an aspen-leaf" with rage

This Soninour in his styropes hys stood
Upon this fere his herte was so wood [furious]
That lyf an aspen leef he quook for ire

(Chauc D 1665).

asperity Remodelled on L OF *aspretē* (*āpretē*), from L *aspi*, rough, from *ab* and *spicere*, to repel, etc

aspersion Earlier used in its lit. sense of sprinkling, from L *aspergere*, from *spargere*, *spars-*, to scatter. Now, bespattering, slandering, etc., usu with *cast*

By the aspersion of the blood of Jesus Christ (Foxe)

asphalt Mod corrected form from F *asphalte*. In ME *asphaltoun*, *asfalt* (cf. It *asfalto*) was used of "mineral pitch". G *ἀσφαλτος*, but not a G word. Rendered *bitumen* in *Vulg* and *slime* in *AV*

It [the Dead Sea] casteth out of the watre a thung that men clepen asphalt (Saundeville)

asphodel F *asphodèle*, L, G *ἀσφοδελός*. Popular, and earlier, form was *affodil*, whence *daffodil* (q v).

asphyxia G *ἀσφυξία*, from *ἀ-*, neg, *σφύξις*, pulse

asphyxia a cessation of the pulse throughout the whole body, which is the highest degree of swooning and next to death (Phillips)

aspic¹ Serpent See *asp*

aspic² Or *aspic jelly*. F (neol). Littré suggests from *aspic*, asp, in allusion to the saying *froid comme un aspic*

aspidistra Plant. Comed 1822, app from G. *ἀσπίς*, *ἀσπίδ-*, shield, ? and *ἀστρον*, star. Though a common word I find it in no mod diet

aspire L *aspirare*, to breathe towards, from *ad* and *spirare*. Hence *aspirate*, breathed sound

aspirin Drug. Ger, fancy trade-name

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scunch the back part of the jaumbe of a window This suggests that *asquint* may belong to a Norman word of similar origin (L *ex* and *cuneum*) Cf obs *ashoyne* sidelong a-kance

ass AS *assa* and *esol* With the latter cf Du *ezel* Ger *esel* O\ *asni* Goth *asilus* Cogn forms in Celt and Slav langs All from L *asinus* prob of Semit origin The *Asses Bridge* or *Pons Asinorum* (Enchir 15) is mentioned in 18 cent but *brid e of asses* in gen sense of *crux* is in Urquhart's *Pabelais* n 26

assafoetida See *asafoetida*

assagai *assagai* Became familiar in connection with the Zulu wars (19 cent) but is found in Purch in ref to Guinea From Africa whither it was taken by the Portuguese (cf *kraal sjambok*) Lit Arab *az za kayah az for al the* and the Berber name of the weapon Hence through Sp *F sagate* formerly *asagate archegate* The latter is found in ME and *larchegate* became by folk-etym. *lancegate*

aug ja a kind of a small Moorish spe (Vieyra)

A d in his hand a lam cegay

A long sword by his side (Chauc B 194)

They of Gran d fought I cleve with their bowes and arch gayes (Berners *Troisars*)

assail Earlier *asale* OF *asa ir* (*assaillir*) late VL *adsalire* (Sahle Law) to jump at for L *assilire*

assart [*aisi*] Cleared forest land VF OF *essart* from L *ex sarire ex sart* to rout out whence ModL *assarture*

assassin F It *assassino* Arab *hashshash* n eaters of *hashish* an intoxicant made from hemp For the pl form cf *Bedouin* (q v) *cherubs* The orig assassins were the evil ones of the Old Man of the Mountains a famous *heikh* at the time of the Crusades who intoxicated themselves before attempting murder

Hos tam Saraceni quam Christiani Assassinos appellat (Rog r of Wendover c 123)

assault Earlier *assail* F VL *ad salus* cf *assail* Mod spelling is latinized (f fault) In *assail* and *battery* (La v F) the second word is added to distinguish a real from a technical assault

If one lifts up his care, he is s i t, in threatening manner at another or strikes at him, but misses him th is an assa it (Balk. ton)

assay Var of *essav* (q v) which has survived in spec sense of trying metals

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assert From L *asserere* *assert* from *erere* to join orig to maintain a right as in *se i assertare*

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assets Late VF *assets* (Latd ton 15 cent) F *asse* enough L *ad satis* Orig in to *hate assets* The artificial sing *asset* is quite mod (1884 in MED)

asseverate For earlier *assere* L *a sere e* to affirm sol only from *serere* s

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assiento [*aisi*] Contract with Spain for supplying slaves to Sp colonies in America Sp *asiento* as *assent* (q v)

assign F *assigner* L *assi nare* to allot by sign *si num* An *ass nial* paper money of first French Republic was secured (in *si nare*) on confiscated Church property

assimilate From L *assimilare* to make like *similis* In phonology a *similis* n is the tenacity of a sound to imitate its neighbor e.g. F *chercher* OF *cerche* (cf *search*) VL *circa e* For a good example see *spicker snee*

assist F *assiter* L *assistere* to stand by In the sense of to be present etym meaning survives Though now regarded as a F idiom this was once current E

assure Fem pp of F *asseoir* VL *ad sed re* for *assidere* Found in 12 cent both of the *sittin* or session of a court and of the enactments passed With the latter sense cf Ab *gesetnes* law and Ger *g setz* S e (q v) in all its senses is aphet for *assure*

associate From L *a sociare* from *socius* companion Association football follows the rules of the National Football Association

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 asymptote [math] G *ασυμπτωτος* from *a*
 neg *συ* together *πτωτος* apt to fall
 from *πτω* v to fall
 asyndeton [rhet] Omission of conjunctions
 e.g. *veni vidi vici* I from G *δ* neg
συνδε to bind together
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 Du & Ger cf OSax *at* OHG *at* ON
 Goth *at* cogn with L *ad*
 atabal [hist] Sp Arab *at tabl* for *at tabl*
 the drum Cf *labor*
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 ataman See *hetman*
 ataut [naut] With all sails set. Orig of
 drinking as much as possible F *au tant* as
 much in *boi e d au tant d'oi tant*
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 cogn with (oth *ata* father (re *Atala*)
atavus my great grandf th re grandfath r
 (Coop)
 ataxy G *draxia* from *δ* neg *ραξ* order
 cf *dis-order* Chiefly in *locomotio ataxy*
 loss of control over movements
 Th y call i locomot ita ks " h see
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 atheism F *athéisme* coined (11 cent) from
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 atheling [hist] Son of noble family AS from
athel noble an patronymic suffix *ing* cf
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Athene (Minerva) in ancient Athens
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 where the prefix is intens Cf an *ahungered*
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 (Piers Plowm R x 55)
 athlete L G *αθλητης* from *αθλος* contest
 athwart Formed from *thwart* (11) like
across from *cross* F p in *athwa t law e*
 (rant) across the stern of another ship
 (see *hause*) f of *incummutat* ng *prothom*
 Vau d Iiber d-h your house want business
 have you to come slow is a want my be w?
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Atkins See *Thomas Tommy*
 Atlantic L G *Ατλαντικός* from *Ατλας*
Ατλαντ Orig applied to that part of the
 sea near Mount Atlas in Libya (11) on
 the west coast of Africa Hence *Atlantis*
 mythical island in ocean (Plato)
 Atlas Orig one of the older G gods supposed
 to uphold the pillars of the world later
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 firmament The application to a map-box
 is said to be due to Mercat r [q v] who
 used a figure of *Atlas* supporting th gl be
 as a front piece (16 cent)
 Thou art o Atlas f c no great a wet bit
 And weakling Warwick takes hi at (gan
 (311 11 11)
 atmosphere L C *ατμος* vapour *σφαίρα*
 sphere The first used (1635) in connecti n
 with the moon no v believed to have n y
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 those of air
 atoll Coral island with lagoon Maldiv
at Hon atol the Maldiv islands being of
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 L ry atollm is separated from others and i n
 laynes in itself a gr at mult tuc of n d hwa
 (Turch)
 atom F *atome* L C *ατομος* indivisible
 from *δ* neg *τομος* to cut Cf in *trid*
at The mod *atomic theory* (chem) is du
 to Dalton (1805)
 aome a note in th rans thing so small th t
 it cannot be d w d (Coig)
 atomy [d al] With mixed meaning from
 atom and *αναμν* (q v) the latter becom
 ing colloq *atomy*
 Thou aomy the lobben lwa (2 Nov 11 v d)
 I x ppose you have one here to laith at a you
 potted d d d (11 to Pabun)
 atone Orig to reconcile from adv phrase
at one and preserving old pronunc of
 the latter word as in *one a row* In MI
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auburn OF *auorne* L. *a'vernus* whitish ME vars *a'rune* a ' *une* point to confusion with *brown* (v) and this has affected the meaning of the word formerly flaxen now bright brown

album that whtish colour of women's hair which we call an albume or aborn colour (Tott.)

The word probably is mere! *A brown* is brown (Richardson)

suction. L. *unctio-n* from *ungere* *unct* to increase Cf F *vente aux enchères* from *en h't* to make dearer and Ger *versteigern* lit raising In a Dutch *h'auct* n goods are put up at a prohibitive price which is gradually lowered app from the practice of Dutch fishermen With the north-country *saw br soap* i.e cry of the clark Irish *saw by can!* L. *cantus* a *do* open saw or port n clasp gate good (Coop)

enchère a bidding or outbid d g th making or offering, the raising or enhancing, of a price a port sale outcry or bargain g wherein b that bid most for a thing is to carry it (C 18)

audacious. From L. *audax* *audax* from *audire* to dare from *audus* for *audus* greedily

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audit L. *auditus* a hearing hence examination of accounts, *audita* specially strong brew at certain Ox and Camb college was org for the refreshment of college tenants who appeared on audit day

Augean Lsn with *stable* from the cleansing of the stables of *Augeas* king of Ft one of the labours of Hercules

auger ME *na* or AS *nasugdr* from *nasu* nve of a wheel g borer spear with *na* lost as in *adde apro* (qv) as also in Du *arcgar* for *clider* *navegar*

noe that in trument of iron that we use to bore holes in the iron with (Mans Dnt 1)

ought AS *awht* from *a* ever *whit* thing creature "what" wight *whit* eer a whit Hence ME *oh!* *oght* later *ought* usual E form up to c 1500 Cf *naught*

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augment F L. *augmentare* from *augere* to increase See *ate*

Augsburg Confession of 1530 See *Augsustan*

augur L. prob from *avis* bird (cf *a spi es*) The older form was *auger* and the second element n prob from L *gere* n t manage et Hence *augur* to take omen by f re action

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August august Month (in Republican Rome *sestilis*) named after Emperor *Augustus* Replaced native *med month* weed month In ME also *augst* OF *ao st* (a d) The name is L. *augustus* *energe* from *augere* (qv) or perhaps from *augere* to increase, Hence *Augustan* period of perfection in literature regarded as due to royal patronage The *Augustan Confession* was drawn up (1530) by Luther and Melancthon at Augsburg (*Augustinus*) The *Augustine* or *Augustine* took their name from St *Augustine* bishop of Hippo (d 4 cent)

In *August* *augment* peut faire des *augures* (Bale u)

auk Sw *alka* or Dan *alk* ON *alka* cogn with G *alou* halcyon Hence *great auk* is rare cur with

auld lang syne Sc old long since Popular used by Burns song Cf *auld Reekie* Edinburgh

aulic (hist) Imperial Ger council later Austrian war council L. *aulicus* from G *aulis* court

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aure L. G *aurea*, breath breeze

aureate L. *aureatus* from *aureum* gold

aurelia Formerly used for *chrysalis* (qv)

It lit golden from L. *aureum*

aureole Now used for halo and wrongly connected by some writers with *aurea* emanation Prop the golden disc surrounding holy personages in early pictures. Cf *earthen aureole* (i.e. *corona*) the celestial

atrip [naut] Used of the anchor when it has just left the ground Also of the sails, when ready for trimming From *trip* (q v), in the sense of start Cf *apeak*

atrocious From L *atrox*, *alioc*-, cogn with *aler*, dark, treacherous

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atropine Poison From *atropa*, botanical name of the night-shade, G *Ἄρπυριος*, inflexible, one of the Fates, from *ἀ-*, neg, *τρέφειν*, to turn

attach F *attacher*, cf It *allaccare*, Sp *atacar* Ident with *attack* (q v) Orig to fasten to, tack on The root syllable is of doubtful origin ? Cf *tag*¹

attack F *attaquer*, It *allaccare* Not in Shaks Borrowed by F (16 cent) to the indignation of Henri Estienne (v1) Its meaning is to join, F & E sense developing from *allaccare ballaglia*, "to joyne battell" (Flor)

Ce mot "attaquer" participe du françois "attacher" et de l'italien "attacar" Les courtisans trouvent plus beau "attaquer" que "attacher" (Estienne, *Nouveau françois italianisé*)

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Attaint they were by the lawe,
And denied for to hong and drawe (Gower)

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Attico lepore lunct sales sharpe and witty sentences full of pleasauntnesse (Coop)

Shall I, I say, suppress my Attic salt?

(Byron, *Hints from Horace*)

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A rapid succession of Alarics and Attilas passed over the defenceless empire [of India] (Macaulay)

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The several statues that we see with the same air, posture, and aptitudes (Addison)

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Des attournez sount acuns generals, acuns specials (Britton, 1292)

Orl. Then, in mine own person, I die

Ros No, faith, die by attorney

(As you like it, iv 1).

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attrition From L. *attrere* from *terere* *trst* to rub In theol sense an imperfect sorrow not amounting to *contrition*

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alb ra that wht h colour of wmn as *haire wht h* we call an *alburne* or *b rn* col ur (T r)

The w rd probably l m relv 4 b o 1 e b o r n (Richardson)

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audience F L. *audientia* from *audire* to hear

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Augean Usu with *stable* from the cleansing of the stables of *the king of Elis* one of the labours of Hercules

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neger that in tr m nt of n that we use to bore holes in the ston with (Miers Dnt 1742)

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augment F L. *augmentare* from *au ere* to increase See *cha*

Augsburg Confession of [hi t] See *Au usian*
augur L. prob from *avis* bird (cf *auspices*) The older form was *ai er* and the second element is prob from L. *gerere* to manage etc Hence *inaugura e* to take omens before action

g u r t gese or d by byrdes (Coop)

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auld lang syne Sc old long since Popular ized by Burns song Cf *auld Reekie* Edinburgh

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baboon F *baboon* (also *babou*) cf It *babuino* Sp *babino* with several MedL forms (13 cent) Referred by same to F *babone* grince imit of gibbeting (see *babble*) There is also MedL *pa ion* wild dog Hence Du *bi ion* Cer *pa in* baboon the baboon having a dog like snout but the source of this *papio* is unknown It is prob only the F word latinized The oldest recorded meaning of OF *ba'u n* homunculi manik n grotesque figure a sense found also arise t in ME The most lik ly starting point is the natural base *bah* (see *battle*) It *baboon* besides meaning baboon occurs in the sense l th of babblers and stammerers

babouche Turk slipper F Arab *bab'u* h

Pers *pā*, foot, *pūch*, covering. For formation of *pyjamas*. For interchange of *p-* & *b-* cf *parha* *qashaw*. See also *lamp*².

baby See *babe*.

Babylon G Βαβυλών, for *Babel* (q v).

baccalaureat See *bachelor*.

baccarat F also *baccara*, card game at which the ten is called *baccara*. Origin unknown. There is a small French town called *Baccarat* (Meurthe et Moselle) not far from Lunéville. Cf origin of *larcher*.

bacchanal L *bacchanalia*, from *Bacchus*, G Βάκχος.

bacharach [*archaic*] Wine. From name of town on Rhine.

bachelor OF *bachelor* (*bachelier*), MdL *baccalarus*, and later, as academic term, *baccalaureus*, as though from *bacca*, berry, *laurus*, laurel, hence *baccalaureat*. Cf It *baccalare*, Sp *bachiller*. Olde t F sense (*Chanson de Roland*) appears to be young man aspiring to knighthood, squire. Hence, junior member of a guild or univ., as still in *Bachelor of Arts* etc., orig one who qualified to begin his university course, which is still the meaning of F *bachelier*. From the "junior" idea is evolved that of young unmarried man. All these meanings occur in Chauc. Few words have provoked more etym. speculation, but the origin is still unknown. Ger *hagestolz*, *bachelor*, OHG *hagistalt*, means lit hedgeholder (cf AS *hagostald*, ON *haukstaldr*), in contrast to the holder of the homestead. The younger son held a small enclosure while the elder inherited the estate. Already in OHG the word also means celibate, as does the corresponding AS *hagostald*. This has been thought to point vaguely to *bacca*, berry, as a possible etymon of the F word. Attempts have also been made to connect it with L *baculum*, or its dim *bacillus*, the staff being regarded as symbolical of the grade attained in a guild or univ., or as used, instead of lance or sword, by the young man practising warlike exercises.

Yong, fressh, and strong, in armes desirous
As any bachelor of al his hous (Chauc. F 23)

At Orlens in studie a book he say
Of mayk naturel, which his felawe,
That was that tyme a bachelor of lawe,—
Al were he ther to lerne another craft,—
Hadde prively upon his desk y-laff (ib. F 1124)

And trowely it sit wel to be so
That bachelers have often payne and wo
(ib. E 1277)

bacillus L & L. dual of *baculus*, var. cf *baculum*, rod, cf *bacterium*.

back AS *becc*; cf Du ON *bat*. Not found in Ger., which has *racker* ridge, in general sense of back (but see *bison*). Adv *back* is for *aback* (q v) earlier on *back*, cf Ger. *zurück*, from *retzen* (v s). From the poem comes the verb *back*, to support. To *back* out is orig to leave a room backwards, hence to retire from an enterprise not too abruptly. *Backward*, in the sense of underhand clandestine, occurs in 17 cent (Vanbrugh). *Backward* orig. as ad with one edge only, like a newy entlass, is also used of single stick. With *backwards* cf *hinterlant*. The verb to *backbite*, common in ME. With *backbit*, in rel. sense (16 cent), cf *relapse*. To put (yet) one's back up suggests the impr. cat. With to *back a bull* cf *indorse*. See also *backyard*.

He that baketh with his brother baketh with the fire
(Wycl. James, ii. 12).

William's sweetheart has strictly enjoined him not
to get his head stuck at back wording
(Tom Brown's Schoolday)

back-formation [*ling.*] A process the reverse of the usual, the formation of a word from a longer word which would appear to be derived from it. See *beggar*, *cadger*, *chanfer*, *former*, *fur*, *grovel*, *magick*, *peddle*, etc.

backgammon Also (18 cent) *backgame*. ME *gamen* (see *gammon*). So called because the pieces are sometimes forced to go back. Cf its Du name from *verkeeren*, to turn back, and archaic F *revertier*. Formerly called *tables*, and in F *tric-trac*. Urquhart renders *Rabelais's* *toutes tables* by "the long tables or *verleering*."

verleer spel game of tables, so called (Hexham)

backsheesh, baksheesh Pers *bakhs/ish*, present, from *bakhsidan*, to give, also found in Arab, Turk and Urdu.

Bacsheese (as they say in the Arabick tongue) that is gratis freely (Purch.)

backward, backwards For *abackward* (see *back*). In to ring the bells backward, i.e. upwards, beginning with the bass bell, as alarm. *Backwardation*, opposite of *contango*, is a Stock Exchange coinage (c. 1850).

I ringe aukewarde, as men do whan houses be afyre,
or whan enemyes be coming, ye sonne a bransle
(Palsg.)

The bells are ring backward, the drums they are
beat (Boz nie D index)

bacon OF (now replaced by *lard*, q v), MdL *baco-n-*, OHG *bahho*, buttock, ham,

cogn with *back*. Of very early introduction as Welsh *bacwn* (from *C*) is recorded for 13 cent. In to *save one's bacon* a vulgarism recorded for 17 cent. *bacon* is used for body, hide etc.

Surgit h w fur eu a eigne h i dolut sa e your own bacon (L dw)

Baconian. In ref both to Roger (†1294) and Francis (†1606)

bacterium *G β κτην* or dim of *β κτην* stiff from shape Cf *bacillus*

baculine In *baculine* (forcible) argument From *L. baculum* staff

bad. *ME badde* Formerly compared *badde* *badde* it (as late as Defoe). Origin uncertain? AS *baedel* hermaphrodite used contemptuously with *list* as in *nucle* from *nucle* (cf ady. use of *bastard*)? or AS *gebūð(e)* forced oppressed (cf *list* of *caitiff*). It is curious that Pers *bad* has the same sense (see *ba-lash*)

Baddeley cake. Cut in Drury Lane green room on Twelfth Night. Bequest of *Baddeley* 18 cent. actor

badge *ME bage* *bagge* Cf *MedL. ba-gis* from the *E* word. Origin unknown. Of *ba-gis* is later and prob from *E*.

badger A 16 cent. name for the animal previously called *brock* (Celt.) *ba-wison* (OF) or *gray*. Origin much disputed. *VED* accepts derivation from *badge* referring to the white mark on the badger's head. But there is no record of *bad-gis* mark on an animal and it seems a very unlikely word to be used in this sense. Later etymologists comparing *F. blaireau* badger which they took to be a dim of OF *blaser* corn dealer (*blé* corn) regarded *badger* as a nickname taken from archaic *badger* (from *ba-gis*) a middleman esp in the corn and flour trade often regarded as a fortune and nocturnal individual. The fact that the animal does not store corn is no argument against this etym. Cf rustic superstitions with regard to various animals e.g. the *shrew* *soil* *slow* *worm* etc. or the inappropriate name *honey-suckle* (qv). But *F. blaireau* is perh rather from *LC. blar* blaze (qv). Cf dial *blaine* the bald headed coot and the origin of *ba-wison* (vs) from Celt *ba-l* hite mark on the forehead (see *ba-l*) which is ult cogn with *ba-l* (vs) and with *G. phalaris* "starred" (cf a horse). Verb to *badger* from the port of badger baiting

ba-wison a ba-l-g-r gray boarson truck (Cotg.)

badinage *F* from *badine* to jest *badin* playful earlier foolish. Prov *bad-n* prob orig gaper. See *bury*

Bad name (from h) foolery buffery w gnyiness (Philips)

badmash *budmash* [*Anglo-Isd*]. Rascal Urdu from Pers *bad-e-ri* Arab *ma-h* means of livelihood

badminton Drink and game. From Duke of Beaufort's seat (Glouc)

baffle Cf *archaic F. beffe* to ridicule and *F. biffer* to hold up to public attempt both of uncertain origin but generally referred to a rudical *baf* a natural sound of the *pooh* *bah* type. Cf *It. b. fire* 17th same mean n and *Ger. gas* *baff* *ma-h* to flabbergast. But the earliest record (16 cent) is *Sc* and refer to the ignominious punishment of a perjured knave. This was *Sc. bauchle* of unknown origin and may be a separate word.

H. by th heels him h g upon a tree
And wast id so th t y whi b paid by
To picture of his punishment to ght see
(*F. arm. Q. d. L. 1*)

bag *acc* t *handwe* ke also to dec l ale to deem a also to *baff* al use r l disgrace hand b l a termie g e proa bi B. da l or unit (Cotg.)

bag to decel e mock or gull w th f re words et (W)

baffly [*g. l.*] From *Sc. baff* blow t OF *baffs* and see *buffet*

bag *ME bag* *ON big* Cf archaic *F. bagues* baggage. Earlier hist obscure? cogn with *park*. The earliest *VED* record for *bags* trousers is from the *blameless* *Smiles*. The whole bag of *tricks* referred by the *VED* to the fable of the Fox and the Cat would seem to come rather from the conjurer's outfit. With to *let the cat out of the bag* we show the true character of the article for sale of *F. acheter chat en poche* (our pig in a poke). To *see the bag* a mod variation on to *give the sack* was orig used in opposite sense viz. of a servant decamping without notice. With *bag man* commercial traveller of *ca-pel-bagger*. *Ba* and *bagger* was orig used of an honourable evacuation or retreat of *F. vie et ba-ues saures* and see quot. s. v. *col. ur*. It now implies headlong expulsion e. p. with reference to Gladstone's famous speech (v. l.) on the Bulgarian atrocities in which he hardly

anticipated the policy of Ferdinand the Fearless

bagues sauvées with bag and baggage, safe and sound, scotfree (Cotg)

The Turks one and all, bag and baggage, shall, I hope, clear out from the province they have desolated and profaned (1876)

bagatelle Orig (17 cent) a trifle The game is 19 cent F, It *bagattella* Prob from L *baca*, berry, derivatives of which occur in Rom langs in sense of valueless object Cf *trifle* (q v) and obs *nifle*, prob F *nêfle*, medlar Cf also the prob cogn F *baguenaude* (v 1)

bagatelle a toy, nifle, trifle, thing of small value (Cotg)

baguenaudes bladder nuts, S *Anthones* nuts, wild pistachios, also, the cods, or fruit of bastard sene, also (the fruit of red night-shade, or alka-kengie) red winter cherries, (all of which being of little, or no value, cause this word to signify) also, trifles, nifles, toys, paltry trash (ib)

baggage F *bagage*, from *bague* (see *bag*) Now usu replaced, exc in US, by *luggage* Applied also disparagingly to, usu young, women Cf *naughty pack*, *nice piece of goods*, etc, also F *garnement*, in same sense Perh influenced by F *bagasse*, quean (OF *baïasse*), glossed *baggage* by Cotg Thus from It *bagascia*, glossed *baggage* by Flor, of unknown origin

bagno It *bagno*, bath, L *balneum*, later, brothel (cf *slew*) In sense of convict prison, introduced after abolition of the galleys, from *bagno*, oriental prison, said to be due to the conversion of an old Roman bath at Constantinople into a prison

bagpipe Now chiefly Sc, but once a favourite rural E instrument

A baggepipe wel koude he [the miller] blowe and sowne,

And therewithal he broghte us out of tounne (Chaucer A 565)

bah Cf F *bah*! See *bay*³.

bahadur Hind, *bahādūr*, hero, champion, title of honour orig conferred by great Mogul and introduced into India by Chinghiz Khan, cf *Bobs Bahadur*, the late Lord Roberts Forms are found also in Russ (*Bogatyri*), Pol, Hung, Manchu, etc Origin uncertain Sanskrit *bhaga-dāra*, happiness possessing, and Zend *bagha-puthra*, son of God, have been suggested

baignoire Lowest tier box at theatre F, orig dressing-box at bath See *bagno*

bail Oldest sense, friendly custody (Law L

ballum), OF *bail* (now = lease), *baile*, from *bailler*, to give (still dial F), L *bagularis*, to bear, from *bajulus*, porter. This is the accepted etym, though the sense-development is not easy to establish With *I'll go bail* cf *I'll be bound* ME *bail*, also *baill*, enclosure, is OF *bail*, *baile*, stockade, etc, perh evolved from the idea of authority contained in *bailler*, to have in power, control, etc, but possibly rather connected with L *baculum*, staff The Old Bailey (*Vetus Ballum*, Duc) was the *ballum* of the City wall between Lud Gate and New Gate The cricket *baile*s were orig a cross-piece about two feet long resting on two stumps This is dial, F *bail*, cross-bar on two stakes, prob L *baculum* Cf also the *bail*, or separating-bar, in a stable, and Austral *bail*, framework for securing head of a cow while milking Hence to *bail up* (a cow), and prob the bushrangers' summons The relative shares of *bajulus* and *baculum* in this group of words are hard to establish In view of the extraordinary sense-development of the E *staff*, it seems likely that etymologists have hardly given *baculum* its due

bail² To scoop up water See *bale*³

baile, bailiff OF *baillif* (*bailli*), VL **bajulus*, orig official in charge of castle (see *bail¹*) In OF the *f* was lost before -s, hence ME *baile* and the Sc form The E word has gradually descended in meaning, exc in some spec titles, while Sc *baile*, orig equivalent to sheriff, has retained more of the earlier sense For *bailiwick* see *wick*²

barn Sc form introduced into E literature c 1700, cf obs or dial E *bern*, *barn*, AS, *bearn* Com Teut, cf obs Du *baren*, OHG ON Goth *barn*, cogn with *bear*²

bait First as verb ON *beita*, to cause to bite, causal of *bíta*, to bite, cf Ger *beizen*, to etch, lit to make bite Hence *bear baiting*, etc, to *bait* (ie feed) horses Cf *bait* for fish, and see *abet* Cf also OF *beter* (*un ours*), from Teut

baize Earlier *bayes*, pl of *bay*⁴, from its orig colour, for pl cf *chintz* Du *baai* has same sense

baye the cloth called *bayes* (Cotg)

bake AS *bacan* Com Teut, cf Du *bakken*, Ger *backen*, ON *baka*, ? cogn with L *focus*, hearth Past tense was orig *bōc*, and strong pp *baken* is usual in AV With *baker legs*, knock-knees, cf *housemaid's*

knee painter's colic clergyman's throat etc Baker's do en i.e. thurteen is due to extra loaf being supplied according to law by medieval bakers to retail hucksters. With *half baked* imbecile cf. syon dial *sam souden* AS *samsoden* half boiled (see *sand blind*)

She boke thert loo es (Wyc 1 Sam xxv 1 24)
A regreterescen xil darree de payn p xi
(Lib 41b 2)

baksheesh See *bachsheesh*

Balaam Disappointing prophet (Aumb xvii-xiv) In journalism stock paragraph kept for filling up when news is short: app first so used by *Blackwood's Magazine*
balance F VI **balancia* for *bilanc* *balanc* from bis twice *lanc* platter Confused in some fig senses with *ballast* The *balance of power* is recorded for 1701 (*London Gazette*) for earlier *ballance of Europe* (1653)

The centre and characteristic of the old order which that unstable thing which we used to call the balance of power

(Presid at Wilson Dec 3 98)

balas [archaic] Ruby F *balais* (cf. It *balaso* o Sp *balay*) MedL *balasemus* Arab *balakhsh* from Pers *Badakhshān* district near Samarcand

balbriggan (hose) From *Balbriggan* Co Dublin

balcony Earlier *balcone* It from *balco* scaffold OHG *bal* *ho* balk beam Vulgar *balcony* was usual up to 18 cent etc once in Swift whose pronunc made Samuel Rogers sick Swift's was prob lr (cf *police for police*)

Th m lds to the doors and th balconies ran
(Sw 11)

At Edmonton his lo'ing w f

From th bal cony sped

Her t'nd t'hu b'nd w'nd r'g' mach

T'ee h'w'he d'ld f'ld (J An G 19)

bald Earlier *balded* from Welsh *bal* white streak on the brow (see *bad er*) when *e* *Ball* name of a horse in Tusser of a sheep in the *Promptuari* of a dog in *Perry's expenses of Henry VIII* in each case named from having a *blaze* (q v) a word which has the same double meaning e.g. Hexham explains Du *blesse* as a bald forelead a white star in the forehead of a horse Cf similar use of *bald* by horse dealers and tavern signs of *Balka et Stag* also *balkinoot* There has been association also with *bal* cf *bald* as a *bill* a *d* *bill* To go for a thing *baldhead* (US) may be a perversion of Du *bald* fat g audacious

altered under influence of *bald* bold (as though bold doing) from *baldadig* of which first element is cogn with *bale* (q v) f *baloorig* stubborn *bilst rig* perverse

H heed w balled th t bove as glia
(Ch A 198)

b l l d d g h d t e r n p p s (h l l)

baldachin *baldaquin* [a ch'ne] It h stuff usu *brudekin* in NL later a canopy orig hung with this material I *bald q u* It *baldacchino* MedL *baldakin* s from *Baldacco* It name of Bz had place of origin *balderdash* Orig (17 cent) poor mixed drink hence jumbled nonsense MedL *bald* duct m strained milk wa. similarly used Origin of both words unkn wn (cf *flap doodle stan* 11101) ? Conn cted with Dan pl dder slush weak tipple foolish talk which is unit of splashing sound

b l d e r d a s h of drink m t p s of other thngs
f r e (L 1)

baldric ME also *bawdrick* *brud y* the latter from OF form *bawdris* Cf late OHG *bald rich* As the *baldric* was very ornamental the word may represent the OHG name *Baltarik* or AS *Beadric* bold rich whence F surname *Baudry* and our *Black Baudry* et For similar cases see *goblet nickel tinker* etc

bale [poet] Harm AS *bealo* woe calamity Com Teut cf OSax *bein* OHG *balo* ON *bó* also Goth *balu* adj A poet ord in AS & ME often contrasted alliteratively with *boot* profit and *blys* Obe by 1600 but revived by mod romantics Hence *baleful* *Balefire* often understood as belonging to the same word and hence wronglv used as AS *bælfyr* from *bæl* blaze funeral pile ON *bál* Its error use as beacon fire is due to Scott.

Her fa e wraun d to bl as or bale (Chr 1 bef)

Sweet T t l l on th sal er tld

The glarun b l firs bl no more (La iv 1)

The t le fies t murthero s l c nee and s age
anarchy (M 11 3)

bale Of goods AF var of F *balle* ball¹ *bale*

bale Verb From archaic *bail* buckel F *bail* e MedL *aquae baiula* points to orig sense of water bearer (see *bail*) and sense development as in *scullion* (q v)

baleen Whalebone Orig whale F *baleine* L *balaena*

balefire [poet] See *bale*¹

baleful See *ba*¹

balk, baulk AS *balca*, ridge Com Teut; cf Du *balk*, Ger *balhen*, ON, *bjállu*, all meaning beam, also ON *bálki*, hedge, boundary The *baulk* at billiards is one of the latest developments of the ground-meaning of boundary Hence verb to *balk*, intrans to dodge, avoid, trans to hinder, i.e. interpose a balk, cf *thwart* Or it may be a ploughing metaphor, to go off the line (see *delirium*)

Balkanize [*force-word*] To convert into a set of hostile units

This treaty tends to Balkanize—if we may coin the word—three fourths of Europe

(Obs May 17, 1910)

ball¹ Sphere ME *bal*, ON *böllr*, cogn with Ger *vall*, whence F *balle* Senses may have been affected by It *palla* (see *palmail*), which is from Teut The three (golden) balls are supposed to have been taken from the *palle* in the coat-of-arms of the Medici family, the early pawnbrokers having been of It origin

It would enable me to bear my share of the Vauxhall bill without a disagreeable reference to the *three blue balls* (Hickey's *Memoirs*, 1 334)

ball² Dance F *bal*, from OF *baler*, to dance, Late L *ballare*, ? from G βαλλίζω, to dance Cf *ballad*, *ballet*

ballad F *ballade*, Prov *balada*, orig a dancing-song (see *ball²*) F *ballade* is a poem of fixed form, usu three stanzas and *envoi* with refrain line In E it has various meanings and is earlier found as *ballat*, *ballet*, etc In the High St of Amersham, Bucks, is a notice dated 1821, to the effect that the constable has orders to apprehend all *ballad-singers*

I occasioned much mirth by a ballet I brought with me, made from the seamen at sea to their ladies in town [Lord Dorset's "To all you ladies now on land"] (Pepys)

ballast Second element is *last*, burden (whence F *lest*, *ballast*), found in all Teut langs (see *last¹*), first element is doubtful, perhaps *bare*, as oldest form appears to be *barlast* (OSw & ODan) Another possibility is that it is a LG *bal*, worthless, which appears in Du *balsturig*, cross, perverse Some earlier E forms show confusion with *balance* *Ballast* in road-making (19 cent) is the same word, from the stones, sand, etc used as ship's ballast

Solid and sober natures have more of the ballast than of the sail (Bacon)

ballerina It, dancing girl Cf *ballet*

ballet F, It *balletto*, dim. of *ballo*, ball, dance See *ball²*, *ballad*

ballista [*nst*] Catapult L, from G βάλλειν, to cast

ballum [*nst*] Latinized form of *bailey* See *ball¹*

ballon d'essai F, small balloon sent up to determine direction of wind before ascent was made

balloon F *ballon*, It *ballone*, "a great ball, a foot-ball" (Flor), augment. of *balla*, ball, from Teut Earlier meaning, football In current sense in ref to Montgolfier's aerostat (1783)

ballot It *ballotta* dim of *balla*, ball (cf *blackball*) Earliest references are to Venice

ballottare to choose, to cast or draw lots with bullets, as they use in Venice (Flor)

Ballplatz [*nst*] Austrian Foreign Office. From address Cf *Quai d'Orsay*, etc

bally [*slang*] From c 1885 as euph for *bloody*. Cf *blooming*, *blinking*, *blighter*. Perh from music-hall tag *Ballyhoo! truth*, suggested as Ir for *whole bloody truth*

ballyrag, *bullyrag* First in US *bulrag* (1758) with sense of *haze²*. ? Cf *bulldoze* Perh. both orig from bull-baiting Hence mod schoolboy *rag*

balm ME also *baume*, F *baume*, L *balsamum* Orig an aromatic vegetable juice

balm-cricket Cicada Mistransl of Ger *baumgrille*, tree cricket

balmoral In various trade-names. Sc residence (Aberdeen) of Queen Victoria

balmy [*slang*] For earlier *barmy* (q v)

We don't care a damn for Will-a-am,
Because we know he's balmy (T Atkins)

balsam It *balsamo*, L *balsamum*, G βάλαμον, Heb *baalschamen*, lung of oils See *Baal* *Balsam* is found in AS, but was replaced, till c 1600, by *balm*

baltimore Black and orange starling (US) Colours of Lord *Baltimore*, proprietor of Maryland (17 cent)

baluster, *banister* F *balustre*, It *balauastro*, from *balaustra*, flower of wild pomegranate, L *balaustrum*, G βαλαύστιον Orig the bulging colonets of a balustrade From shape *Banister*, formerly regarded as a vulgarnism, appears in 17 cent With corrupt cf. name *Bannister*, from *balestier*, crossbow man

balustres ballisters, little, round, and short pillars, ranked on the outside of cloisters, terraces, galleries etc (Cotg)

bam Humbug Goes with *bamboo* *le*
bambino It baby esp Infant Jesus Cf
G Bayfa v u to stunner See *babble*
bamboo Earlier *bambus* pl *bambuses* In
 most Europ langs earliest in Du (*bam-*
bors) Malay. As earliest form is *mambu* it
 may be for Malay *samambu* Malacca cane
bamboozle One of the numerous slang words
 appearing c 1700 Also in shortened form
bam 1erh connected with the onomat
bib (*jabble baby baboon* etc) Florio
 uses *ambambunius* to render Montaigne's
embaburner to make a fool (lit baboon) of
 cf also Catalan *embabacar* to deceive

Cert 1 words l entered by some pretty flow
 such as banter bamboozle (Swift)

Bampton lectures At St Mary's Oxford
 founded by Canon Bampton (1751)

ban¹ To proclaim etc Verb is older in F
 AS *binnan* to summon by proclamation
 later to curse excommunicate Com
 Teut cf obs Du *binnen* OIG *banman*
 ON *banna* Senses of noun have been
 partly influenced by F *ban* (MedL
bennum) of same origin Cf *banish* The
 proclamation sense survives in *banns* of
 marriage See *arrêre ban banal*

ban² Governor of certain districts in
 Hungary Croatia etc Pers *ban* lord
 Hence *banat* province

Banagher To bang See *beat*

banal F commonplace orig for public use
 of all under the same *ban* or feudal juris-
 diction See *ban¹*

banal common which anyone may and every
 one (residual) with liberty precinct must
 use and pay for the use of (Cot 1)

banana Sp or Port prob from native name
 (Guinea) but the coincidence of this
 name with the Arab *ba'nan* fingers or toes
 and *banana* a single finger or toe can
 hardly be accidental (Yule) But accord-
 ing to Platt *banana* is a Carib word early
 transferred to Africa (cf *jams cayman*
papaia)

Banbury In Oxf Famous since 16 cent
 for puntans cheeses and cakes VFD
 does not recognize the *Banbury chair*
 familiar to children

band¹ Ligature AS has only *band* (qv)
 but *band* is found in most Teut. langs It
 belongs to the verb to *bind* Earliest sense
 bond fetter etc In sense of flat strip
 ribbon etc it is F *bande* ult the same
 word Hence *bandbox* orig (17 cent)
 made for ban is or ruffs See also *bandog*

band² Company F *bande* It *banda* Prob
 cogn with *banner* (qv) and going back
 to Goth *bandun* sign flag Cf MedL
bandum banner It has also been popularly
 connected with *band¹* (cf *bande* l together)
 and possibly also with *band¹* The common
 E meaning as in *regimental band* (*band*
of musicians 17 cent) is unkn wn in
 I exe in archaic *grand bande* chamber
 orchestra of Louis XIV The *Band of Hope*
 dates from c 1847 Perh the popular
 association with *band¹* (v s) suggested to
 Dickens the *Infant Band of Joy* as the
 name of one of Mrs Fardiggle's beneficent
 organisations

bandanna Earlier *bandanno* Hind prob
 through Port Orig of a kind of dyeing
 in which the spotted effect was produced
 by tying the material in various ways

bandar log Nation of monkeys in Kipling's
Just So Book Fig any collection of irre-
 sponsible chatters and poseurs Hind
bandar monkey (cf *quandaroo*) to people

When our boys get back and beg to take the
 Bandar Log with them did in the Great War
 (Ian H y Carr 1918 b xv)

banderole F from archaic *bandière* banner
 It *bandiera*

bandicoot Large Indian rat Austral mar-
 supial of similar appearance Telugu *pandu*
hohtu pig rat

bandit Earlier *bandito* It *bandito* pp of
bandire to banish (qv) Cf *outlaw*

A Roman saw *bandit* and *banditto* l
 (2 Hen 11)

bandog For *band-dog* (*band*) Cf *leash*
hound and F *limier* from *lien* bond So
 also F *les limiers de la police* corresponding
 to our *bandogs of the law*

bandog m 1593 (Cath d gl)

bandoleer [mit] F *bandolier* sp *banda-*
le or It *bandoliera* from *binda* band
 strap

bandolier m Letters b d leers ha ges
 1k litt boxes hang ng t belt about his neck
 (Cotg)

bandoline For the hair F hybrid coinage
 from *bandeau* band of hair and L *line*
 to amount

bandy Verb From F *bander* to bandie
 at tennis (Cotg) hence to throw (jest
 reproaches etc) to and fro Of Teut
 origin and cogn with *bend* Sen e-develop-
 ment of the F word orig to bend a bow

is not quite clear For final -y, cf *levy*, *parry*

Had she affections and warm youthful blood,
She'd be as swift in motion as a ball,
My words would bandy her to my sweet love,
And his to me (*Rom & Jul* 11 5)

bandy² Hockey, orig the curved stick with which it is played Prob from *bend*, but influenced by *bandy*¹ See *hockey*

a *bandy* hama, clava falcata (Litt)

bandy³ Or *bandy-legged* Common sense suggests *bendy*, perh associated also with *bandy*² *Bandy-legged*, "valgus, varus" (Litt), is rather earlier than first *NED* record

bane Orig killer, murderer AS *bana* Com Teut., cf OSax OHG *bano*, ON *bani*, cogn with Goth *banya*, wound, and ult with G φάος, murder Hence also obs *bane*, to poison (*Merch of Ven* iv 1) Cf *henbane*

bang¹ To thump, etc ON *bang*, to beat, cf Du *bangen* In some senses inuit With *bang up*, smart, cf *slap up* *Bang-tail*, a horse's tail cut horizontally, is perh from the same word, suggesting abruptness, cf *bang goes saxpence* Also *bang*, a horizontal fringe across the forehead, orig US For to *bang Banagher* see *beat*

bang² Drug See *bhāng*

bangle From Hind *baṅgrī*, orig coloured glass bracelet or anklet

banian, *banyan* Port, Arab *banyān*, Gujarati *vāṇyo*, Sanskrit *vanij*, merchant Man of trading caste (see *bunya*) Orig pl (cf *Bedouin*) This caste abstains from animal food, hence naut *banyan day* The *banian tree*, a gigantic fig tree, obtained its E name from its being an object of veneration to the *banians*, who built their temples under it (v 1) App the name was first given to one at Gombroon, on the Persian Gulf

The govenour is a Bannyan, one of those kind of people that observe the law of Pythagoras (Purch 1609)

The Banian tree is a little beyond the great tank [of Surat] This is of an exceeding breadth, much honoured by the Banians (Peter Mundy, 1629)

He has been ill—and so he banyanned upon lobster salad and chocolate cream, washed down by deluges of champagne (Lady Lytton, 1839)

banish F *bannir*, *banniss-*, to proclaim as an outlaw, from *ban*¹ (q v) Cf Ger *verban-*
nen

banister See *baluster*

banjo Negro corrupt of archaic *bandore*, L *pandura*, G τανδοῦρα

pandura an instrument called a bandore like a lute, a rebeck, a violin (Litt)

"What is this, mamma?"—It is not a guitar, is it?"
"No, my dear, it is called a banjore, it is an African instrument, of which the negroes are particularly fond" (Miss Edgeworth, *Belinda*)

bank¹ Of earth Earliest sense, raised shelf or ridge ME *banke*, cf ON *bakki*, cogn with *bank*² and *bench* Hence naut. *banker*, boat fishing on Newfoundland bank, cf. *coaster* and 16 cent *roader* To *bank*, of an aeroplane, is borrowed from the motor racing-track

There is a rich fishing very neere this land [Newfoundland] called the *Banke*, where there doe yearly fish at least 400 French shippes

(R Havman to Charles I, 1628).

Practically, the whole of the French bankers are laid up in St Malo (Obs, Feb 10, 1918)

bank² Bench, etc F *banq*, OHG *banq*, ult ident with *bank*¹, cf Du *bank* In ME means bench, as still in some techn applications Hence *double-banked*, used of galleys with two tiers of oars, involving two tiers of rowing benches The financ *bank* is F *banque*, It *banca*, from OHG, orig money-changers' bench or table Most of our early financ words are It (cf *bankrupt*) *Bank-holidays* were established by Sir John Lubbock's Act (1871) in order to legalize the closing of banks on certain fixed days They were not intended as public saturnalia

Christ overthrew the exchangers banks (NED 1567)

bankrupt Earlier (16 cent) *bankrout*, F, *banqueroute*, It *banca rotta*, broken bank Now remodelled on L *rupta* See *bank*²

banksia Austral shrub From Sir Joseph Banks (†1820), botanist, companion of Captain Cook Cf *dahlia*, *fuchsia*, etc

banlieue F, outskirts (of a town) Orig. league (*lieue*) radius under town authority. See *ban*¹

banner OF *banere* (*bannière*), cf It *bandiera*, Sp *bandera*, from MedL *bandum*, *bandum*, flag See *band*² In the Rom langs there has been confusion with *ban*¹ (q v), and the ult origin of both groups of words is obscure The analogy of F *drapeau*, from *drap*, cloth, suggests that L *pannus*, cloth, may be involved

banneret OF *baneret*, adj., "bannered," with -et from L -atus Orig knight whose vassals fought under his own banner The

barbed [archaic] Of a horse, equipped and caparisoned Mistake for *barbed*, from F *barde*, horse-armour, also rough saddle, Sp Port *albarda*, packsaddle, Arab *albarda'at*

A bardit curser stout and bald (Gavin Douglas)

His glittering arms he will condemn to rust,
His barbed steeds to stables (*Rich II*, iii 3)

barbel OF *barbel* (*barbeau*), VL **barbellus*, dim of *barbus*, from its beard

barber ME *barbour*, OF *barbcor*, VL **barbator-em* Mod form partly due to suffix substitution (cf *turner* for *turnour*), partly to ModF *barbier*, It *barbiere* The barber was formerly also dentist and surgeon, hence *Company of Barber-Surgeons* (1461-1745) Hence the small metal bowls, orig for blood-letting, which are still the barber's sign in some countries, while the barber's pole is said to represent the bandage

My name is Salvation Yeo, born in Clovelly Street, in the year 1526, where my father exercised the mystery of a barber surgeon (*Westward Ho!*)

barberry OF *barberis*, with -s lost as in *cherry*, cf It *berberi*, Sp *berberis*, MedL *barbaris* Origin unknown The -berry is folk-etym

berberi sunt fructus cuiusdam arboris, *anglicè* *berberynes* (*Voc* 13 cent)

barbette [m'] Gun platform for firing over parapet or ship's turret F, dim of *barbe*, but sense-development not clear

barbican [hist] Outer defence F *barbacane* (12 cent), cf It *barbacane*, Sp *barbacana* A word that has given rise to very numerous conjectures, the most reasonable being Arab-Pers *bāb-khānah*, gate-house (see *Babel*), the regular name in the East for a towered gateway, which is about the meaning of *barbican* This leaves the -r unaccounted for, unless we assume association with *bar* There seems to be little doubt that the word comes from the Crusades (Joinville) For its survival as the name of a London street cf *Old Bailey* (see *barl*)

Egyptian rulers, from the Pharaohs to Napoleon and Mehemet Ali, have tried to seize it [Palestine] as the outer barbican of Africa

(*Daily Chron* Dec 11, 1917)

barcarolle F, Venet *barcarola*, It *barcaruola*, boatman's song, from *barca* See *bark*²

bard¹ Gael Ir. *bard*, whence G *βάρδος*, L *bardus* (in Lucan) Orig of Celt bards only, and, in Lowland Sc, of a vagabond minstrel Though first recorded by NED.

c 1450, it was a surname by 1297; cf Sc *Baird*

The Schireffe sal punish somers, over-lars,
maister full beggars, fuilles, bairdes, vagaboundes
(Skene)

bard² See *barbed*

bare AS *bær* Com Teut, cf Du *baar*, Ger *bar*, ON *beir* Orig uncovered, then unequipped, e.g. *back*, without addition of any kind, as in *bare majority* (*subsistence*) *Barefaced* (first in Shaks) has degenerated from orig sense of undisguised, without scheming

barège Fabric, from *Barèges* (Hautes-Pyrénées)

baresark See *berserk*

bargain OF *bargagne*, cf It *bargagno*, Port *barganha* The corresponding verb, OF *bargagner* (*barguigner*), found also in the other Rom langs, is Late L *barcanare*, to haggle (temp Charles the Bald) Many forms and derivatives are found in MedL, but the origin is unknown OHG *borganyan* to lend, borrow, pledge, has been suggested, but the -a- of the Rom forms is against this If the word was orig OF and borrowed by the other Rom langs, it may be simply *gagner*, to gain (q.v.), with pejorative prefix *bar-*, or even represent a mixture of *gagner* and the synon *barater*, to barter With to *strike a bargain* cf *swap*, *lope*³

barguigner to chaffer, to bargain, or (more properly) to wrangle, dodge, haggle, brabble, in the making of a bargain (Cotg)

barge F, Late L *barga*, var of *barca*, bark². *Bargee* is used by Pepys Like most ship-names, has had a variety of senses NED does not recognize slang to *barge*, rush heavily

barilla Plant Sp *barrilla*, "saltwort" (Minsh)

baritone See *barytone*

barium [chem] Isolated and named by Davy (1808), from G *βαρύς*, heavy

bark¹ Of a tree ON *borkr*, prob cogn with *birch* Native word is *rind*

bark², barque Vessel F *barque*, It *barca*, Late L *barca*, ship of burden, of doubtful origin ² From G *βάρυς*, boat, from Egypt Cf the earlier *barge* The spelling *barque* is now limited to a spec rig

bark³ Verb AS *beorcan*, orig strong, with p.p. *borcen*, cf ON. *berka*, from *barkr*, windpipe Hence *barker*, pistol, fire arm *Chien qui abbaye* [above] *ne mord pas* the dog that barks much, bites little, a great prater, a weak performer (Cotg)

barley Orig adj as still in *barleycorn* AS *barlic* from *bere* barley cf ON *barr* corn barley Goth *barizans* of barley ult cogn with L *far* corn John *Barleycorn* as emblem of malt liquor occurs in the title of a ballad in the Pepys collection Cf the old song of the *barley-mow* where *mow* means heap stack *Barley water* dates from 14 cent With *barleycorn* as unit of measure cf *grain* as unit of weight

It was ordeyned [by the Statute of Westminster] that all barley-cornes take out of the middes of the re maketh a inch (*Coventry Letter Book* 1474)

barin Yeast froth AS *beorma* with LG and Scand cognates cf Ger dial *barne* ult cogn with I *fermentum* Hence *barmy* now often spelt *balmy*

Hope p is that h st into y urled

Ouhlik boyles your barmy br

(Mt *tgomen* c 1600)

Why did I jo the R V A S?

Why didn't I join th army?

Why did I come to Salonika

(Chorus) I must have been — well barmy (Anon.)

Barmecide banquet Allusion to a tale in the *Arabian Nights* of a prince who offered an imaginary feast to a beggar The *Barmecides* were a family ruling in Baghdad just before Haroun al Raschid Cf *Al naschar dreams*

barn ME *bern* AS *berærn* barley place of which contracted forms also occur in AS Cf relation of L *horreum* barn to *hordeum* barley *Barn sterner* strolling actor 18th cent

Barnaby Feast of St Barnabas (June 11) considered the longest day under the Old Style

Barn by bright

Longest day and shortest night

barnacle For horses ME *barnele* earlier *bernak* AF *bernac* glossed *canus* 1 bit snaffle Cf also OF *bernicles* Saracen instrument of torture (Joinville) Origin unknown In sense of spectacles (16 cent) *barnacles* seems to be a playful extension of the same word due to the way in which *barnacles* are fitted to a horse's nose There may also have been association with F *bericles* spectacles formerly *bericles* This is rendered *baracles* in Mottet's translation of Rabelais (*Pantagruel* v 27)

A scourge to an hors, and a bernacle to an asse

(Wyc *Prose* x l 3)

barnacle I and of wild goose shell fish ME *berneckhe* *bernale* OF *bernaque* MedL *bernaca* etc The connection of the two is

due to a very ancient and wide spread superstition that the goose was hatched from shell fish adhering to trees over the water Of the numerous conjectures that the word has provoked the most reasonable is that which derives it from Gael *barnea* a limpet from *barne* rock But the weak point in this theory is that although the goose is supposed to spring from the shell fish the former recorded some centuries earlier Also the Gael word may be borrowed from E Cf also Sp *bernice* Port *berna* The following quat shows the muddled character of the superstition

S slow Bootes ad m ath h m res

In thy eldes those good gs h ebt f t es,

Whose fru of ill a es fall ng int th wat

Ar turn d (th y) to b ung fowles wron it

So rotten s des f broken el pps doo ha e

To barnacles O transform them t ange

'Twas first a green tree th gull t h ll

Lot by a snu br m ow a fly g gull (ylv 6)

barnacles Spectacles See *barnacle*

barney (slang) Lark spree earlier (c 1800)

humbag 2 From name *Barnaby* (for *Barnab*)

cf abstr sense of *paddy*

Barnum US proprietor of the greatest show on earth (1891)

It attend t ff ers g g ntu men selected on th

Barn m pri lpi

(S L H ghes, V P on *Haver's* entry to Jer sal m)

barometer From G *βαρος* weight Due to Boyle (17 cent)

baron F Late L *baro-n* used in Salic Law as equivalent to *homo* cf double meaning of AS *mann* man warrior hero an is nse development of *an* cf *unusual* etc Origin unknown but prob Teut According to some it is L *baro* sumpleton whence it *ba one* rogue which seems unlikely The *baron* of *barf* or double surn is a victim in due to the old story of knighting the lion *Baronet* is used for surn by Fielding (v 1) The title *baronet* occurs in 14 cent but its exact meaning is doubtful though it seems to have been used for *baronnet* (q v) The present order dates from 1611 and was established to raise money for the settlement of Ulster Orig obtainable for £1000 but it is understood that the current price is now h h her

The sight of the most beef struck him dumb permitting him only to say *grac* and t declare h must p y his respects t the baronet. I w so he alled the surn (Tom Jon iv 20)

baroque Orig (irregularly shaped pearl. F Port *barroco* or Sp *barroco* Origin unknown

barouche Earlier (1805) *birutsche*, Ger dial *barutsche*, *birutsche*, It *baroccio*, for *biroccio*, from L *birotus*, two-wheeled, from *bis* and *rota* Cf F *brouette*, wheel-barrow, earlier *berouette*, dim of OF *beroue*, L *birota*

barque See *bark*²

barquentine Differs from a barque in having only the fore-mast square-rigged Sp *bergantin*, brigantine, confused with *barque* (see *bark*², *brig*)

barracan See *barragan*

barrack F *baraque*, It *baracca* or Sp *barraca*, cogn with *bar* Orig booth, hut, which is still the meaning of F *baraque* Hence *barracon*, slave pen (Sp)

barracking On the cricketfield Said to come from a native Austral (NSW) word *borak* meaning derision It bears a curious resemblance to *barrakin'*, gibberish, formerly used in East End of London This is F *baïgoun* (q v)

barracoon See *barrack*

barracuda, *barracoota* Large Wind seapereh Origin unknown ? From Sp *bar-rigudo*, big-bellied

barraoulla the name of a fish peculiar to some parts of America (Phillips)

barragan Orig coarse camlet Earlier *bar-racan* OF *baracan*, *baragant* (*bouracan*), Arab *barrakān*, camlet, from Pers *barak*, garment of camel's hair Cf Du *barhan*, Ger *barhent*

barrage [hist] Adopted in the Great War for curtain fire, intended to isolate the objective F, barrier, weir, from *barrer*, to bar

Keep up a steady potato barrage from the end of March until May (*Daily Chron*, Feb 2, 1918)

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig passed into London through a creeping barrage of cheers

(15 Dec 20, 1918)

barratry [leg] Formerly traffic in church office, simony, now esp marine fraud OF *baraterie*, from *barate*, fraud, strife, cf It *barattare*, to barter (q v), Sp *baratar*, to sell cheap, OIt *baratta*, strife All app from ON *barátta*, strife, if this is a genuine ON word, in which case it may have been taken to the South by the Vikings It *barataria* occurs in marine laws of Amalfi (11 cent)

barrel F *baril*, with forms in all Rom langs ? Connected with *bar*, cf F *au-dessus* (*au-dessous*) *de la barre*, of wine regarded as superior (inferior) according as it is drawn from the upper (lower) part of the cask,

the latter being strengthened by an internal bar or stanchion The *barrel organ* (18 cent) is so called because the keys are struck by pins on a revolving barrel or cylinder For gen sense of cylinder, as in *gun-barrel*, cf *tunnel*.

barren Orig of female Arehaie F *bréhaigne*, OF *brehaing*, *baraing*, etc Origin obscure Perl from OHG *ham*, mutilated, preceded by the pejorative *partiele bar-*. Cf Ger *hammel*, castrated ram Sec *main'*

barret [hist] Cap F *barrette* See *biretta*
barriade F, It *barricata* or Sp *barricada*, from *barrica*, barrel, used in extempore barriers Incorr *barricado* is found earlier, cf *ambuscado*, *armado*, *basinado* Hist. esp in ref to Parisian émeutes

barriguade a barricado, a defence of barrels, timber, pales, earth, or stones, heaped up, or closed together, and serving to stop up a street, or passage, and to keep off shot, etc. (Cotg)

barrico [naut] See *breaker*
barrier F *barrière*, from *barre*, bar.
barring-out Recorded for 1728 (Swift)
Revolts, republics, revolutions, most
No graver than a schoolboys' "barring-out"
(Tennyson, *Princess*)

barrister Earlier *barrester*, *barraster* Mod formation from *bar*, app modelled on *chorister*, *sophister* Cf ME *legistre* (from *lex*) and its MedL form *legista* The name originated with the bar of the Inns of Court, but is now associated with the bar of a tribunal See *bar*.

barrow¹ Funeral mound Orig hill, mountain AS *beorg* Com Teut, cf Du *Ger berg*, ON *berg*, *bjarg*, Goth *baïrgahai*, mountain chain Prob also Aryan, -cf Armen *berj*, OIr *brig*, etc

barrow² Vehicle AS *beorwe* Orig stretcher, bier (q v), hand-barrow, cogn with *bear*² Later meaning may have been affected by F dial *barou*, app related to *brouette*, wheel-barrow (see *barouche*)

They brought out the syke and layed them upon beddes and barowes (Coverd *Acts*, v 15)

bart Abbrev of *baronet*

barter [archaic] F. *barater*, to deceive, in OF to exchange, haggie, from *baral* (see *baratry*), cf It *barattare*, Sp *baratar* For connection between trading and cheating cf Ger *tauschen*, to exchange, *täuschen*, to deceive

baratar to sell cheap, to deceive (Percyvall)

barater to cheat, couden, beguile, deceive, lie, cog, foist, in bargaining, also, to trucke, scourse, barter, exchange (Cotg)

bartizan [*poet*] Sc (16 cent) of uncertain meaning but app corrupt of *bratticing* timber work. Currency is due to Scott. See *brattice*.

brachymeria propugnatorum (Calk & Pl.)

barton [dial]	Enclosure in various senses
AS <i>beretan</i>	See <i>ba ley</i> and <i>town</i>

barytes (min) From barium (q.v.)

barytone baritone F *baryton* or *It baritono*
from C β pers heavy vo or tone

basalt I *basites* said by Pliny to be an
Afr. word. Not connected with sulf.

basan basan Kind of sheep skin leather
Corruptly basil basil F bisane Prov
bazana Sp badini Arab b tawah inside
lining

basinet See *basinet*

bascul (mash) F see saw for earlier *bascul*
from OF *basculer* from *bas* re to beat cul
posterior

The practice of flying through the Tow Bridge between the high level foot ways and the barrels must cease (Daily Chron. June 27, 1919)

base¹ Noun I L G β_{4015} step also
pedestal from β_{31} γ to step

base¹ Adj F *bus* VL *lassus* stumpy
common in classical L vs cognomen For
sense development of *low* *Baseborn* may
be for earlier *low-born* but as there is no
other example of adv use of *base* it is
perh connected with OF *filz de bast*
whence ME *a bast* shore *bastborn* (cf
bastard)

baseball. Now chiefly US so-called from the bases or bounds which mark the circuit but these bases were taken over from *Prisoners* ba e (15 cent.) which is for *barr* the r being lost as in *bass*¹ (q v)

base play batt (P om/N Part)

ba'x flə ʒu a x ha'ntə (Pakɿ)

barrier to play I have or prison bars (C. 13)

baseborn See *ba e*

basement Connected by VED with base
by Skeat with base Cf F *oula* a *sement*
with very similar meaning But Cotg has
marked as archaic o *basement* app from
baster (balt) which ult the sens better
soudement a foundon on or ground work low
building w th n the ground for the support of rootines
abo e ero d (C lg.)

bash [collog] Chiefly northern Origin unknown ? Cf Sw *basa* Dan *baste* to beat ? or mixture of such words as *bang* and *smash* Cf also archaic and dial *bash*

bashaw Earlier T form of *bašah* (q v)

bashful From *abash* (q v) Formerly also

daunted e.g. Clarendon speaks of a bash
ful army. Cf ME *bashment* discomfiture
bashi bazouk Turk irregular soldi r Turk
bashi borni on whose head is turned
App became familiar at time of Crimean
War Cf *Pasha* *Limba* *hi*

This firm of Rash Narokimov actually called nationalization in the jargon of the Southern Bolshevik (D. I. Ch. on July 2, 1921).

basil Plant of the side of the Basil
royal (sovereign remedy) ModF & the
means both the plant and the Basil
In the OF names for both the same con-
fusion appears no doubt as a result of
some belief in the plant is an antidote
against the bite of the reptile

basil See **basil**

Basilian *Of St Basil* bishop of Caesarea as
in *Basilian lit* 47

basilica L G βασιλική (sc a) royal dwelling Later hall of justice then the same used as a place of worship In Rome applied spec to the 6 cen churches established by Constantine

basilisk Fabulous monster ocatrice whose
 breath and glance were fatal Hence
basilisk glance G β rɪ ɔ or little king
 becau of a mark depi ted on the head
 resembling a crown Cf *L rr ulus* lit
 little king

There [un] do] ben the t I ocks wt h b ve th
sight so enyn that is a] men
(Castro / M / r / N / w / d)

To per and th e bacillus (E lig regul
volan (Dow) B h I x 6)

basin OF basin (bas in) VL *baculum*
(Gregory of Tours) for *baculum* from
bas vessel for water (Isidore) Hence
also It *baculo* Sp *baci* Cer *becken* Ult
origin unknown Perh a Gaulish word and
coen with F *dic* trough ferryboat.

basinet *basinet basnet* Bas n shaped helmet OF *basinet* dim of *basin* *basin* Cf *synon* Ger *hess elmut* lit kettle hat Mod *bowler* belongs to the same class of ideas. Obs 1600-1800 but revived by Scott.

A d a dragon hasyn f on his heed
(W r. Sam x 45)

has of full bowl small b son bo the
scull bought him a cow had piece worn in old
time by the French in a of arms (Cotg)

have L. See base!

bask ON *bath* *ask* whence ModEsl *bathask*
to bathe oneself reflex. of *ba* *ha* to bathe
For formation of *bask*¹. See *bath*
Sceng. his brother *baskynge* in his lound (Lyda. 1)

Baskerville Famous Birmingham printer (†1775) Cf *aldine, elzevir*

basket At one time thought to be Celt, but Gael *baseard*, Ir *basgaod*, Welsh *basged* are from E. A supposed Gaulish word *baseauda* is used by Juvenal and Martial, the latter of whom expressly describes it as British. The *NED*'s objection that *baseauda* is described as a tub or brazen vessel, and so could not be a basket, is not serious, as the change of meaning could easily be paralleled Cf *canister*, now a metal receptacle, from L *canistrum*, a wicker basket. Moreover *baseauda* gave OF *baschoe*, a basket. In OF we also find *basche*, *basse*, used in the same sense. It would appear that *basket*, found in AF c 1200, though not recorded in continental OF, must have been a dim. formation belonging to the same group. This leaves the real origin of *baseauda* unsolved. It may be cogn. with L *fascia*.

Barbara de pietis veni baseauda Britannus, Sed me jam mavult dicere Roma suam (Martial)

baselore a kind of flat-sided basket, of wicker, close woven, and pitched in the inside, used in times of vintage (Cotg)

basnet See *basinet*

bason [Bibl] Archaic form of *basin*

Basque Race and non-Aryan lang. of western Pyrenees. Late L *Vasco*, *Vasconia*. Its only contribution to E is perh *jingo*.

basque Of a dress. F, earlier also *baste*. Origin unknown. Prob. not connected with the national name *Basque*, although from this we have *basquine*, "a Spanish vardingale" (Cotg).

bas-relief F, It *bassorilievo*. See *base*² and *relief*.

bas¹ Fish. Earlier *baise* (still in dial), AS *bærs*, of Du *baars*, Ger *barsch*, *haulbars*, perch, cogn. with *bristle*.

bas² Fibre. See *bast*. Hence *bass-broom*, *bass-wood*.

bas³ [mus] Formerly *base*, now remodelled on It *basso*, *base*².

basset¹ Short-legged dog. OF, dim. of *bas*, low.

basset a ternier, or earthing bergle (Cotg)

basset² [archaic] Card-game. F *bassette*, It *bassella*, supposed to be in some way connected with *basso*, low.

bassinet(te) Cradle. First in Thackeray. Supposed to be a dim. of F *basin*, basin, but this seems unlikely, and F *bassinnet* is not used in same sense. Perh. corrupted

from F *bereclonnette*, double dim. of *bereau*, cradle.

bassoon F *basson*, augment of *basse*, *bass*¹.

bast Inner bark of lime. AS *bæst*. Com. Teut.; cf Du Ger ON *bast*. See *bass*².

bastard OF *bastard* (*bâtard*) with corresponding forms in most Europ. langs. In OF, also *fiis de bast*, son of a pack-saddle, with pejorative ending -art, Ger -hart. Cf synon. OF *contrart*, from *corte*, quilt, Ger *bankert*, earlier *bankart*, from *bank*, bench, LG *mantelkind*, mantle child, ON *hrísungr*, from *hrís*, brushwood. See *banthing* and *bat*². Not always a term of reproach, e.g. the Conqueror is often referred to as *William the Bastard*. Cf surname *Bastard*.

A bastard, or he that is i gete of a worthy fader. and i bore of an unworthy moder (Trev. ii. 269)

I begat the whoreson in bast,
It was done all in haste (Nature, c. 1475)

bancheard spurius, nothus, illegitimus, non in lecto genialis, sed quovis scamno fortuito a matre conceptus (Kil)

bast¹ To sew. OF *bastir*, OHG *bastjan*, *bestan*, to sew with *bast* (q.v.). Or, the E word being app. earlier recorded than the F, the verb may be of native formation from *bast*. See also *bastille*.

baastyng of cloth subatura (Prompt. Parv)

I baste a garment with threde je bastys (Palsg)

bast² Cooking. OF *basser*, to soak, the mod. form being from the p.p. The OF word is of unknown origin.

to bast the rost basser (du Guez).

The fat pygge is baast (Barclay)

bast³ To beat. Jocular application of *bast²*.

Both occur first as p.p. Cf Ger *schmieren*, to rub, lit. to anoint, and F *frotter*. See also *smite*.

froter to rub, to chafe, to fret, or grate against, also, to bathe, also, to cudgell, thwack, baste or knocke soundly (Cotg)

bastille F, from Prov *bastida*, from *bastire*, to build. Now only of the historic building in Paris, but in common ME use (*bastel*, etc.), of a fort. The popular form occurs as late as Butler. The derivation of *bâtir*, OF *bastir*, MedL *bastire*, is doubtful, but some authorities derive it from OHG *bastjan*, to sew with *bast*, hence construct, a very possible sense-development. See *bast¹*.

Conveys him to enchanted castle,
There shuts him fast in wooden bastille (Hudibras).

bastinado Sp *bastonada* beating from *baston* cudgel (see *baton*) For ending see *ambus cade arma* f. The limitation of meaning to beating the soles of the feet is comparatively mod. See *drub*

bastion F. It. *bastione* from *bastia* fort (whence *Bastia* in Corsica) from *bast* re to Lull L. See *basilla*

bat Cudgel etc. AS *ba* t club } from Celt. Some senses path from F *bâle* which is usu. connected with *battre* to beat. The cricket *bat* is recorded for 1701. To carry (bring out) one's *bat* goes back to the less luxurious days when the man out left the bat for the next comer. *Bat* lump cloth is supposed to be the same word hence *bricabac*. Also *bat* pace as in *a great bat* from dual sense of stroke. *Batfouls* (T. & P. II 1) means dazing birds with a light at night and then knocking them down with a bat.

With *bvm* came a grete rump } with *sw* r. 11
and *battia* (Wye *MAZ*, xiv. 47)

bat (animal) In ME usu *bakke* Origin obscure but app. Scand. Cf. Dan *afan bakke* evening bat Sw dual *nat batta* night bat. The AS term was *hol emus* from *holan* to shake cf. Ger *fledermaus* and E dual *fishermouse* (Tennyson)

Moldewarps and backes (w. reccomyr)
(Wye *Is II* 10)

bat (mil.) Packsaddle F *bât* OF *bast* MedL. *bastum* Relation to G *β* or *β* v to bear is unlikely. Now only in mil. use cf. *bathorse* *batman* the latter used by Washington (1757)

batata Sweet potato Sp and Port. prob. from Hayti. Applied later to another plant in the *f. tm. potato* (q. v.)

Batavian Occ. used of the Dutch L. *B. toris* and *Batavi* inhabitants of island of *Batavia* bet. cen the Rhine and the Waal. Second element is cogn. with *bat* (q. v.) and appears also in *Scandinavia*

batch Orig. a "baking of bread" ME *bach* from *bake* (cf. *match* and *make*) For sense-development cf. F *fournée* ovenful used of the "batches in which victims were sent to the guillotine during the Reign of Terror. Mod. *whole batch* is a similar metaphor.

batche of bread *fournée de pain* (F. I. 8)

bate Aphet for *abate* (q. v.) Esp. in *bated break* to *bate* a job. Hence *bating* except, barring

bate Strife Aphet for *debate* Now only in archaic *makebate*

bath For washing AS *bat* Com. Teut. cf. Du. Ger. *bad* Oñ. *bath* With *bath* *bathe* cf. *grass graze* The Order of the Bath established temp. Hen. IV. and revived temp. George I. takes its name from the justification of the new knight. The town of *Ipswich* was orig. *at bathum* at the baths (cf. Ger. *Baden*) and *Hora* & *Walpole* still called it the Bath. Hence *bat* *bathe* lunatics being supposed to benefit from the waters. Also *Bath bus* *char* *bat* (male at Bridgewater) *stone* *Oliver* (from the name of a Bath doctor) *chap* etc.

As at times of the tide [t. Mux. t. th. mach. s. s. or bathing wagons can drift a proper depth into the sea (J. Ames, c. 1740)]

bath Liquid measure (F. v. 10) Heb. *Bathonia* (geol.) From ModL. *Fathonia* Bath.

bathos C. β *batos* depth. In literary sense introduced by Pope

My heart is in the grave with her
The family went abroad (Alexander Smith)

bating See *bate*

batiste I. cambric Said to be from name of first manufacturer at Cambrai (13 cent.)

batman See *bat*

baton Earlier *baton* F. *bâton* OF *bas* on of doubtful origin. See also *baton* Very general as symbol of authority, hence the *baton* of a Marshal. The *baton* of the *chef d'orchestre* is of recent F. introduction.

batrachian From C. *batrachos* frog

batta (mil.) Extra allowance for officers serving in India. Earlier maintenance Indo-Port. orig. from Canarese *bhatta* rice Cf. hist. of salary. See *pidly*

battalion F. *ba* *nillon* It. *battaglia*, hence dim. of *bataglia*. See *battle*. Earlier one of the main divisions of an army.

battalion a battalion a great aquadron, the main title (Flux)

battels [Orf.] Colliery bill esp. for provisions from *battery*. Prob. connected with *bathe* to grow fat which is app. a var. of *baton* (q. v.) Latinized as *battilli* *batellie* (16 cent.) Quot. 1 is a century older than *NED* record.

I. *batellie* ap. d. R. pon. vide in vi. o. l. d. b.
(31em. f. *Fow* la. n. s. 466y. 1447)

On f. th. most infallible means by which our English grasses know the right title and feeding grounds (Hutch. xvi. 80)

batten¹ Strip of wood Var of *baton* (q v)

Hence naut to *batten down* esp hatches

batten² To feed gluttonously, now usu fig
Orig to thrive, grow fat (see *battels*) ON
batna, to improve, grow "better," cogn
with AS *batian*, to feed, thrive Cf DN.
baat, profit, and, for sense, Norw *Dan*
gryde, to fatten cattle, lit to make good

My cradle was a corslet, and for milke

I battened was with blood (*Trag of Tiberius*, 1609).
une fille bien advenue well proved, well grown,
well come on, well prospered, well batned, or bttled
(Cotg)

batter F *battre*, VL **battere*, for *battuere*, to
beat, of Celt origin Also influenced by
the verb to *bat*, from *bat* Noun *battai*, now
only culinary, represents F *batture* (cf
fritter from *friture*) Oldest sense of *battery*,
F *batterie*, is the act of beating, as in
assault and battery, hence, preparations for
"battering" a fortress, arrangement of
artillery, etc The *battering-ram* translates
L *aries* and the head of the instrument was
sometimes shaped like that of the animal
batowr of flowers or mel with watyr mola

(Prompt Parv)

aries, bellica machina, muris urbium evirandis apta
a great piece of timber shodde with brasse, in facion
like a rammes herd (Coop)

battle F *bataille*, VL *battualia*, neut pl of
battualis, from *batture*, to beat Oldest L
sense is "exercitationes militum vel gladiato-
rum" In ME and up to 17 cent the
meaning of warlike array, army division,
was common A *pitched battle* was orig one
taking place by mutual arrangement on
selected ground A *battle royal*, in which
several combatants engage, is from cock-
fighting, but perh orig meant battle with
kings in command (see *royal*) It is charac-
teristic of the revolution in nav nomen-
clature that the NED has not *battle-ship*
(for older *line-of-battle ship*) or *battle-cruiser*
under *battle*

battledore Orig a washing beetle App
Prov *batador* or Sp *batidor*, influenced by
dial *battle*, to beat linen (see *beetle*) Cf
synon F *battoir*

batsidere, or waschyng beylt feirtodun

(Prompt Parv)

batador a washing beetle (Minsh)

battlement OF *battillement*, app. irreg formed
from OF *bataillier*, to furnish a wall with
movable defences, or else for *bastillement*,
from *bastiller*, to fortify See *bastille* Cf
embattled

battology Needless repetition From G

βαρρολόγος, stammerer, from personal
name *Bárrōs* (Herod, iv 155)

battue. Fcm p p. of F. *battre*, to beat (the
game)

batty As *batta* (q v)

bauble Earlier also *bable* OF *baubel*, toy,
landred with *babble*, *baby* Cf F. *babole*;
from It *babbola* A fool's bauble parodied
the sceptre

Take away that bauble (Oliver Cromwell)

baudekin, bawdikin [archaic]. Rich fabric
Obs exc in romance OF. *baudequin* See
baldachin

baulk See *balk*

bawbee [Se] Halfpenny Prob from the
Land of Silkebauby, 16 cent mint-master.
Another coin was called an *Achison*, from
a mint-master who is coupled with the
above in Treasury records Similarly *bodle*,
boddle is referred to a mint-master *Bothwell*,
but for this there is no evidence

bawd Aphet for *ribaud* See *ribald*

bagos a man-baud, a ribauld (Cotg)

ribaud leno (Holyoak)

bawdry or *ribaldry* obscenitas (Litt)

bawl Orig of animals MedL *baulare*, to
bark Prob imit Cf *bellow*, Ger. *bellen*, to
bark, Icel *baula*, to low

bawn [hist] Enclosure (Ir.). Ir *bádhuin*,
from *ba*, cows, *dáin*, fortices

bay¹ Tree Short for *bay-hee* (cf *myrtle*),
from archaic *bay*, berry, F *baie*, L *baea*
Hence *bay-rum*

bay² [geog] F *baie*, Late L *baia* (Isidore),
cf Span Port *bahia* Of unknown origin,
but associated in F & E with bay³ Spec
application to Bay of Biscay, and the name
Bayonne, supposed to mean good harbour,
would seem to indicate Basque origin

bay³ [arch] F *baie*, from *bayer*, to gape, VL
balare, from *ba*, natural sound of astonish-
ment See bay⁵ and *abeyance* Hence *bay-*
window, not orig same shape as *bow-*
window, also naut *sick-bay*

bay⁴ Colour F *bai*, L *badus*, used by
Varro of the colour of a horse
equus badus of bry colour, *bayarde* (Coop)

bay⁵ Of hounds Earlier *abay*, OF *abayer*
(*aboyer*), to bark, VL **ad-balare* (see bay³).
Hence to *stand at bay*, i.e facing the
hounds, F *être aux abois*

abbayer to bark, or bay at (Cotg)

to keep one at a bay mortu, sistere, tenere (Litt)

bayadère. Hindu dancing-girl F, Port.
baileira, from *baiai*, to dance See *ball*².

bayard [poet] Bay steed esp the steed that carried the four sons of Aymon. See *bay*⁴. Formerly as type of blind recklessness.

Bayard Hero sans peur et sans reproche. Famous F. soldier (1476-1524).

bayonet F. *baïonnette* orig. a dagger trad. since Tabourot des Accords (1614) derived from *Bayonne* though proof is lacking. Popularly also *ba onet bagnet*. In L. from 17 cent. Cf. *one of pistol*.

bayou [US] Creek. F. *boyau* gut. See *bouel*.

Ha e von howhe e encoo tered my G. br. is boat on the bayou? (*Esa gelme*).

bay salt From Bay of Biscay, on the coast of which are extensive salt marshes. Quot. r. appears to settle this origin, which NED regards as conjectural only. Similarly, we find LG. *de baie* applied to Bourgneuf in Brittany in connection with the 13 cent. salt trade.

La n. of [ship] apple. Is Gayop yn se f. st. charger de seel en l' B. y/ f. B. say.

(*Job of G. v. 12 R. g. 1372-76*)

h. y. salt fr. m. Ba. onne in F. one. sal. Gall. us. (Lit.)

bazaar Earlier *ba. azar*. Pers. *bāzar* market. Prob. via Turk. and It. Tormod. use due to Anglo-Indians cf. *gymkhana*.

bazan See *basan*.

basil See *basil*.

bdellium Tree and gum resin. L. (*h. ulg.*) C. βδέλλιον used to render Heb. *bōlōlahh* of unknown Eastern origin. See *Gen. 12*.

be This verb contains three stems viz. *be* cogn. with L. *fu*, G. *φύ* (cf. Ger. *die bush*) *es* cogn. with L. *esse* (cf. G. *essen*) and *wes* (cf. OHG. *wasan* and Ger. *gewesen*). Am. cogn. with Sanskrit *asmi* is the solitary survival in E. of a *mi* verb cf. C. *εμ* (* *εμ*) L. *sum*, Ger. *bin*. *As* is are from the *es* stem (cf. *as is there*) so also *are*. *Was were* are from the *wes* stem (cf. *lose horn*). The existing paradigm of the verb is an accidental conglomeration from the different Old English dialects. The pres. pl. *sind sindon* (cf. L. *sunt*, Ger. *sind*) has entirely disappeared. *Be-all* usu. with *end-all* is after *Wach 13*.

be Weakened form of *is* *bi* by (e.g. *in beside beyond*). As verb prefix often in tens. See *by*.

beach Of late appearance (16 cent.) though prob. old in dial. As AS *bece* brook has become *-beach* in many place names (*It is bech. It a erbeach. Holbeach* etc.) this may be the same verb with transference of

meaning from the brook to the pebbly shore. Hence *beach comber* long crested wave (Pacific) fig. long shore wastrel (ib.).

beacon AS *bēacen* sign portent. Also esp. fire signal. AS *bēacen fyr* cf. obs. Du. *baken*. OHG. *banhhan*. Ger. *bake* from LG. cogn. with *beck*, *beckon*.

bead Orig. prayer. AS *gebēt* (see *bid*). Hence *bead roll*, *beadsman*. Later applied to the device used in telling one's beads i.e. counting one's prayers. The rosary is regularly called *pair of beads* in ME. From the *bead* or small metal knob forming front sight of a rifle comes to *d. in a bead on* (US).

Of am l. e. tal abo te h. re arm sh. bar

A p. em of beades g. uded al w. th. gr. o. (Chauc. *l. 158*)

Th. Bead'm n. aff. thousand aves fold

For ye unsought for sl. pt. m. g. his ashen cold. (*E. v. f. s. 1 Agnes*)

beadle OF *bedel* (*bederman*). OHG. *brida* mess nger of justice gradually replaced ME *bedel*, *bidel* from cogn. AS *bydel* from AS *bōdan* to proclaim (cf. Ger. *braten* to bid). The latter survives in surnames *Buddle*, *Buddle*. Archaic *bedell* is still in use at universities. The parish *beadle* is recorded from 16 cent. Hence *beadledom* for *Bumbledom* (q.v.).

beagle ME *begle* (15 cent.) *apelt* also *begele*. Certainly F. and the beagle being noted for its loud musical bark, perh. from *béguele* gapin throat used in OF. of a noisy person. See *bay*⁴, *gue*.

beak F. *bec*, L. *beccus* (Suetonius) of Celt. origin. In sense of magistrate (16 cent.) from thieves slang. Quot. mod. in sense of assistant master.

beaker ME *baker*. O^N. *bikr* r. cf. Sc. *bicker*. In most Europ. langs. Cf. Du. *beker*, Ger. *becke*. It. *bicchiere*, Vedl. *bicarium* ? from G. *βύκος*, earthen drinking bowl. See *pitch* r.

beam AS *bēam* tree (as in *hornbeam*, *white beam*). WGer. cf. Du. *boom*, Ger. *baum*, cogn. with O^N. *lath* nr. Goth. *ba ms*. To *kick* (*strikes*) *the beam* i.e. to prove the lighter is from the *beam* of a balance. The *beams* of a ship are transverse, the timbers being vertical, hence *abeam* abreast *on one's beam-ends* almost apszed. Also used of the extreme breadth of a ship. Fig. senses from naut. metaph. e.g. to be *on r. argined for one's beam*. A *beam* of light is

the same word, AS *bēan* being used to render *columna* in ref to the Bibl pillar of fire See also *boom*²

bean AS *bēan* Com Teut, cf Du *boon*, Ger *bohne*, ON *baun* Full of beans is used of a well-fed horse needing exercise To *give beans* seems to be quite mod *Bean-feast* (NED 1882), vulgarly *beano*, is perh to be explained from quot below

Mr Day was the possessor of a small estate in Essex, at no great distance from Fairlop Oak To this venerable tree he used, on the first Friday in July, annually to repair, thither it was his custom to invite a party of his neighbours to accompany him, and, under the shade of its branches, and leaves, to dine on beans and bacon For several years before the death of the benevolent, although humorous, founder of this public bean-feast, the pump and clock makers of Wapping went annually to the fair in a vehicle drawn by six post-horses, the whole adorned with ribands, flags, and streamers (Time's Telescope for 1820, p 247)

bear¹ Animal AS *bera* WGer, cf Du *beer*, Ger *bär*, cogn with ON *björn* As a Stock Exchange term it seems to be due to the proverb about selling the bear's skin before killing the bear At the time of the South Sea Bubble a *bear* was called a *bear-skin jobber* The contrasted *bull* appears later and was prob suggested by *bear*, perh with a vague idea of "tossing up" contrasted with "pulling down" A *bear-garden* was orig a place for bear-baiting and other rough sports *Bear-leader* (18 cent) is a travelling tutor in charge of a "cub" whom he has to "lick into shape"

A stock-jobber who had some losing bargains of bearskins (Miss's Journal, Mar 28, 1719)

bear² Verb AS *beran* Aryan, cf OSax *beran*, Ger *gebären*, to bring forth, ON *bera*, Goth *bairan*, L *ferre*, G *férv*, Sanskrit *bhar-* For two main groups of senses cf relationship of cogn L *ferre* and *fertilis* The past *bore* is not found in the AV (*bare*) and the mod distinction between *born* and *borne* is artificial Intrans senses, e g to *bear to the left*, are orig naut (cf to *take bearings*) Mechanical *bearings* are so called because intended to bear the friction *Bearer*, in Anglo-Ind sense of palanquin-bearer, head-servant, as in Mrs Sherwood's famous *Little Henry and his Bearer*, has perh been influenced by synon Bengah *behārā* (cf *grasscuttle*)

bearbine Convolvulus From obs *bear*, barley, round stalks of which it winds See *barley*, *bind*, *bive*

beard AS *beard* Com Teut, cf Du *baard*,

Ger *bart*, ON *barthr* (only in names), ult. cogn. with L *barba* (cf *red-ruber, word-verbum*). Hence verb to *beard*, a good example of our instinct for ellipt expression

à sa *barbe* to his teeth, in his presence, before his face, also, mauler his beard, in despatch of him (Cotg)

beast OF *beste* (*bête*), VL **besta* for *bestia* In its orig sense displaced AS *deor* (see *deer*) to be later displaced itself by *animal*, exc in spec connections, e g *beast-market*, *man and beast*

It is sowun a beestly [*Vulg animale*] body, it schal ryse a spiritual body (Wyc 1 Cor xv 44)

beat AS *bēatan*, cf OHG *bōzan* (whence Ger *amboss*, anvil), ON *bauta* Var of pp still in *dead-beat* *Beating the bounds* consists in striking certain points in parish boundaries with rods In to *beat a retreat*, to *beat up recruits*, etc, there is a suggestion of the drum, with influence of the unrelated F *battre* To *beat about the bush* is altered in form and meaning from earlier to *beat the brush*, in order to start the game. Both in E and US there are many phrases of the type to *beat creation* (*cock-fighting*, etc) Cf Ir. to *bang Banagher*, a village in King's Co See also *hoof*

'Ate of the 'art and 'ate of the 'and,

'Ate by water and 'ate by land,

'Oo do we 'ate to beat the band?

England!

(*Hymn of Hate*, trad T Atkins)

beatitude L *beatitudo*, state of blessedness, from *beatus*, pp of *beare*, to bless Esp in ref to Sermon on the Mount *Beatific vision* is ult Plato's *μακαρία ὄψις* (Phaedrus)

Beatrice Inspiring mistress. From Dante's

Beatrice Cf *Dulcinea*, *Egeria*

beau, belle Mod introductions (17 cent)

ME had the masc form pronounced as in *beauty* (qv)

beau idéal F *beau idéal*, where *idéal* is the adj, the phrase being often misunderstood, and hence misused, in E

beaujolais Burgundy wine. District in the Lyonnais

beaune Burgundy wine. From place of origin (Côte-d'Or)

beauty F *beauté*, VL **bellitas*, *bellitas*, from *bellus*, beautiful, which is represented, to the exclusion of *pulcher*, in all Rom langs *Beauty-spot* is 17 cent, *beauty-sleep*, 18 sleep before midnight, is 19 cent

Fine by degrees and beautifully less

(Prior, *Henry and Emma*)

beaver¹ Animal AS *beofor* Aryan cf Du *beter* Ger *biber* ON *býðr* L *fiber* San skrit *bibhru* brown also OF *b hse* Olt bevero OSP *befre* Lato L *beber* (Priscian) all from Teut Hence *beaver* (hat) and to *come one's beaver* i.e. assume a swaggering demeanour

Upon his beed a flaundrish bevere hat

(Chauc. A. 272)

beaver² [hist] Lower part of visor F *baviers* bib from *bater* to slobber

Then saw you not his f. e?—

O yes my lord he wor his beaver up (ifland i.)

Da ere a bib *baviers* d'un armet th b er t helm t (Contg)

beaverteen Fabru. From *beaver*² after xel seven

because Earlier *by cause*

becasico Bird It lit peck fig

bechamel Sauce Named after Marquis de Bechamel 17 cent epicure steward to Louis XIV

bêche-de-mer Sea slug also called *trepan* F *bêche* grub caterpillar of obscure origin not ident. with *bêche* spade VL *biseca* double-cutter

beck [north dial] Stream ON *bekkr* Com Teut cf OSax *beki* Du *beek* (as in *Zonnebeek*) Ger *bach* Hence are derived Norman place names in -*bec* e.g. *Caudebec* i.e. cold beck

beck² Gesture Esp in *beck and call* From obs verb *beck* used in MF for *beckon* (q.v.) Nods and becks and wr. (head smiles) (Chauc.)

berket [naus] Loop of rope to secure object Origin unknown

beckon AS *bicnan* from *bicn* sign beacon (q.v.) Now usu of summoning gesture but orig. wider sense in *Luke* 12

become Compd of *come* prefix orig. ident with *by* For gen sense cf synon F *devenir* from *venir* to come For sense of suiting cf comely *convenant* F *avenant* Ger *bequem* convenient (from *bekommen*) Bequerel rays Discovered by Bequerel F physicist (1891)

bed AS *bedd* Com Teut cf Du *bed* Ger *bett* Norw dial *bed* Goth *bad* Perh orig. lair of animal and cogn. with L *fovere* to dig Card n sense found in AS is differentiated in Ger by spelling *beet*. In the twinkling of a bed-post is for earlier *bed staff* an implement of indefinite function but app. regarded as a ready extemporized weapon in nocturnal alarms and excursions *Bedstead* is lit. bed place (see *st* af) *Bed*

ridden is for earlier *bedrid* AS *bedrida* lit *bed rider* Cf ME *bedrider* (her) It has app. been altered on *ha ridden* *Bedrock* is US mining term

parasiticus *bed* la (Voc)

bed ale ma orwoma detumbens (Promfr P. r.)

b dā e s p a u n bed al (Vt)

In h r d d he grasped the bed staff a w pou t mickleought (I goldsch)

bedad [Anglo Ir] For by Gad

bedeguar Formerly plant now moss like evrescence on rose bu h F *béd ar P rs* *bad-agar* wind brought

bedell [univ] See *beadle*

Bedford level Part of fen country drained (1634) by Earl of Bedford

bedight See *dight*

bedizen For earlier *dizen* lit. to put flax on a distaff (q.v.)

I dy y a dy staff I p t h f e p o u d o p y e
I harg t quenoi lli (F lag)

Bedlam MF *Bethlehem* etc hospital of St Mary of Bethlehem founded 1247 received under protection of City of London (1346) and on dissolution of monasteries converted into state lunatic asylum (1547) For contr cf *ma idlin*

God be his guld

As h guided th three in p s nt Bedl m

(Cal sto & M l bae c. 530)

bedlington Ternier from *Bedlington* North umb

Bedouin F Arab *badawin* (pl) desert dwellers from *badā* desert For pl form cf *assassin* Both are Crusade words

Li Bed y etes t poi t o Maloumet, ai ços
(b t) crouet en la loy Haaf qua fu or el s M hcom
met et a s y y rou n t l l v d d e t M taign ed
q ourlement les Assas s (Journ ill)

bedridden See *bed*

bee AS *bēa* Com Teut cf Du *by* Ger *biene* in which the *n* was orig. inflexional (cf *burne* pear) ON *bý* *Bee* social gathering for mutual help (*hushing bee* *gulling bee* *spellin bee* etc) supposed to be suggested by the busy and social character of the insect is US (169) as is also *bee-line* shortest route taken by bee returning to hive cf *as the crow flies* With *bee* in *one's bonnet* earl ex (17 cent) in *one's head* cf use of Ger *g tite* grasshopper

Der m wach hat w n d r l h grill et m h pff
bei a whinn a f f l l w h has trang fts, epurca
or larta f f cy he h hush ad f ill of capri bios
e p n es, figarica, fr ak blms m iagg ts or
conundrums (L dw)

beech AS *bēce* Com Teut, cf Du *beuk*, Ger *buche*, ON *bōk*, cogn with L *fagus* and prob with G *φάγειν*, to eat, from mast Primitive form, AS *bōc*, survives in some place-names in *Buck-* See also *book*, *buckwheat*

beef OF *beuf* (*bœuf*), L. *bos*, *bov-*, ox; cf G. *boi*s Still used in Se of the live beast Hence *beef-eater*, servant, over-fed menial, and esp yeoman of the guard, Tower warder Cf AS *hlāfēta*, loaf-eater, servant The old popular explanation from *buffet*, side-board, is nonsense The first NED record in yeoman of guard sense is 1671, so that the explanation below is almost contemporary

If any person of this cite, beyng no bocher, do kyll any beiffes, mottons, veilles, porkettes, or lambes within this cite (*Coventry Leet Book*, 1525)

C'est unist qu'on appelle par dñsion les Yeomen of the Guard dans la cour d'Angleterre, qui sont des gardes - peu pris comme les cent Suisses en France Et on leur donne ce nom-là, parce qu'à la cour ils ne vivent que de beuf par opposition à ces collèges d'Angleterre, ou les écoliers ne mangent que du mouton (Nicer, *French Dict* 1688)

"Who's he, father?"—"He's a beefeater"—"Is that why Lord Rhondda shut him up in the Tower?" (*Punch*, Feb 6, 1918)

Beelzebub Orig god of Ekron. L, G, Heb *ba'al-z'vub*, fly-lord (2 Kings, 1 2) Mod meaning comes from NT use (*Math* xii 24) in sense of prince of devils, AS *aldormann-diobla*

beer AS *bīor* WGer, cf Du Ger *bier*, cogn with *barley* Scand has forms of *ale* (q.v.), which was the more usual word up to 16 cent, *beer* being then applied esp to hopped malt liquor It is not in *Chaucer* or *Piers Ploum*

To suckle fools and chronicle small beer (*Oth* ii 1)

beeregar [dial] From *beer*, after *vinegar*, cf *alegyn*

beestings [dial] First milk of cow after calving From synonym AS *bēost* Cf Ger *brästmilch*, and archaic F *beton*, OF *bet*, from OHG *beast* Various forms in dial. use

A feelings puddin' as' Adam's me (*Tennyson, Northern Collier*)

beet AS *bēte*, L *bēta* Adopted in many Europ. langs. Cf F. *betterave*, Ger *beete*

beetle¹ Multit AS *biell*, beater, cf MHG *vāzel*, cudgel, LG *betel*, mallet Hence *beetle-browed*, *beetle-brail* (cf *blotthead*), *beetle-brass* (cf *beetle as a post*), but in such phras as there is usu association with *beetle*

beetle² Insect AS *bitel*, prob "biter" The *black-beetle* (coekroach) is not a beetle *Blind as a beetle* (cf *blind as a bat*) is due to the insect's apparently aimless flight in the dark (but see *beetle*¹) *Beetle-browed*, orig with bushy eye-brows, seems to be due to the tufted antennae of certain species Early observation of such physical details, as seen in popular names of animals and plants, was very minute and accurate, cf. F *sourcils de hanneton* (coekhafer's eye-brows), used of a kind of fringe Hence *beetle*, to overhang, of which mod use dates from its employment as nonce-word in Shaks (vi) William Finch (1607, in *Pureh*) describes an African fish with *beetle brows*, so that the phrase was not used only of human beings

mordiculus *bitela* (Voc)

Bitelbrowed and babulriped

(*Piers Ploum* B v 190)

The dreadful summit of the cliff

That beetles o'er his base into the sea (*Hamlet* i 4)

before AS *beforan*, from *bi*, *by*, *foran*, in front With AS *for*, *foran* cf Ger. *vor*, *vorn* With *beforchand*, earlier also *before the hand*, cf *ready to hand*, and L *prae manu* or *manibus*, used with same meaning in ME, also Ger *vor der hand* in somewhat different sense See *behindhand*

beg¹, beggar The verb is evolved from the noun (cf *cadge*), OF *begard*, MedL *begardus*, member of mendicant order founded (early 13 cent) in Netherlands, in imitation of the earlier *béguines* (see *biggin*), who were of the rule of *Lambert le Bègue* (Liège, 12 cent) *Begging the question* translates L *petitio principii* The *beggar on horseback* is 16 cent

Beghards haeretici exorti primum in Alemaniam, qui vulgariter *Beghards* quoad viros, et *Beginae* quoad feminas nominantur (Duc)

As for her person, It begged all description

(*Ant & Cleop* ii 2).

beg² Title Osmanli *beg*, nov. *bey* (q.v.)

begad For *by God* Cf *bedad*

beget AS *begitan*, from *get* (q.v.).

beggar See *beg*¹

Beghard See *beg*¹

begin AS *beginnan*, of which the simplex is not found in any Teut lang. Cf Du Ger *beginnen*, Goth *beginnan* The aphet *gin*, once common but now only poet., may also represent the commoner AS *onginnan* Scand forms are from LG

begone For *be gone* (imper.) Cf *be gone* and see *unbegone*

begonia From Wind Named by Plummer F botanist (17 cent) after Michel Begon contemporary governor of Saint Domingo Cf *dahlia fuchsia magnolia* etc

Begune Member of still existing lay sister hood See *beg*¹

begum Princess Urdu *begam* Pers Turk *begim* fem of *beg*² *bey*

behalf Orig prep or adv by (the) side a common AS and ME meaning of *half* Cf Ger *oberhalb* above *neinthalben* as far as I am concerned, etc Mod use represents a mixture of *on his half* on his side and *by half* beside him

The Jew saydeth Crist was not on Godds half (Wyc)

behave App formed in ME as intens from *have* Cf Ger *sich behaben* I se porter *Behav* our earlier *behaviour* owes its ending to obs *latour haviour* corrupt of *F avoir* used in very similar sense

behemoth Heb *bahmuth* pl of *bahmah* beast but prob adapted from Egypt *pahs mau* water-ox ie hippopotamus Cf *leviathan*

Lol b moth that I m do with thee (Wyc Job 41: 25)

behest AS *behtan* vow promise from *behtan* to promise with excrement Mod sense due to early confusion with simple *hest* command In ME esp in *kind of behest*

Bi feth he dw lte in the loond of beheest (Wyc H 3 xl 9)

behind AS *behindan* Cf *before* and see *hind* *behindan* is formed (16 cent) by analogy with *beforehand* (q v) Both seem to have been orig used in ref to payments behold AS *beheadan* to hold in view Current sense is not found in other Teut. langs Sense of obligation in *beholden* though arising naturally from the etym is confined to p p See *h l*

behoove behoof AS *behofian* to need require from *behof* advantage Cf Du *behoef* Ger *behof* behoof MHG *beheben* to receive maintain Utl from *hea* e but sense-development is obscure

beige F dial form of *bis* yellowish grey dings Cf It *bi o* Origin unknown

bekko-ware Jap t touse shell

beknown [d al] Now usu in neg *unknown* From obs *beknow* Cf Ger *bekennen* to acknowledge

belabour From *labour* with intens. prefix

For sen e cf Ger *bearbeiten* to belabour from *arbeiten* to work

belay Compd of *lay*¹ Obs exc in naut sense of making fast a rope which is prob borrowed from cogn Du *belagen* With *belay* atop it stow it Cf *at all*

See *four and een paal belegen* to fasten a rope to a pilt (Seewt)

belch AS *bealcan* Cf Du *bakken* to hawl belcher [archaic] Blue and white spotted handkerchief bird's eye wipe From *Jim Belcher* pugilist (1821) The name is Picard form of *bel's re* *bein's re* See *belldam*

beldam Grandmother later great grand mother hence hag Both senses are in Shaks From F *bell* and *dame* I *grandam* In ME we find also *belstire* *belstader*

Shakes the old beldam earth and topples down Steeples and moss grown trees At your birth Our grandam earth, b lög thi drit imperat re, In passion shook (i Hen 11: 1)

beleaguer Du *belegeren* from *leger* camp leaguer (q v) A 16 cent word from the Flemish wars which superseded F *belay* Spelling perb influenced by *league*² Cf Ger *belagern* to besiege and *s e laager lair*

It was by King Stephen belaid once or twice with sieges (Hollands Camden, 1610)

belemnite Fossil from G *Belappon* dart Cf *ammonite*

belfry OF *berfres* *belfres* (*berfroi*) OHG *bergrind* guard peace Hence MedL *bel fied* is Orig tower used by besiegers The l due to *dissim* (cf *pilgrim*) has prevailed in E by popular association with *bell* For other warlike implements containing the element *ber*, cf *hauberk scabbard* Corrupted forms usu in orig warlike sense are found in other langs e p obs. Du *berfriet* It *battifredo* Some however take the first element to be *be* e mountain and orig sense to have been hill fort

Belgravia Of fashionable district round *Belgrave* Spn e named from *Pelgraves* (Leic) seat of ground landlord

Bel art [not a tru and fair May beat in Belgr Square As in the pure or

Of Seven Dial (Gloss)

Belial Heb *bel* not *ya* at use I p in sm of *Belial* the name being mentioned by Milt. with one of the fallen angels

belie AS *belian* to deceive (see *ho*) Current sense from 17 cent The same transition is seen in *believe*

believe ME *beleven*, from obs *leven*, AS *geliefan* Com Teut, cf Du *gelooven*, Ger *glauben* (OHG *gilouban*), Goth *galaubjan*, cogn with Ger *erlauben*, to allow, *loben*, to praise, and ult with E *love*, ground-sense being approval Artificial spelling, for *belevee*, is due to *relieve*

belike [archaic] For *by like*, according to appearance See *like*.

belittle Orig US, coined by Jefferson Cf F *rapecisser*

bell¹ Noun AS *belle* A LG word, cf Du *bel* Perh cogn with *bellow* The nant bells are struck every half-hour of the watch By *bell*, book and candle (c 1300) is from a form of excommunication which concluded with "Doe to the book, quench the candle, ring the bell" To *bear*, *carry away*, the *bell*, i.e. to be winner, refers to earlier use of silver bell as prize, e.g. the Chester Cup was in 1609 a bell To *bell the cat* alludes to the fable of the rats and the cat

La difficulté fut d'attacher le grelot
(La Fontaine, *Fables*, II 2)

bell² Verb See *bellow*

belladonna It, lit fair lady, cf synon F *belle-dame*, "great nightshade, or, a kind of dwale, or sleeping nightshade" (Cotg) Prob from its use for dilating the pupil of the eye

bellarmine [hist]. Drinking-jug designed by Nathaniel Protestants as caricature of Cardinal Bellarmine (17 cent) Cf *Toby jug*, *demijohn*, *goblet*

belle See *beau*

belletrist [neol] Ger, coined from F *belles-lettres*

belheose L *belliosus*, from *bellum*, war

belligerent Earlier *belligerant* (Johns), from pres part of L *belligerare*, from *bellum*, war, *gerere*, to wage See *duel*

Bellona L, from *bellum*, war Goddess of war, hence, formidable lady Cf *virago*

bellow ME *belwen*, AS *bylgan*, cogn with *bell*², still used of cry of stag, cf Ger *bellen*, to bark

The wild buck bells from ferny brake (*Marm.* IV 13)

bellows Earlier also *bellow* (cf *galldus*), ME *bely*, AS *bylig*, lit belly, the full AS name being *bʰest-belg*, from *blʰwan*, to blow. Mod form is northern, ON *belgr* Cf Ger *balg*, skin, *blasebalg*, bellows Fig lungs, as in *bellows to mend*, broken-winded

The de des bely, with a bich he bloweth in man the fir of fleschly concupescence (Chauc I 353)

belly AS *bylig* See *bellows* Cf AS *belgan*, Ger *belgen*, to swell, be angry, ON *bolgenn*, swollen, angry, ult cogn. with *bulge* *Belly-timber*, food, was formerly in serious use Rumble thy bellyful Spit, fire! spout, rain! (*Lear*, III 2)

belong ME, for earlier *long*, app to "go along with" See quot s v *derring do* Cf Ger *belang*, importance

beloved From obs verb *belove*, cf Ger *beliebt*.

below For *by low*, cf *beneath* A rare word till 16 cent, the usual ME being *alow*, corresponding to *ahigh*, now replaced by *on high*

belt AS *belt*, cf OHG *balz*. Both from L *balteus* To *hit below the belt* is from the prize-ring From the distinctive *belt* of the earl or knight we have *belted earl*

Belt [geog] In *Great (Little) Belt* Norw Dan *bælt*, cogn with *Baltic*, cf poet Ger *Belt*, "the east-sea, the baltick sea" (Ludw)

Beltane [Sc] Old May-Day, celebrated by bonfires Gael *bealltunn*, bright fire, first element cogn with AS *bēā*, as in *bale-fire* (see *bale*¹).

At Beltane game,
Thou ledst the dance with Malcolm Graeme
(*Lady of Lake*, II. 15).

beluga Great sturgeon, white whale Russ, from *bel*, white, cf *Belgrade*, *Belgorod*, white city

belvedere F *belvédère*, It *belvedere*, "a place of a faire prospect" (Flor), from L *bellus*, beautiful, *videre*, to see The *Apollo Belvedere* stands in the belvedere of the Vatican bema [eccl.] Chancel, tribune G *βήμα*, step, from *βαίρειν*, to go

bemean To lower oneself (see *mean*¹) A vulgarism confusing *demean* and *mean*²

benuse Compd of *muse*² Cf *amuse*

ben¹ [Sc] Coupled with *butt*, the inner and outer rooms of a Scotch hut ME *binne*, AS *binnan*, *bi innan*, within (cf Du Ger *binnen*), and ME *but*, AS *būtan*, *bi ūtan*, without

Now butt an' ben the change-house fill: (Burns)

ben² [geog] Gael *beann*, peak, as in *Ben Nevis*

bench AS *benc*, cf Ger *bank* and see *bank*² Hence *bencher*, senior member of Inn of Court, earlier also judge, alderman, etc. The use of the word (from 13 cent) for judges and bishops points to Spartan customs App only the Lord Chancellor had a soft seat, the woollack

bergamask, bergomask [archaic] It *bergamasca*, rustic dance of Bergamo (Venice) According to Nares the people of Bergamo were renowned for their clownishness (see *zany*) Cf *Boeotian*

bergamot¹ Tree and essence Perh from Bergamo (Venice), but by some identified with *bergamot*²

bergamot² Pear F *bergamolte*, It *bergamotta*, corrupted from Turk *beg-armüdü*, prince's pear (see *beg*², *bey*) Cf Ger *fürstenbirne*

bergschund [geol] Ger, mountain cleft
beriberi Disease Redupl of Singhalese *beri*, weakness Recorded in F for 1752

Berkeleyan Bishop Berkeley (†1753) denied objective existence of material world

berlin, berline Carriage Introduced by an officer of the Elector of Brandenburg (c 1670) Cf *landau*

berm [fort] Ledge F *berme*, of Teut origin, cf Du *berm* Cogn with *brim*

Bernardine Monk From St Bernard, abbot of Clairvaux (12 cent) See *Cistercian*

berretta See *biretta*

berry AS *berne* Com Teut, cf Du *bes*, *bezie*, Ger *beere*, ON *ber*, Goth *basī* This and *apple* are the only native fruit-names

bersagliere Italian sharpshooter Cf OF *berser*, to shoot with the bow, *bersail*, target Of unknown origin

berserker Icel *berserkr*, bear sark, bearskin Cf ON *úlfrþéttinn*, lit wolf-doublet, in similar sense Corruptly *baresark*, as though "bare shirt" Introduced, and wrongly explained, by Scott (*Pirata*, Note B) With to go *berserk* cf to run amok

I will go baresark to-morrow to the war
(Kingsley, *Hereward*)

berth Oldest sense (16 cent), convenient sea-room, whence all later meanings are evolved, a good example of our love of naut metaphor Prob from *bear*², in naut. sense of direction, and hence ult ident with *birth*, the spellings occurring indifferently To give a wide (formerly good) berth retains the oldest meaning

bertha, berthe Kind of lace collar F, from the trad modesty of Queen Berthe, mother of Charlemagne

Bertha Nickname, die dicke Bertha, of long-range gun, esp that used to bombard Paris (1918) From Bertha Krupp, of Essen

Bertillon System of criminal anthropometry Name of F anthropologist (19 cent).

beryl F *béryl*, L *beryllus*, G *βήρυλλος*, of

Eastern origin Cf Pers and Arab *ballūr*, crystal, which is the medieval meaning of *beryl*, whence OF *bercles* (*besicles*), spectacles, Ger *brille*

Berl est en Inde troves
(Lapidaire de Marbois, 12 cent)

besant, bezant [hist] F *besant*, gold coin of Byzantium, current in Europe from 9 cent Cf *ducat*, *florin*, etc

Lord, thi besaunt hath wunne ten besauntis
(Wyc. Luke, xix 16)

besech ME compd of *sechen*, southern form of *seek* (q v) Orig the dir obj was the thing sought The form *biseke* is also common in ME

But we biseken mercy and socour (Chauc. A 918)

beseem From *seem* (q v) Cf *seemly*
beset AS *besellan*, from *set* (q v) Oldest sense, to set round, encompass, cf Ger *besetzen* *Besetting sin* (Heb xii 1) is for *Vulg circumstans peccatum*

beshrew ME compd of earlier *shrew*, to curse, formed from noun *shrew* (q v.)

And first I shrew.e myself, bothe blood and bones,
If thou bigyle me any ofter than ones
(Chauc. B 4617)

beside, besides AS *bi sīdan*, dat of *sīde*, side The two forms are used indifferently in ME, the -s being due to the tendency to regard adverbs as genitives Also means in ME outside, hence *beside oneself*, with which cf F *hors de soi*, Ger *ausser sich*
besiege With altered prefix from ME *asege*, F *assiéger*, VL **ad-sediare* (*sedēre*), to sit down before Or formed directly from *siege* Cf *beleaguer*, *beset*, which may have brought about change of prefix

besom AS *besema*. Earliest sense, rod, birch; cf Du *bezem*, Ger *besen*, broom, ? ult cogn with L *ferula*, broom-plant, rod NLD regards Sc *besom*, in *impudent besom*, old *besom*, etc as a separate word, but it may be noted that Ger *besen* is also applied to women Cf *old faggot*, also Sc *auld birkie*, perh from *birch*, birch
To set up to be sae muckle better than ither folk, the auld besom (Old Mortality)

bespeak AS *besprecan*, from *sprecan* (see *speak*) Earlier senses various and loosely connected Current sense from about 16 cent *Bespoke* is now used only in trade, e g *bespoke bootmaker*, for *bespoke-boot maker*

besprent [poet] Besprinkled From obs *bespreng*, AS *besprengan*, from *sprengan*, to sprinkle, causal of *springan*, to spring; cf Du Ger. *besprengen*

the identity of the lady is as vague as that of Tommy in *like hell and Tommy*

That's my eye, Bel'y Martin an answer to any one that attempts to impose or humbug (Grose)

between, betwixt ME *bitwennen*, AS *betwæonum*, from prep *be*, by, and dat plur of *twæon*, twain, orig distrib numeral of two (q v) In AS this numeral qualifies the noun now governed by *between*, e.g. *be sāmīta lōnum*, by seas twain *Betwixt* comes, with excreseent -t (as in *against*, etc.), from ME *betwix*, AS *betweox*, etc., earlier in dat form (*betweoxn*, King Alfred), from an unrecorded **twisc*, twofold, of which the Ger cogn appears in prep *zwischen*, between, orig a dat pl *Betwixt* and *between*, middling, is not recorded till 19 cent

Beulah [Bibl] Happy land (Is lxii 4)

Our toilsome but happy progress to the Beulah of victory and peace (Obs Jan 19, 1919)

beurre Pear F, lit "buttered" In Littleton (1677)

beurte the name of a very tender, and delicate pear (Cotg)

bevel OF **bevel* (*bureau*), *bureau* in Cotg, prob related to L *bis* and to *bias*, *bezel*, all three words being unsolved Cf OF *bever*, to diverge

bever [dial] Orig drink, now, luncheon OF *bevre* (*boire*), to drink, L *bibere* Cf *munchion*

beverage OF *bevrage* (*breuvage*), from *beivre*, L *bibere*, or VL **biberaticum*, cf It *beteraggio*

bevy In late ME a company of roes, larks, quails, or ladies One of the numerous fantastic terms of vinery AT *bevet*, of unknown origin It *leva*, "a beavie" is in Flor, but here *beavie* is prob a misprint for *beaver* (= *bever*) copied by later dict

beware Prop a compd, *be ware*, e.g. we cannot say *be bewared* See *ware* Survival of compd is prob due to frequent imper use (cf *begone*) It has partly absorbed the verb *ware*, AS *warian*, to guard against, which survives in the hunting phrase *ware ware* if this is not aphect for *be ware*.

The ware ware of it, and fled unto Istra (Is, xiv 6).

bewilder Lat "to lose in pathless ways" (John) A 17 cent word, orig as pp (*bewildered*), from obs *wilthen*, wilderness (v. 1188). Cf *Welshed*, *Welshed*, etc.

bewitch ME compd of *wicchen*, AS *wician*, to enchant See *witch* Cf *be witch*

bewray [archaic] ME *betwreien*, to divulge, orig to accuse, compd of *wreien*, AS *wriġan*, to accuse, cf Ger. *rügen*, to accuse Later sense influenced by *betray* Used by Tynd (*Matt xxvi 73*) where Wye has *makith ther open* (var *knownen*) for *Vulg manifestum te facit*

Ne dorst he nat to hire his wo biwreie (Chauc F 954)

bey Mod pronunc of Turk *beg*, prince Formerly also *by*, *beg* Cf *begum* With *beylik*, principality, cf *pashalik*

beyond AS *begeondan*, *bi geondan*, from AS *geondan*, beyond See *yonder*, and cf Ger *jenseits*, on yonder side

bezant See *besant*

bezantier [ven] Second branch of deer's horn From *antler* (q v) and *bes-*, *bis-*, as in F *bisaient*, great grandfather

Above the "burr" came the brow-anther now the brow point, next the bezantier, now the bay (Richard Jefferies)

bezel OF *bisel* (*biscan*, *béscan*) Cf *bevel*, *bias*, both of which approach *bezel* in sense.

b seau a bezle, bezeling, or scuing, such a slope-nesse, or slope forme, as in the point of an yron leaver, chisle, etc. (Cotg)

bezesteen Eastern market-place Turk *bazistān*, from Pers

bezique F *bésique*, also *bésy* Called a neol by Diet Gén, but *bassegue* is in Oudin (1660) Cf It *bazzica*, card game, ? from Arab *bazz*, to win booty

bezoar [archaic] Beroar-stone, intestinal calculus found in some animals and credited with medicinal powers Cf F *bezoard*, Port *bezuar*, OF *bezahard* From Arab *vāzahr* or *bādizahr*, Pers *pād-zah*, counter-poison

bezonian [archaic] Earlier also *besonio*. It. *bisogno*, "need, want, also, a fresh needy souldier" (Flor) Cf OF *bisogre* Origin of F *besoin*, *besogne*, from Merovingian L *sonium*, *sonia*, is unl known

bisonere a filthy knave, or clown, a rascal, *haroun*, base humored scoundrell (Cotg)

Great men oft die by such bezoniers (2 Hen VI, iv. 1).

bhang, bang Narcotic from hemp Port *bangue*, Hind. *bang*, Sanskrit *banghā*, hemp

bheesty [Anglo Ind?], Water-bearer Urdu *bhīstī*, Pers. *bhīshī*, from *bhīsh*, paradise 'Prob. of jocular origin' (NED).

bi L prefix *bi* for earlier *dis* cogn with C *bi* from *dis* two Cf *bin* from *bins* two at a time also *bis* for OL *dis*
bias F *biais* slant etc of unknown origin
Cf beel bezel Fig senses are due to the early use of the word in connection with the game of box ls

I will make me think the world is full of rubs,
 And that my fortune runs against the bias
 (Rk II 11 4)

bib ME *bibben* to tipple L *bibere* Hence *wine-bibber* (Luke vii 34) for *uiz bibens unum* With child's *bib* cf F *biberon* feeding bottle

bibelot Trunket F earlier *beubelet* etc prob from infantile redupl *bel bel* Cf F *pretty pretty*

Bible F Late L *biblia* (f) orig neut pl C *τ βιβλία* the books *βιβλίον* being dim of *ββλος* inner bark of the papyrus In most Europ langs Cf *book code library* More gen sense survives in *bibliography bibliophile* etc *Bibliomania* is first recorded in Scott (*Antiquary*) who applies it to Don Quixote Chesterfield uses *bibliomania* from F

biblia See *Bible*

bibulous From L *bibulus* (see *bib*)

bicameral [pol] App coined by Bentham (18 cent) See *bi* and *chamber*

bice Pigment Earlier *bleu bis* F *bleu bis* dull blue F *bis* dingy It *bis* are thought to be from the second syllable of L *bombyceus* of cotton (see *bombazine*)

biceps [anat] L lit two headed from *bi* and *caput* Cf L *anceps* doubtful from *ambo* and *caput*

bicker So form of *beaker* (q v)

bicker To quarrel In ME as noun and verb skirmish hence wrangle Origin obscure Senses correspond pretty well with those of F *piquer* Cf OHG *bicken* to hack stab etc From a base *bic pic* found in both Teut and Rom (cf *pick pick*)

bicycle F from *bi* and *cyclos* wheel Superseded *velocipede* (q v)

Bicycles and tricycles which we saw in the Champs Elysees (D N News Sep 7 1863)

bid Confusion of two Com Teut verbs viz AS *beddan* to announce command offer etc (cf Du *bieden* Ge *bieten* ON *bíðja* Goth *biudan* cogn with *bode*) and AS *biddan* to request (cf Du *bidden* Ger *bitten* ON *bíðja* Goth *bidjan* cogn with *bead*) With the first cf to *bid at an auction*

bid good day (*déance*) The more gen sense to command (cf *forbid*) combines both To *bid fair* was earlier to *bid fair for* i.e. to offer with reasonable probability *Biddings* prayer now understood as exhorting to prayer meant orig praying of prayers Cf earlier *biddings* beads in same sense

bide AS *bidan* to remain Com Teut cf Du *bieden* Ger dial *beiden* ON *bíða* Goth *biðan* In most senses used indifferently with *abide* of which it is often an aphet form In AS also trans to a 'sit now only in to *bide one's time*

bield [north dial] Shelter ? Ident with obs *bield* courage assurance AS *bello* from *bold* ? or connected with *biel*

He [the fox] tore off for a bield 300 ya d aw y
 (Munch G d Mar 1 918)

biennial From L *biennium* two years from *bi* and *annus* year

bier AS *bær* bier litter from *bear* Com Teut cf Du *baas* Ger *bahre* ON *barar* (pf) Mod spelling is due to F *bière* cf Teut origin Cf *barrow* Not orig limited to funeral bier For poet sense of tomb cf *hears*

Drop upon F a grave a tear

'Twill trick to his nals ber (W m on I trad)

biestings See *beestings*

bill [sla g] To shove etc ? Thinned form of *biff* (q v) *buffet* Cf *bulge*

buffin Apple (Nori) ? For *beef'n* from its deep red colour of golding sweetening The old etymologists explained it from *b. beas fin* which is at least as likely

bifurcate From *bi* and L *furca* fork

big Northern ME (end of 13 cent) but recorded as name *Bigga* in 11 cent This is prob cogn with earlier *Butga* and with Norw dial *bugge* great man *bug* a rich important whence E dial *bu g* proud and pleon *big bu g*

cherad trumpet on that not and of sh doves on whom no big nor bug words can terrifi

(Cotg)

bigamy F *bigamie* ModL *bigamia* from G *γαμος* marriage

bigaroon Cherry Earlier *garreau* (F) from *bigarred* variegated of unknown origin

Bigarrea a k do of berries wh h bee half white half red (Cotg)

biggin [archaic] Cap F *big* us head-dress of *bégins* nuns See *bégin* D *biggin*

biggin for a child k of beguines (F lag)

biggin² Kind of coffee-pot From inventor's name (c 1800)

"Mr Baptist—tea pot!" "Mr Baptist—dust pan!"
"Mr Baptist—flour dredger!" "Mr Baptist—
coffee biggin" (*Little Derrit*, ch 271)

bigging [*north dial*] Building From ME *biggen*, to build, ON *byggja* Cf place-name *Neubigging*

bight [*naut*] Loop of rope, or of coast AS *bȳht*, from *bīgan*, to bow, bend Cf Ger *bucht*, bay, from LG See *bou*²

bignonia Flower Named by Tournefort (c 1700) after the *abbé Bignon*, librarian to Louis XIV Cf *begonia*, *wistaria*, etc

bigot In OF a term of abuse applied to the Normans (Wace) Origin much disputed Personally I see no improbability in the old theory (decided by *NED*) that it arose from a Teut oath "by God" Cf OF *goddam*, an Englishman On the common formation of nicknames from oaths see my *Surnames* (pp 180-2) The Norman *Bigod*, who came over with the Conqueror and became Earl of Norfolk, may have had a nickname of the same type as *Pardoe*, *Pardew*, *Purdy*, etc, which represent F *par* (*pour*) *Dieu*

bijou F, Bret *bizon*, ring with stone, cf Corn *bison*, finger-ring, Bret *bez*, finger, Welsh *bys*, finger

bike Slang perversion of *bicycle*

bilander [*naut*] Coasting vessel Du *bylander*, by lander, whence also F *bélandre*

bilberry Adapted from dial form of Dan *böllebær*, prob ball-berry, from shape Also called *blaeberry*, *whortleberry*

bilbo [*hist*] Sword From *Bilbao*, Spain Cf *Toledo* See *Merry Wives*, in 5

bilbo blade from *Bilboa* in Spain where the best blades are made (Blount)

bilboes [*naut*] Shackles Earlier *bilbowes* Prob a sailor's perversion, associated with *bilbo*, of OS *boyes*, fetters, later *bowes*, OF *boie*, *bunc*, fetter, L *boia*, whence also MHG *boie*, Du *boei*, fetter (see *buoy*) The story about *bilboes* brought from *Bilbao* by the Armada is disproved by chronology, the word occurring in 1557 (Hakl ii 374)

bile F, L *bilis* One of the four "humours," earlier called *cholera* Hence *bilious*

bilge Lowest part of hull, hence, foulness that collects there "Belly" of cask Alteration of *bulge* (q v) Hence *bilge-heel*, *bilge-water*, and to *bilge*, stave in

(ship's bottom). Cf F *bouge*, bulge, of ship or cask.

bilge, or *bilge* is the breadth of the floor, whereon the ship rests, when she is a ground

(See *Dict* 1708).

A considerable volume [of water] had filled the bilge and orlop (*Daily Chron* June 23, 1919)

bilious See *bile*

bilk Thinned form of *balk* (q v), with which it orig interchanged as a term at cribbage. Cf *mysler*, *demrition*, etc, and surname *Binks*, for *Banks*

bill [*hist*] Weapon AS *bil*, sword WGer, cf OSax *bil*, OHG *bill* (Ger. *bille*, hoe). Perh. cogn with *bill*² Obs exc in *bill-hook* and *hist brown-bill*

bill² Of a bird AS *bile* Perh cogn with *bill*¹ *Billing* and *coming* was earlier simply *billung*

Like two silver doves that sit a billing

(*Piers & Adam* 15, 366).

bill³ Document orig sealed AF *bille*, Late L *billā*, *bullā*, seal (see *bull*², *bulletin*), L *bullā*, "a bosse, a bullion, great head of a nayle in doores or gates, sometimes studdes in gardels or like things" (Coop), orig bubble It came to be used in AF & ME of any document, e.g. *bill of fare* (*lading*, *health*, etc) In the sense of poster it is as old as 15 cent

And the pope darlye hath graunted in his byll
That every brother may do what he wyll

(*Coet & Lorelles Bete*)

affete a sign, a bill set up, or pasted, or fastened, on a post, doore, gate, etc (Cotgr)

billet¹ Note ME *billette*, OF *billete* (cf F *billet*, *billet d'ordre*), dim of *bill*² In mil scense (17 cent) from written order issued by officer who quarters troops Hence *every billet has its billet*, saying attributed by Wesley to William III

billet² Block of wood OF *billete* (cf F *billet*), dim of *bille*, log, ModL *billā* Orig obscure, perh Celt (cf Ir *bik*, tree, mast)

billiards F *bille*, the ball, *billard*, the cue, are from It *biglia*, *bigliardo*, of unknown origin E in 16 cent

For 11 yarges, 11 quarters of greyn clothe to cover the billeyarde borde, & thus (*Rulland MSS*, 1603)

Billingsgate Fishmarket near *Billing's gate*, one of the old gates of London, app named after some AS *Billing* Famous for rhetoric from 17 cent

billion Coined (with *trillion*, *quadrillion*, etc) in F (16 cent) to express second (third, fourth, etc) power of *million*, but in ModF

billion is a thousand millions only *trillion* a thousand billions and so on Hence *billionaire* playful limit of *millionaire*
billion Inferior alloy or coin Has often been confused with *bullion* (q v) *F* orig lump ingot from *bile* log *Cf* or (*argent*) *en bills* (= *en barre*) See *bill* 1°

Si je montrais une masse de plomb 1 que j'asse
Ce billion d'or m'a été donné " (Calvin)

billow Early *bellow* From *ic cent* *Cf* *ON* *bylga* from *bel* *ja* to swell (see *bellows*) *Cf* *swell* surge the sense in which *billow* is used by Raleigh

billy Name *William* in various fig senses e.g. *fellow* brother (*Sc*) bushman's tea can (*Austral*) male goat (*cf* *nanny* goat) With *silly* *Billy* *cf* *al v Johnny* *Cf* *dobby dandy jack j mmy* etc

billyboy Barge (east coast) Perth connected with *buoy* In Ger a somewhat similar craft is called *boyer* from *boje* *buoy*

billycock Hat Earlier (17 1) *bully cocked* i.e. worn in aggressive manner

bitong [*Saf*] Strip of dried beef Du *bit* buttock *long* tongue being cut from the buttock and looking like a smoked tongue Cut from the eland it is called *th gh lonie*

biometallism *F* *biometallique* was coined (1869) by Cernuschi addressing Society of Political Economy at Paris

bimbashee Colonel (in Egypt army) Turk *bin -bask* thousand captain *Cf* *pusha bashi* *bashuk*

bin AS *bin* manger prob Celt *Cf* *F* *benne* hamper cart Gaulish *benno* cart

binary I *binarius* from *bin* two at a time from *bis* twice OL *dis* from *dis* two

bind AS *bindan* Com Teut. *cf* Du *Cer* *biden* *ON* *binda* Goth *bindan* Cogn with *band* *bind* (q v) 1° fig senses *cf* *oblige* Old pp survives in *binden* *duty* With *I'll be bound* (leg) *cf* *I'll go bail* and archaic *I'll be sworn* With *bound up* with (m) (*Gen* xlv 30) *cf* *wrapt up* in

bine Flexible shoot or of hops Dial form of *bind* Hence *woodbine* earlier *woodbind* AS *wud -bind* Also trade name for a famous cigarette

bing [*techn & dial*] Heap *ON* *b ngr* heap *bingo* [*slang*] Brandy App coined from *b* (*cf* *B* and *S* brandy and soda) and *stingo* (q v)

binnacle [*naut*] Earlier *bitacle* *bitable* (1485) which survived to 18 cent mod form perh due to *bin* From OF *abitacle* (*habitable*) or

Port *bitacot* (*cf* Sp *bitacora* It *abitacolo*)
L. habitaculum a small shelter

bitacot the bitacle, a frame of timber in the size and shape of the compass is placed on board a ship (1434 1794)

binocular From *L. bin* two together *oculus* eye

binomial Of two terms esp with *theorem* (Newton) *Cf* *F* *binôme* from G *vopos lan*

bio- G *βiō-* from *βiō* life For *bioenes* see *abiogenesis* *Cf* *biography* *biology* *Biograph* *bioscope* were early names for cinematograph

biped *L. bipes* *biped* from *bi* and *pes* foot

biplane See *bi* *acropplane*

Bipontine [*bibt*] Editions of classics printed (18 cent) at Zwickbrücken (Latinized *Bipontinum*) in Bavaria *Cf* *aldine* *transpontine*

birch AS *birce* whence *birch* and *beere* *ON* *björk* whence northern *bi k* (*cf* *Birkenhead*) Aryan *cf* Du *berk* Ger *birke* Sanskrit *bhṛj* Prob cogn with *berk* *Bi* *th* *rod* is represented in ME by *yerle* of *birke* With archaic *birchen* *cf* *oaken*

bird AS *br d* young bird *chi k* used in ME also for young of other animals Only found in E usu Teut word being *fozt* (q v) Connection with *breed* *b* *ood* is doubtful From being applied to small birds it gradually spread to the whole tribe but *fozt* is still usual in IV With *birds eye* (*idea*) *cf* synonym *F* *de vol d'oiseau* *Birdseye* (*tobacco*) is named from the section of the cut leaf of ribs

Eddris and *eddris* *bidit* (*Wyll. Watt xiii 33*)

bireme [*hist*] Double banked galley *L. b em s* from *bi* and *r mus* oar

biretta It *berret* a or Sp *birrella* Late *L. biretulum* from *birrus* *byrrhu* red G *wappos* flame coloured *Cf* *F* *bdr* 1

birth App *ON* *byrth* replacing AS *g byrd* from *beran* to bear with which *cf* Ger *g bi t* from *gebaren* *Birthing* is used by Coverd (*Gen* xv 31) where Wyc has the right s of the first *getyn*, (begetting) See also *berth*

bis See *bi*

biscuit Restored spelling of Tudor *bisk* 1 OF *biscuit* (*biscuit*) *L. bis* oet s (*panis*) tw o baked of which Ger *zwick* is a translation Hence also *biscuit* *pottery* though app this is only baked once

bisquett *bride* *bisectus* (*Fromt Pare*)

bisect From *bi* and *L. secare* *sect* to cut

bishop AS *biscop*, L, G *ἐπίσκοπος*, overseer, from *ἐπί*, on, *σκο-ός*, watcher (cf *scope*) Early loan in all *Teut* langs. (cf Ger *bischoff*), and at first vaguely used of various church officers. *Bishopric* is a hybrid, from AS *rice*, power, realm (cf Ger *reich* and see *rich*) The *bishop* at chess seems to have been due orig to an accidental mitre-like appearance. It was formerly *alfin*, Arab *al-fil*, the elephant. In 16 cent also *archer*. In F it is *fou*, perh also due to the head-dress. The 18 cent *bowl* of *bishop* was perh named from purple colour, cf Du *bisschop*, Norw *Dan bisp*, used in same sense. The *bishops' Bible* is the version of 1568, published under the direction of Archbishop Parker. A *bishop* in *partibus*, i.e. not in possession of his diocese, was orig one expelled from the Holy Land by the Saracens, his see being in *partibus infidelium*. To *bishop* a horse's teeth in order to conceal its age is prob from the name of a horse-dealer (c. 1700). See also *burke*.

bisk F *bisque*, crayfish soup, of unknown origin.

Bismillah Arab *bismī-'llāh*, in the name of Allah.

bismuth Ger *wismut* (1530), latinized as *bisemutum*. For initial *b*- cf *bison*. Origin unknown. Our earliest loans from Mod Ger are mostly metallurgical (*cobalt*, *nickel*, etc.).

bison ME *bisont*, F *bison*, L *bison*, *bisont* (Martial), from OHG *wisunt*, the aurochs, cf AS *wesend*, ON *visundi*, prob of Balto-Slav origin. The *Teut* forms became obs with the animal and the word was re-introduced from L and apphed to the American bison.

bison the bison, a kind of hulch baekt, rough-maned, broad faced, and great ey'd, wild-oxe, that will not be taken as long as hee can stand, nor tamed after hee is taken (Cotg.)

bisque At tennis F, earlier *biscaye*, which suggests some connection with the province of Biscay, the inhabitants of which are the great experts at a form of tennis called *la pelote*.

biscave a vantage at tennis (Cotg.)

bisque a fault, at tennis (ib.)

bissextile Leap-year L *bissextilis* (annus), the year containing the *bissextus*, twice sixth, the day intercalated every four years in the Julian calendar after the sixth day before the Calends of March.

bistoury Surgeon's scalpel F *bistouri*, OF

historie, dagger (cf. surg. use of lance). As it is described as crooked and double-edged, the first element is prob L *bis* Cf. OF, *bisaguē*, double-edged mattock, F *bis-tourner*, to make crooked.

bistre Yellowish brown pigment F, of unknown origin.

bit¹ Morsel AS *bīta*, morsel, from *bītan*, to bite (cf F *morceau*, *mordre*). With US sense of small coin cf our *threepenny-bit*.

bit² Of horse AS *bite*, bite, cutting (cf F *mors*, *mordre*). Also in mech. applications. **bitch**¹ Animal AS *bucca*, cf ON *bikkja*. Origin unknown.

bitch² [slang] To bungle. Thinned form of *botch*² (q.v.). Cf *bilk*, *bilge*.

bite AS *bītan* Com Teut, cf Du *bitten*, Ger *beissen*, ON *bīta*, Goth *beitan*. Orig. past tense *bote* (cf *wrote*), ult. cogn. with L *findere*, to cleave. *Bitten* (infected) *with* (a mania, etc.) is a mad dog metaphor. George III, being told that Wolfe was mad, expressed a wish that he might bite some of his other generals. *Hardbitten*, tough in fight, mired to bites, app. comes from dog-fighting. Its earliest use refers to animals. The phrase *the bitter bit* is from 17 cent. use of *biter* for sharper.

A biter is one who thinks you a fool, because you do not think him a knave (Steele).

bitt [naut.] Usu pl. Two posts on ship's deck for fastening cables, etc. Forms are found in most Europ. langs. Prob ON *bīti*, cross-beam (in house or ship). Hence naut. *bitter*, "the turne of a cable about the *bis*" (Capt. John Smith), and *bitter end*, which has acquired fig. sense by association with adj. *bitter*.

The bitter end is that end of the cable within board at the bitt (Purch.)

When a chain or rope is paid out to the bitter-end, no more remains to be let go (Smjth).

bitter AS *biter* Com Teut, cf Du *Ger. bitter*, ON *bitr*, Goth *bauris*, cogn. with *bile* (cf *mordant*). For *bitter end* see *bitt*.

bittern With excrecent -n, from ME *bitour*, earlier *bolow*, F *bulor*. For older form cf dial *butterbump* (Tennyson, *Northern Farmer*, *Old Style*). Earliest is MedL *bitorius*, *bitorius*. Early L diets give *bitio*, a bittour, but the L word is perh. only a var. of *buteo*, buzzard. OF *bustor* looks like confusion with *bustard*. Everything suggests that the bird was named from its very remarkable cry.

As a bitore bombleth in the myre (Chauc. D. 972)

bitumen L. orig. mineral pitch from Pales-
tine Cf *asphalte*. An Osco Umbrian word
bivalve F. from *bi* and *valve* (q.v.)

bivouac F. Swiss Ger. *büwacht* by watch
patrol its earlier meaning in F. & E.
introduced into F. by Swiss mercenaries
during Thirty Years War. Johns describes
it as not in use.

biz [slang] Late 19 cent. for *business* (see
buzz).

bizarre F. Sp. *bizarro* brave its earlier F.
meaning. Formerly also *bigeurre* and in-
fluenced in sense by F. *bigarrré* motley
variegated (see *l'aroon*). Perh. from
Basque *bi ar beard* the valiant man being
bearded like the pard.

blab In ME. alternates with *lab*. Inst. of Ger.
plappern and see *babble*. John le Blabbers
(Put. R. 13 cent.) is earlier than *dot* records.

blabbe or *labe*, or bewtyme of counsellor

(Prompt. Parv.)

black AS *blac* black ink already confused
in AS with *blac* white bright (see *bleach*
black). The two words are prob. related
the common meaning being lack of colour.
Usual Teut. for black is *swart* (q.v.). To
black-ball is recorded for 18 cent. (see *ballot*)
and has been adopted with other high-
life words in F. (*blachbois*). *Blasbirt*
is naut. slang for a kidnapped negro or
Polynesian. *Black books* for recording
offenders' names are mentioned in 16 cent.
The *Black Country* includes parts of Staf-
fordshire and Warwickshire. The *black guard*
(16 cent.) consisted of the lowest menials
of a large household who took charge of
pots and pans on journeys, also hangers-on
of an army. The *black guard* of the king's
kitchen is mentioned in 1535. *Black hole*
took up dates from the notoriety of the
Black Hole of Calcutta (1756). *Blackleg*
s.vindler (18 cent.) is perh. a description of
the rook. *Black sheep* wasterel is also 18
cent. (NED) but the nursery rime "Ba!
Ba! black sheep" suggests much greater
antiquity. *Blackmail* or tribute paid by
farmers to freeboot (S. & North) is Sc.
maile still used of rent (see *maile*). It was
perh. called *black* because often paid in
black cattle, rents paid in silver being called
white mail. The *Black Watch* or raised
(early 18 cent.) for service in the Highlands
were a dark uniform to distinguish them
from the red-coats of the old army. Cf
the *black friars* or Dominicans (13 cent.)
whence *Blackfriars* in London. *Black and*

blue was in ME. *blak* and *bla* (*blo*) *blue*
(q.v.) being substituted as cogn. *blo* became
obs. *Blackampor* is a dial form of *bla* &
Moore. Archaic *Black-a-lissed* swarthy. In
tains F. vis face as in 1115-1116.

Y. u need not care a pin if you h. t. l. wht. and
black (*Macgonus* u. c. 35).

The boldest of them w'll ne. r. teal. b. r. f. from
anyone that pays black mail to Vich Ian Voh.
(11. 107)

bladder AS *blæddra*. Com. Teut. cf. Du.
blaar (earlier *blitr* Flem. *bladder*) Ger.
blatter ON *bláðra* corn with *blá*.

blade AS *blæd* blade (of ear). Com. Teut.
cf. Du. *blad* Ger. *blatt* leaf (*schulterblatt*
shoulder blade) ON *blath*. The usual plant
word in AS & ME was *leaf* (q.v.) and it
seems likely that *blade* applied to corn,
grass etc. is partly due to MedL. *bladum*
corn. OF *bled* (*blé*) of unknown origin but
possibly cogn. with abo. e. As appl'd to
persons *journal blade* *roisterin blade* etc. it
is usu. connected with sword blade. A ME
sense of the word though the development
of meaning is not made out. The first
record *a very good blade* (Pom. & Jul. u. 4)
has an approximate F. parallel in *une bonne*
épée (*lame*) a noted swordsman but the
usu. half contemptuous use of *blade* suggests
Du. *blat* foolish talker brag-a-t. For
double sense of *blade* cf. *foil* with which
it is ult. cogn.

bleberry *bleaberry* [dial.] Bulberry. See *bil-*
berry blue.

blague Humbug. F. prob. ident. with
blaue tobacco pouch. Ger. *balg* skin. See
belly *bellyons*.

blain AS *blæn* cf. Norw. Dan. *blegn*. Du.
blein LG *bleien* cogn. with *blow* (cf.
blister). Now rare exc. in *chilblain*.

blame F. *blimer* OF *blasmer*. Late L.
blasphema used in LG for G. *blasphem*
μω. See *blaspheme*.

blanch F. *blanchir* to whiten or perh. from
corresponding adj. *blanch* in common ME.
use. *Blanched almonds* are mentioned in
the Prompt. Parv. See *blank*.

blancmange ME *blan mange* a kind of
galantine of meat. F. *blan man* r. See
mange.

For *blancmanger* th. t. made b. with the beste.
(Ch. oc. A. 38.)

blandish F. *bland* *bländ* s. from L.
blandis from *blandus* *bländ* smooth.
Hence *blanchisme* is much commoner than
the verb and slang *bländ* *oqnen* s. (Blount).

blank F *blanc*, white, OHG *blanch* (cf AS *blanca*, ON *blakkr*, *steed*), prob cogn with *bleak*. Adopted by all Rom langs. Sense of colourless passes into that of empty in to *look blank*, *blank look-out*, *blank cartridge*. App Cuthbert Bede introduced the euph use of the word (cf *dash*). *Blank verse* was introduced from It by the Earl of Surrey (†1547). The It name is *versi sciolti* (free).

Here's a pretty blank, I don't think! I wouldn't give a blank for such a blank blank. I'm blank if he don't look as though he'd swallowed a blank eodfish, and had bust out into blank barnacles.

(*Verdant Green*, ii 4)

To talk about a blank cheque is blank nonsense
(D Lloyd George, Nov 1918)

blanket OF *blanquette*, from *blanc*, white. Orig a white woollen material, cf ME *whitel*, AS *hwitel*, in similar sense. *Wet blanket* is fig from extinguishing a fire (cf *throw cold water on*). To *lose in a blanket* is in Shaks (2 *Hen IV*, ii 4). *Wrong side of the blanket* is in Smollett (*Humphrey Clinker*). *Blanketeer* (hist) was the name given to the operatives who assembled (1817) in St Peter's Fields, Manchester, provided with blankets in order to march to London and demand redress of their grievances. The attack upon them by the military gave rise to the portmanteau word *Peterloo* (*St Peter's Fields* × *Waterloo*), a very early example of this formation and a curious parallel to *Bakerloo*.

blare Cf Du *blaren*, MHG *bleren*, *blerren*, Ger *plärren*, all of imit origin. In ME to bellow, weep, etc. Now only of a trumpet. The worthies also of Moab bleared for very sorrow
(Coverd. *Is* xv 4)

blarney From a stone at *Blarney Castle*, near Cork, the kissing of which, a gymnastic operation, confers magic powers of cajolery. For local origin cf *bunkum*.

blásé F *blaser*, to wear out (17 cent.) Origin unknown.

blason See *blazon*.

blaspheme F *blasphemer*, Church L *blasphemare*, G *βλασφημεῖν*, to speak evil, from *φῆμι*, I say, with doubtful first element.

blast AS *blāst*, strong gust of wind, cf OHG *blāst* (Ger *blasen*, to blow), ON *blöstr*. See *blaze*. Fig wind-born plague or infection, hence curse, etc.

blastoderm [biol.] Superficial layer of embryo in early condition. From G *βλαστός*, germ, sprout, *δέρμα*, skin.

They christened him [Aurelian McGoggm] the

"Blastoderm,"—he said he came from a family of that name somewhere in the prehistoric ages
(Kipling)

blatant Coined by Spenser, in ref to calumny. He may have had dial *blate*, to bellow, or L *blatrare*, to babble, in his mind.

A monster which the blatant beast men call
(*Taerie Queen*, v xii 37)

blatherskite Orig US. See *blether*, *blether-skate*.

The attempt of the Censorship to burke the Sinn Féin Assembly's Declaration of Independence has given a gratuitous advertisement to that bit of sublimated blatherskite.

(*Sunday Times*, Jan 26, 1919)

blay See *bleak*.

blaze¹ Of fire. AS *blase*, *blæse*, torch, fire, cf MHG *blas*, torch, prob cogn, with *blaze*² (q v), with orig sense of shining. In *go to blazes*, etc., it is euph for hell. *Blazer* was orig applied at Cambridge (1850-60) to the bright scarlet of St John's College. *Blazing indiscretion* was first used by Lord Morley in ref to the great Marquis of Salisbury who generally called a spade a spade.

blaze² White mark on horse's face. First recorded in 17 cent., hence prob from Du *bles* (see *blesbok*). Cf synon ON *blest*, Ger *blässe*, from *blass*, pale (prob cogn with *blaze*¹). Later applied to white marks made on trees to indicate track, which, being US, may be an independent introduction from Du.

blaze³ To proclaim, as with a trumpet (*Mark*, i 45). ON *blāsa*, to blow. Com Teut., though the verb does not appear in AS, which has, however, the corresponding noun *blast*, cf Du *blazen*, Ger *blasen*, Goth *-blēsan*, cogn with L *flare*. Later confused with *blazon* (q v) as in quot below.

High was Redmond's youthful name
Blazed in the roll of martial fame (*Rokeby*, iv 16)

blazon F *blason*, heraldry, orig shield. Later senses are due to decoration of shield. As the "blazing" appearance of arms and armour is constantly emphasized in OF poetry, it is not impossible that *blazon* is connected with *blaze*¹ (cf *brand*). The use of *blazon* for proclamation (cf to *blazon forth*) is due to mistaken association with *blaze*³. It arises partly from the sense of description contained in the her *blazon*.

But this eternal blazon must not be
To ears of flesh and blood (*Hamlet* i 5)

bleaberry See *blackberry*.

bleach AS *blæan* from *blā* pale (see - *bleat*) cf Ger *bleichen* ON *bleikja* (in obs. *bleack* & *blacken* we have the confusion indicated s v *black*)

none to blacken *bleach* *blacken* (Cotg)

bleak¹ Adj Formerly and still in dial pale Parallel form (ON *bleikr*) of MF *bleche* pale (AS *blā* *blite*) cf Du *bleek* colourless Ger *bleich* pale and see *black*

bl *ts* of some pall Jut, subahus (Fr *sept* *Pur*-)

bleak² Fish ON *blæki* from its colour (see *bleak*) cf f *alle* dim of L *albus* Its true E name is *blay* AS *blæge* with which cf Ger *bleke*

de *atlay* or *bleak* f h (Cotg)

bleared bleary-eyed From MF *blerein* to have inflamed eyes also to dim the eyes hoodwink Cf LG *blärrig* *blereerd* whence also various Scand form This may be ident with Ir *blar* OF *blar* glossed *glacies* applied esp to the eyes and app of Teut on it

Lye with *bl* *red eyes* (Wyr Ger *als* 17)

For thou yt seeme g d l and sch with ewhet

All ye but wot on the l d l to bl to yowre ye

(N *thun Amoyes & Cleopre* 194)

bleat AS *blætan* WGer cf Du *blān* NHE *blān* imit

bleb Small blist r or bubble frmt of action of forming bubble with f ps cf bl b *blubber* *blubble*

blee [foet] Iuse AS N o with LG cognates used poet in MF esp in *blæht* of *blee* and revived by mod poets

bleed AS *blēdan* from *blood*

bleemish F *blémur* *blémus* to turn pale OF *lesmur* to wound of obscure origin ON *blā* livid flush colour with influence of l *blesser* to wound has been suggested

bleach To flinch earlier to swerve an long trans to deceive elide AS *bleacan* to deceive make to blink (cf *d catch d n*) ME had a northern form *bleak* See e development has been influenced by obs *blan* & to turn pale

And befwe his ey th & I will hang my net

To b catch his sight (Va *r* c 1475)

That little foot page he bl o ned with fear

(*I gold by*)

blend MF *blen* l n ON *blenda* to mix (pres *blend*) cf AS *blend* n to mix *grblend* mixture. Perh ident with obs *blend* to make blind confuse with which cf Ger *blenden* (v l)

blende [men] Ger *blende* from *blenden* to blind deceive because a decepti & min ral (cf *cobalt n chef*) Hence to *blend* so called from its horny appearance *pitch* *blende*

blenheim orange spaniel. From Duke of Marlborough's seat (Oxf) Cf *idstone* *clumber*

blenny Fish L *blennius* (Plin) from G *βλινος* mucus descripti & of its scales

blesbok Antelope SAfrDu *blaze* buck See *blaze*

bless AS *blētan* *blādan* to consecrate (with the *blow* of sacrifice) Sense-develop-ment is due to the use of this word to render L *ben* *dicere* while some later meanings to make happy are due to mistaken association with *bliss* (q v) In fact *bless* may sometimes represent AS *blis*man to gladden A *pen* to *ble* s one self n th alludes to the cross on some of icons In *I'm blessed if* *Well I'm blessed* a *ble* sd it of we ha e mod euphem m for another word (f *Γ* *suff*) Single *blessedness* is an ironic application of what Shakespeare says of the holiness of celibate life It may be noted that AS *blētan* in its etym sense could explain F *blesser* to wound which has no Rom cognates

Earthier happy is the rose d till d

Than it which withers on th rgs th m

Crows, h w, and dies in it gl *blessed*

(*M i* *Wht D* m l)

blether blather [Se] ON *blāta* to talk stupidly from *blāta* nonsense orig v indlag (see *bladder*) Hence US *blether* sh *te* *blather* *kite* orig Sc It occurs in the song *Ya gie Lai ter* a favourite camp-ditty during Amer War of Independence Joq on yo r gate re *blethers* *blate*

(Camp l, *Magpie* *Lander* c 165)

bletted [f ckn] Of medlar in con l turn for eating From F *blet* over ripe as in *pours* *blotte* of Teut. origin

blight From 1 cent only Origin obscure Cotg app regarded it as a kind of growth Perh related to obs *blaken* *blight* from obs. *bliken* to turn pale (see *bleak*) This word is used to render L *rubi* o *blāht* in the ME version of *Psalms* (c 140)

be *lure* *blight* & *brantome* (an *heart*) (Cotg)

blighter 1 see it (f te 19 cent) euph. for an uglier word Cf *boom* *bl* *kin* Perh suggested by *blither*

Iv tr fed one of th *blighters* this tim

(*Destroyer of the C* *Wey* *Zeppelin*, Sep 2 1916).

blighty Came into use in the Great War Urdu *bilāh* (adj.), Arab *wilāyātī*, from *wilāyat*, government, esp England, from *wah*, governor *Belait* is used in this sense by Kipling c 1887 Cf *vīlayet* With *blightly wound* cf synon Ger *heimalschuss*, lit home-shot

Nor do the Sahibs use the *belatee pance* [soda water] when they are thirsty

(Kipling, *Smith Administration*)

The adj *bilāyātī* or *uīlāyātī* is applied specifically to a variety of exotic articles (*Hobson-Jobson*)

blimp [*neol*] Aeroplane converted into dirigible balloon One of the weird comages of the airman Quot below refers to R 34, which crossed the Atlantic in July, 1919

I'd worked hard on the bally blimp

(Mr Stow way Ballantine)

blimy [*slang*] For *Gawblimy*, God blind me, cf *swop me bob*, for *so help me God*

blind AS *blind* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *blind*, ON *blindr*, Goth *blinds* Oldest sense of noun *blind* is mil, for F *blinde*, obstruction, Ger *blende*, from *blenden*, to make blind Fig sense of *blind alley* (occupation) is mod *Blindfold* is for *blindfeld*, pp of ME *blind-fellen*, to strike (*fell*) blind, mod spelling being due to association with *fold* *Blind-man's-buff*, formerly *blindman-buff*, -*buffet* (c 1600), is from obs *buff*, OF *bufe*, a blow (see *buffet*!), the blind-folded person being buffeted by the other players (see quot from Wye below). Also called earlier *hoodman blind* (see *hood*) The *blind-worm* (see *slow-worm*) is so named from its minute eyes, cf Ger *blindschleiche* And thei blynfelden hym, and smyten his face

(Wyc Luke, xii 64)

blindfyld excecatus (*Prompt Parv*)

blink ME usu *blenk*, AS *blencan*, to deceive (dazzle), mod form perh due to Du *blinken*, cf Ger *blinken*, to shine, cogn with *blank*, in sense of bright, dazzling (cf ON *blakra*, to blink) Something of etym sense survives in *ice-blink*, orig brightness on the horizon due to reflection from ice This is prob Du *ijsblink* or Dan *isblink* Sense of failing to see, esp to *blink* (shut one's eyes to) *the fact* was orig sporting, of dogs missing their birds *Blinking* (*slang*) is quite recent It is prob for *blanking*, euph for *bleeding*, with vowel thinned as in *bilk* See also *blench*

bliss AS *bliths*, from *blithe* Sense-development already in AS shows association with

bless (q v), the two words being even confused in spelling

Two blessis ben—blesse of the soule and blisse of the bodi (Wyc)

blister ME *blesler*, OF *blestie*, ON *blāsth* (dat *blāsthi*), swelling, from *blāsa*, to blow Cf Ger *blase*, blister, from *blasen*, to blow See *blaze*³

blithe AS *blithe* Com Teut, cf Du *blijde*, *blij*, OHG *blidi*, ON *blithr*, Goth *bleiths* Cf *bliss*

blithering Usu with *idiot* Thinned form of *blather*, *blither*, with vowel perh suggested by *drivelling*

blizzard Came into gen use in US & E in the hard winter of 1880-1 Earlier (US 1834) in sense of hard blow Probabilities point to its being an E dial word ult cogn with *blaze*³

bloat Earliest as adj, soft, flabby, as in *the bloat* (old editions *blowt*) *king* (*Hamlet* iii 4) ON *blautr*, soft, whence Sw *blöt*, as in *blötfisc*, soaked fish *Bloater* was earlier (16 cent) *bloat herring*, formerly (17 cent) opposed to dried, though also used for smoked, as the process was altered For sense-development cf *hippen* Also puffed up, inflated, as in *bloated armaments* (*Disraeli*), *bloated aristocrat*, *capitalist*, or anything else that the speaker disapproves of With cogn Ger *blöße*, feeble, bashful, cf Se *blate* and fig. use of *soft* in E

fumer to bloat, besmoke, hang, or drie in the smoake (Cotg)

blob Orig a bubble, cf *bleb* In mod cricket slang, a "duck's egg"

bloc [*pol*] F, block (v 1)

block F *bloc*, OHG *bloch* (*block*), with cogn forms in Du Sw Dan Hcnee vrb, to stop, as at cricket and in Parliament (cf *stumbling-block*) In the *block-system* a line is divided into a number of *blocks*, or sections *Chip of the old block* occurs 17 cent *Blockade* (17 cent) is archaic Ger *blockade*, formed by analogy with mil words of It origin at time of Thirty Years War Its earlier E sense was blockhouse, palisade (Fryer's *E Ind & Pers* 180), so that it has changed its meaning in the same way as F *blocus* *Blockade-running* first occurs at time of Amer Civil War, when English vessels attempted to trade profitably with Southern ports *Blockhouse*, a detached fort, later applied in US to house of squared logs, or blocks (cf *log-hut*), is prob Ger or Du, cf F *blocus*, orig. blockhouse,

now blockade from Ger blackhans which
occurs on Franco German frontier in 14 cent.
bloke 10 cent thieves slant Shelta

blond F MedL *blundus* Prob like most colours of Teut origin and perh. orig. applied esp. to the yellow haired Germans. Origin unknown but cf AS *blinden feax* *blonden feax* grizzled hair (cf *Fox fox*, lit of mixed (blended) colour Colour words being purely subjective are of most elusive and changeable meaning (see *auburn black*)

blood AS *blōd* Cam Text. cf Du *blut*
Ger *blut* Oñ Goth *blōth* With verb in
blood (hound troops) cf hist of F archer
from L *ad carnem* (see file) Blue *blood* in
translated from Sp *sangre azul* of race
contaminated by Moors or Jewas
mixture with blue veins showing clear
white skin With *blood* applied to prevent
cf Ger *ein junges blut* *Blood and them*
was orig an oath The *bloodhound* (see
was supposed to scent the *blood* of the
fugitive *Blood money* is used by Cerv
(*Voss xxvii* 6) *Bloodshot* was
blood shaken shot is suffused with
The *bloody hand* as armorial *Coat*
baronets is derived from Oñth Ger
Ulster The vulgar *bloody* was orig
occurring esp in the phrase *to be*
(common c 1700) It is merely a
of the same type as *oufely* *unworn*
etc and may have been *super*
use as intens prefixes of *blut*
blut eg Ger *blutarm* *coats* in
might be rendered *bloody* *to be*
L. cf *blid* *eb* an *ab* *th*
Quot. 2 is much earlier *Let*
record and quot 2 shows *to be*
was not orig offensive.

A truly eloquent and...
(Marion...)

It was bloody but we fought and
(with some)

The Bismarck theory of the origin of the German Empire is the theory of the German Empire as a result of the German Empire.

bloodwrite [A45f] 45 8' 2/3 3/4 4/5 5/6 6/7 7/8 8/9 9/10 10/11 11/12 12/13 13/14 14/15 15/16 16/17 17/18 18/19 19/20 20/21 21/22 22/23 23/24 24/25 25/26 26/27 27/28 28/29 29/30 30/31 31/32 32/33 33/34 34/35 35/36 36/37 37/38 38/39 39/40 40/41 41/42 42/43 43/44 44/45 45/46 46/47 47/48 48/49 49/50 50/51 51/52 52/53 53/54 54/55 55/56 56/57 57/58 58/59 59/60 60/61 61/62 62/63 63/64 64/65 65/66 66/67 67/68 68/69 69/70 70/71 71/72 72/73 73/74 74/75 75/76 76/77 77/78 78/79 79/80 80/81 81/82 82/83 83/84 84/85 85/86 86/87 87/88 88/89 89/90 90/91 91/92 92/93 93/94 94/95 95/96 96/97 97/98 98/99 99/100 100/101 101/102 102/103 103/104 104/105 105/106 106/107 107/108 108/109 109/110 110/111 111/112 112/113 113/114 114/115 115/116 116/117 117/118 118/119 119/120 120/121 121/122 122/123 123/124 124/125 125/126 126/127 127/128 128/129 129/130 130/131 131/132 132/133 133/134 134/135 135/136 136/137 137/138 138/139 139/140 140/141 141/142 142/143 143/144 144/145 145/146 146/147 147/148 148/149 149/150 150/151 151/152 152/153 153/154 154/155 155/156 156/157 157/158 158/159 159/160 160/161 161/162 162/163 163/164 164/165 165/166 166/167 167/168 168/169 169/170 170/171 171/172 172/173 173/174 174/175 175/176 176/177 177/178 178/179 179/180 180/181 181/182 182/183 183/184 184/185 185/186 186/187 187/188 188/189 189/190 190/191 191/192 192/193 193/194 194/195 195/196 196/197 197/198 198/199 199/200 200/201 201/202 202/203 203/204 204/205 205/206 206/207 207/208 208/209 209/210 210/211 211/212 212/213 213/214 214/215 215/216 216/217 217/218 218/219 219/220 220/221 221/222 222/223 223/224 224/225 225/226 226/227 227/228 228/229 229/230 230/231 231/232 232/233 233/234 234/235 235/236 236/237 237/238 238/239 239/240 240/241 241/242 242/243 243/244 244/245 245/246 246/247 247/248 248/249 249/250 250/251 251/252 252/253 253/254 254/255 255/256 256/257 257/258 258/259 259/260 260/261 261/262 262/263 263/264 264/265 265/266 266/267 267/268 268/269 269/270 270/271 271/272 272/273 273/274 274/275 275/276 276/277 277/278 278/279 279/280 280/281 281/282 282/283 283/284 284/285 285/286 286/287 287/288 288/289 289/290 290/291 291/292 292/293 293/294 294/295 295/296 296/297 297/298 298/299 299/300 300/301 301/302 302/303 303/304 304/305 305/306 306/307 307/308 308/309 309/310 310/311 311/312 312/313 313/314 314/315 315/316 316/317 317/318 318/319 319/320 320/321 321/322 322/323 323/324 324/325 325/326 326/327 327/328 328/329 329/330 330/331 331/332 332/333 333/334 334/335 335/336 336/337 337/338 338/339 339/340 340/341 341/342 342/343 343/344 344/345 345/346 346/347 347/348 348/349 349/350 350/351 351/352 352/353 353/354 354/355 355/356 356/357 357/358 358/359 359/360 360/361 361/362 362/363 363/364 364/365 365/366 366/367 367/368 368/369 369/370 370/371 371/372 372/373 373/374 374/375 375/376 376/377 377/378 378/379 379/380 380/381 381/382 382/383 383/384 384/385 385/386 386/387 387/388 388/389 389/390 390/391 391/392 392/393 393/394 394/395 395/396 396/397 397/398 398/399 399/400 400/401 401/402 402/403 403/404 404/405 405/406 406/407 407/408 408/409 409/410 410/411 411/412 412/413 413/414 414/415 415/416 416/417 417/418 418/419 419/420 420/421 421/422 422/423 423/424 424/425 425/426 426/427 427/428 428/429 429/430 430/431 431/432 432/433 433/434 434/435 435/436 436/437 437/438 438/439 439/440 440/441 441/442 442/443 443/444 444/445 445/446 446/447 447/448 448/449 449/450 450/451 451/452 452/453 453/454 454/455 455/456 456/457 457/458 458/459 459/460 460/461 461/462 462/463 463/464 464/465 465/466 466/467 467/468 468/469 469/470 470/471 471/472 472/473 473/474 474/475 475/476 476/477 477/478 478/479 479/480 480/481 481/482 482/483 483/484 484/485 485/486 486/487 487/488 488/489 489/490 490/491 491/492 492/493 493/494 494/495 495/496 496/497 497/498 498/499 499/500 500/501 501/502 502/503 503/504 504/505 505/506 506/507 507/508 508/509 509/510 510/511 511/512 512/513 513/514 514/515 515/516 516/517 517/518 518/519 519/520 520/521 521/522 522/523 523/524 524/525 525/526 526/527 527/528 528/529 529/530 530/531 531/532 532/533 533/534 534/535 535/536 536/537 537/538 5

bloom¹ Flower Q¹ *Q¹ flower*
(northern) *Worm* *the*
blossom (q v) *let*
in spec senses to *g*
Du *Worm* *Ger*
with bloom¹ and *r*

1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the situation and the goals that need to be achieved.

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For the purpose of entry was and
 at our place
 (see Oct. 2, 1866)

1. The soil is a light brown
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... of unknown origin
... garment is recent
... of Ger. design
... with blouse and ...
... and cold to ...

1. Elder #12 Traveller who
has a story of 10 years on his mission
work in the North to coast
in the vicinity of some
of the most remote and
difficult to reach
places in the North
The methods
of the work are

blow² Of flowers AS *blōwan* WGer, cf Du *bloeien*, Ger *blühen*, cogn with bloom¹, blossom

blow³ Noun 15 cent (north) Earliest form *blaw* Cf Ger *bläuen*, to beat (OHG *bluwan*), Du *blouwen*, but the E word only occurs as a noun, while the Du & Ger are verbs only The date is also against connection It is perh a peculiar application of blow¹ Cf F *soufflet*, bellows, box on the ear, from *souffler*, to blow, and OF *buffet* (related to *puff*), with same two meanings, also ON *pústr*, box on the ear, cogn with LG *púster*, pair of bellows

blowzy From obs *blouze*, beggar's trull, usu described as red-faced, "a ruddy, fat-faced wench" (Johns), hence perh cogn with Du *blos*, blush See *blush*

Sweet blowse, you are a beauteous blossom sure
(*Til Andron* iv 2)

blubber Orig bubble Of imit formation *Blubber-lipped* was earlier *blabber* (*blobber*) *lipped*, also *babber-lipped*, all expressing the idea of protruding See *bleb*, *blob* *Bubble* is used in Sc for *blubber*, to weep

blober upon water boutellus (Palsg)

blucher Boot Named after Marshal *Blücher* Cf *wellington* Non-privileged cabs, admitted to stations after others have been hired, were also called *bluchers*, in allusion to the Prussian arrival at Waterloo Cf F (argot) *grouchy*, late arrival

bludgeon From 18 cent Perh OF *bougeon*, *boujon* (OF *boljon*), dim of OF *bolge*, *bouge*, club This is explained by Cotg as a bolt with a heavy head and is still used in dial for rung of a ladder, bar of a chair, etc Mod form may be due to association with *blood*

blue¹ Adj ME *blew*, F *bleu*, Ger *blau* This replaced cogn ME *blo* (see *blaeberry*), from ON *blā*, which survived for a time in sense of livid (*black and blue*) True *blue*, due to old association of the colour with constancy, was later used of the Scottish Whigs (17 cent) and of strong Tories (19 cent), the application being in both cases from adoption of a party colour *Blue* was also the garb of recipients of charity, hence *bluecoat* (school), Sc *bluegown* University *blues* are 19 cent The *blues*, depression, is for *blue devils*, appearing to the despondent The *Blues* (Horse-guards) were so-called (1690) when separated from William III's Dutch guard *Till all's blue* was orig used of effect

of drink on the sight By all that's blue may be adapted from F *parbleu* (euph for *par Dieu*) *Bluebeard*, wife-killer with secret chamber for the bodies, is F *Barbe bleue* (Perrault) His original has been sought in the medieval monster Gilles de Retz (†1440) *Bluebottle* was applied to the cornflower much earlier than to the fly As a contemptuous term for a constable it is used by Sliaks (2 *Hen* IV v. 4) *Blue books* (from cover) are mentioned in 1715 *Blue John*, kind of fluor-spar (Derbyshire), may be from F *bleu jaune*, blue yellow *Bluenose*, US nickname for Nova Scotian, alludes to cold climate The *blue ribbon* was adopted as badge of temperance c 1878 Earlier it was used vaguely of any high distinction, cf F *cordons bleu* *Blue-stocking* is said to have been applied (c 1750) to intellectual gatherings at houses of Mrs Montague and other ladies, some of the gentlemen frequenting these assemblies having adopted plain blue worsted stockings instead of the fashionable silk It has been adopted in F. (*bas bleu*) and Ger (*blaustrumpf*) According to some authorities the name goes back to the Venetian society *della calza* (16 cent) The *blue-water* school has been applied since c 1905 to those who pin their faith on the naval offensive as the surest defensive With *once in a blue moon* cf *at the Greek calends*, F *la semaine des quatre jeudis*, Du *blaauw maandag*

Yf they say the mone is blew,
We must beleve that it is true
(*Rede me and be not wrotte*, 1528).

blue² [slang] Verb, to cause to disappear Cf synonym F *faire passer au bleu*, ? orig, to send into the sky. Ger *schwärzen*, to smuggle, lit blacken, may also be compared

bluff¹ Of a countenance or ship Corresponds to obs Du *blaf*, with same meaning For vowel change cf US *slug*, to strike, from Du *slagen* US *bluff*, steep cliff, etc is the same word

bluff, or *bluff headed* when a ship has a small rake forward on, and so that she is built with her stem too straight up (*Sea-Dict* 1708)

bluff² Verb Orig US, ? from Du *verbluffen*, "to baffle, to put out of countenance" (Scwef) Cf E dial *bluff*, to blindfold, hoodwink, which may be cogn with the Du word

blunder ME *blondren*, to confuse, to flounder, cf Norw Sw dial *blundra* Of doubtful

origin ? cogn with AS *blandan* MF *blonden* to mix blend and with *blind* With *blunder head* for earlier *dunder head* cf *blunderbuss*

Who has bloned all these thynges o this facyon? Qui a perturbé ces choses en cest sorte? (Palg)

blunderbuss Perversion of Du *donterbus* thunder box See *bush* and cf Ger *buchse* gun The early corruptions are numerous blunt From c 1200 Earliest sense dull esp of sight Origin unknown ? Cogn with *blind*

blur 16 cent synon with *blot* Origin unknown

blurt 16 cent usu with *out* Prob imit Cf Sc *blurt* gust sudden weeping

blush AS *bliscan* to shine *ablysian* to blush from *blize* torch fire cf Du *blazen* LG *blusken* Norw *Dan blusse* to blush Oldest sense in MF is to shine forth cast a glance hence *at the first blush* In quot below it is app confused with *flush*

A young actress in the first blush of success
(D. Weyman)

bluster 16 cent Prob imit with suggestion of *blow blast* Gavin Douglas uses pres part *blasterand* in same sense Holthausen gives LG *blustern* to blow *Blustering* is a nice Spenser stock epithet of Boreas

Cease rude Boreas blustering rafter
(G. A. Stevens, 11764)

bo boh Natural exclamation intended to surprise or frighten Hence *Bo to a goose* (16 cent) *No peep* nursery game with children is still older See *peep*

Mark how *b* playeth bo-peep with the scriptures
(Tynd.)

boa L (Pliny) Connected by Pliny and other early etymologists with varied explanations with L *bo* ox but perh rather from *bo* exclamation of terror (s) Hence *boa constrictor* named by Lianatus and often erroneously applied to much larger serpents Fur *boa* is in Dickens (1836)

boanerges Vociferous preacher G *Boan-pyes* (Mark iii 17) Heb *banayregh* sons of thunder With first syllable cf *Ben* in Jewish names e.g. *Eliabam* son of the right hand

boar AS *bar* WGer cf Du *beer* OHG *bēr* (ModGer dial *l* r) which also mean bear

board AS *bord* board plank table side of a ship Com T ut cf Du *boord* Ger *bort* Oⁿ *borth* Goth *bau d* Orig combining two related words one meaning

edge Many E. senses are due to F *bord* (from Teut.) The meaning is easily traced from *board* plank table via *bord* (and *abdring*) to a mod *board* (table) of *guardian* or a *school board* In sense of edge border it is usu F *bord* So also the verb *to board* (naut) orig to range up alongside is F *aborder* *Board* on *board* was formerly used for *yard arm* to *yard-arm* i.e. in close combat To *go by the board* is to fall overboard To *swep the board* is from card playing (cf *above-board*) *By and by* on *board* dates from the time when book covers were of wood

Boorde that gahet boord mm nval (Palg)
John Kyng blowen o erth boord i t the see
(*Boysse fike B. de 154*)

boast ME *bo* clamour ostentation AF *boist* Origin unknown but firm suggestions F (cf *coast* *roast* *loast*) Perh via an unrecorded OF **boisler* from a Teut root meaning swelling

Mon that b oisen her brie t s juff o t t h r b is
(*La te f l ght 4*)

boat AS *bāt* whence ON *bair* and Du *Ger boot* App E is the home of this word (Ger *boot* is from Du) which has also passed into the Rom langs (OF *bat* F *bateau* etc) *Boatswain* is late AS *bōtswan* the second element being ON (see *ruar*) It is spelt *boson* in 1600 (*Cecil MSS*)

Ha o y e p s ? So bkeni p b ew
F in one boat we both umb rik-d be
(Hudson *Judith* 584)

bob The NFD recognizes properly nine nouns and four verbs which may be of various origins The oldest meaning of the noun seems to be a pendulum clut hence perh *bob* a g b b tail that of the verb is to mock and strike the first from OF *bobber* to mock (cf Sp *bobo* fool) The idea of jerky motion is present in bell ringing e.g. *treble bob* may r etc also in *che v bob* In *d s-bob* uet *bob* (Fton) we have perh the name *Bob* with a vague punning allusion to a *dry-bob* a blow which does not draw blood cf *light-bob* light infantry soldier *Bob* a shilling (19 cent slang) is perh from *Robt* (cf *gorr*) With naut *bob tail* which holds down the bowsprit of the *bob* of a pendulum For *bobbit* see also *lag Bob* *skel* is US (19 cent)

Bobadil [*a cha c*] Braggart Character in Jonson *Every Man in his Humour* From *Boabdil* last Moorish king of Granada Sp corrupt of *Abu Abdullah* father of the

blow² Of flowers AS *blōwan* WGer, cf Du *bloeien*, Ger *blühen*, cogn with *bloom*¹, *blossom*

blow³ Noun 15 cent (north) Earliest form *blaw* Cf Ger *bläuen*, to beat (OHG *bluwan*), Du *blouwen*, but the E word only occurs as a noun, while the Du & Ger are verbs only The date is also against connection It is perh a peculiar application of *blow*¹ Cf F *soufflet*, bellows, box on the ear, from *souffler*, to blow, and OF *buffet* (related to *puff*), with same two meanings, also ON *puſt*, box on the ear, cogn with LG *puster*, pair of bellows

blowzy From obs *blouze*, beggar's trull, usu described as red-faced, "a ruddy, fat-faced wench" (Johns), hence perh cogn with Du *blos*, blush See *blush*

Sweet blowse, you are a beauteous blossom sure
(Tit. Andron iv 2).

blubber Orig bubble Of imit formation *Blubber-lipped* was earlier *blabber* (*blobber*) *lipped*, also *babber-lipped*, all expressing the idea of protruding See *bleb*, *blob* *Bubble* is used in Sc for *blubber*, to weep

blober upon water *bouteillis* (Palsg)

blucher Boot Named after *Marshal Blucher* Cf *wellington* Non-privileged cabs, admitted to stations after others have been hired, were also called *bluchers*, in allusion to the Prussian arrival at Waterloo Cf F (argot) *grouchy*, late arrival

bludgeon From 18 cent Perh OF *bougeon*, *boujon* (OF *boljon*), dim of OF *bolge*, *bouge*, club This is explained by Cotg as a bolt with a heavy head and is still used in dial for rung of a ladder, bar of a chair, etc Mod form may be due to association with *blood*

blue¹ Adj ME *bleu*, F *bleu*, Ger *blau* This replaced cogn ME *blo* (see *blackberry*), from ON *blā*, which survived for a time in sense of livid (*black and blue*) True *blue*, due to old association of the colour with constancy, was later used of the Scottish Whigs (17 cent) and of strong Tories (19 cent), the application being in both cases from adoption of a party colour *Blue* was also the garb of recipients of charity, hence *bluecoat* (school), Sc *bluegoan* University *blues* are 19 cent The *blues*, depression, is for *blue devil*, appearing to the despondent The *Blues* (Horse-guards) were so-called (1690) when separated from William III's Dutch guard *Till all's blue* was orig used of effect

of drink on the sight *By all that's blue* may be adapted from F *paibleu* (euph for *par Dieu*) *Bluebeard*, wife-killer with secret chamber for the bodies, is F *Barbe bleue* (Perrault). His original has been sought in the medieval monster Gilles de Retz (†1440) *Bluebottle* was applied to the cornflower much earlier than to the fly As a contemptuous term for a constable it is used by Shaks (2 Hen IV v 4) *Blue books* (from cover) are mentioned in 1715 *Blue John*, kind of fluor-spar (Derbyshire), may be from F *bleu jaune*, blue yellow *Bluenose*, US nickname for Nova Scotian, alludes to cold climate The *blue ribbon* was adopted as badge of temperance c 1878 Earlier it was used vaguely of any high distinction, cf F *cordon bleu* *Blue-stocking* is said to have been applied (c 1750) to intellectual gatherings at houses of Mrs Montague and other ladies, some of the *gentlemen* frequenting these assemblies having adopted plain blue worsted stockings instead of the fashionable silk It has been adopted in F (*bas bleu*) and Ger (*blaustrumpf*) According to some authorities the name goes back to the Venetian society *della calza* (16 cent) The *blue-water* school has been applied since c 1905 to those who pin their faith on the naval offensive as the surest defensive With *once in a blue moon* cf *at the Greek calends*, F *la semaine des quatre jeudis*, Du *blaauw maandag*

Yf they say the mone is blewē,
We must beleve that it is true
(Rede me and be not wrothe, 1528).

blue² [slang] Verb, to cause to disappear Cf synon F *faire passer au bleu*, ? orig to send into the sky Ger *schwärzen*, to smuggle, lit blacken, may also be compared

bluff¹ Of a countenance or ship Corresponds to obs Du *blaf*, with same meaning For vowel change cf US *slug*, to strike, from Du *slagen* US *bluff*, steep cliff, etc. is the same word

bluff, or *bluff headed* when a ship has a small rake forward on, and so that she is built with her stem too straight up (See *Did* 1708)

bluff² Verb Orig US, ? from Du *verbluffen*, "to baffle, to put out of countenance" (Sewel) Cf E dial *bluff*, to blindfold, hoodwink, which may be cogn with the Du word

blunder ME *blondren*, to confuse, to flounder, cf Norw. Sw dial *blundra* Of doubtful

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F *boam* was *buyst* use [*Vulg rad*] (*Wyc* 2 CA vi 2) There denegroth (Nirrod) th *boistous* (Hgd robust) oppress of m began t telg in the cit of Bilton

(15 cent transl. Hgden *Pol ch com*) **bolas** [*S Amer*] Missile lasso loaded with balls to entangle legs of animals IT of Sp *bola* ball Cf *lasso*

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bole ¹ Of a tree ON *bolr* cf Ger *bohle* plank and see *bi lwa h*

bole ² Earthy clay MedL *bolus* G *βωλος* clod Hence *bole armeniac* or *Armenian bole* (*bole armonjak* in Chauc)

bolelection [*arch*] Raised moulding Orig form {*bol bol bel*} and origin unknown **bolero** Dance Sp Cf *cachuchí fandango* *Ab* short jacket

boletus Fungus L G *βωλ ης* mushroom **bolide** M teor F L *bol's bolid* G *β λ s* mis ile from *βωλλ v* to throw

bolle Rnandel pool Var of *boale* (q v) Th *baile y* was in the r ith *flav* was *bolled* (E 133)

That pest t th olton pl t th *bolle* w e il (*D ay CA M rch 3 19*)

bolle [*Sc*] *Mea ure* ? ON *bulli* bowl

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What we might call the B h h whig party—the t str e comb than led by Lord Lansdowne and M I may M domali (*Mor Po* 1 A 8 14 9 8) That wine whom we il *Bol* h (k a mere blundthirty e throats wh m rder for the i of it Their régime has destroyed more peass ts and pone peopl n on 3 a then did th Cc 19 in a hund ed (Col John W d the navy M P N 29 1918)

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bobbery [*Anglo-Ind*] Hind *bāpīe*, O father! Cf *my aunt!* For change of cry into noun cf F *vacarme*, uproar, bobbery, Du *waeharne*, lit woe poor (fellow)

bobbin F *bobine*, of unknown origin, but prob connected with some sense of *bob* With *bobbinet*, cotton net, orig imitating pillow lace, cf *stockinet*

bobbish [*slang*] Usu with *pretty* App from *bob*, to bounce, etc

bobby [*slang*] *Robert Peel* was Home Secretary when Metropolitan Police Act was passed (1828) Cf *peeler*

bobolink N Amer singing bird From its cry, app first (18 cent) understood as *Bob o' Lincoln* Cf *whippoorwill*, *katydid* But very possibly adapted from a native name related to word below

Greene birds, as big as sparrows, like the catalinins of West India (Purch)

bocardo See *barbata* Also name of prison at Oxford (suppressed 1771), prob given as result of some logician's witticism

Boche, Bosche [*ncol*] F, for *Alleboche*, argotic perversion of *Allemand*, German, in use long before the War Perh suggested by *tête de boche*, from *boche*, bowl², of Prov origin, cf It *boccia*, bowl, and our *bullet-headed* I have heard Germans called *têtes de boche* c 1890, and *Alboche* is in Villatte's *Parisismen* (1890) But Swiss F has also *Allemoche*

bock F, glass of beer Ger *bock*, for earlier *ambock*, beer from *Embeck*, Hanover

bocking Fabric From *Bocking*, Essex Cf *worsted*

boddle See *bodle*

bode Usu with *well ill* AS *bodian*, to announce, from *boda*, messenger Com Teut, cf Du *bode*, Ger *bote*, messenger, ON *boðr*, cogn with *bud*, to offer Hence *forebode*

bodega Wine-shop Sp, L *apotheca*, G *ἀποθήκη* (see *apothecary*), cf F *boutique*, shop

bodge Var of *botch*² (q v)

bodice For (*pair of*) *bodies*; cf *pence* for *pennies* For sense cf *coisct* (q v)

A pair of bodice of the cumbersome form in vogue at the beginning of the last century

(Ainsworth, *Jack Sheppard*, ch 1)

bodkin Formerly a piercing instrument ME *boidekin*, *boitequin* Origin unknown The ME form suggests an AF **boitequin*, little

box, and sense-development as in *tweczers* (q v), but this is only my conjecture To *ride bodkin* is unexplained, ? cf dial. *pin*, middle horse of a team of three harnessed tandem fashion

They provoked themselves with knyves and botkens (Coverd & Kings, xviii 28)

He's too big to travel bodkin between you and me (*Vanity Fair*).

bodle, boddle [*Sc*] Halfpenny See *bawbee*

I do not value your favour at a boddle's purchase (*Kidnapped*, Ch iii).

Bodleian library At Oxford Restored and enriched (1597) by *Sir Thomas Bodley*

body AS *boðg*, cf OIIG *botah*, whence Ger *botlich*, brewing-tub Fig uses as those of L *corpus* and F *corps* In ME, also human being (cf OF *cors*), as still in *somebody*, *busibody*, *a nice body*, etc *Body-snatcher* is early 19 cent (see *buike*) To *keep body and soul together* is for earlier *life and soul*

By my trowthe they ar as good meny's bodys as any leve (*Paston Let* ii 387)

Boehmenist [*theol*] Follower of *Jacob Boehme* or *Behm* (ie Bohemian), Ger mystic (†1624)

Boeotian Dull clown From reputation of *Boeotia*, in ancient Greece Cf *Arcadian*, *solecism*

boer Dn, peasant, farmer Cf *boor*, *bond*², and Ger *bauer*

bog Ir Gael *bogach*, from *bog*, soft In Shaks (*Hen V* iii 7) With *bogtrotter*, applied to Irish since 17 cent, cf *moss-trooper* For *bog-beau* see *buck*¹

bogey See *bogie*, *bogy*

boggart [*dial*] Goblin, bugbear Origin obscure See *boggle*, *bogie*, *bogle*, *bug*¹

boggle Orig to start with fright, as though at sight of a spectre See *bogle* Now confused with *bungle*

You boggle shrewdly, every feather starts you (*All's Well*, v 3)

A thing their superstition boggles at (Browning, *Ring and Book*, vi 282)

It takes up about eighty thousand lines,

A thing imagination boggles at

And might, odds bobs, sir! in judicious haids

Extend from here to Mesopotamy

(Calverley, *Cock and Bull*)

bogie Truck (19 cent) Origin unknown App northern dial ? Cf *buggy* For obscurity of so recent a techn word cf *culvert*, *lorry*, *sponson*, *tolley*, etc

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Roboam was *l'uyt jouse* (Volz *radix*)

(Wyc *s Chron* v 17)

There Nemroth (Nimrod) the bouterous (Hud *rel ut ut*) oppressor of men began to reign in the cit. of Babel

(13 cent. tran. L of Hglen *s Polychronicon*)

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bolt [arc] Raised moulding Orig form (? *bol bal tel*) and origin unknown *bolero Dance* Sp Cf *cachucha* *finlanço* Also short jacket

boletus Fungus L G *βωλ* *rys mu hroom* *bolde Meteor* I L *l in bold* G *β λ e* missile from *βαλλω* to throw

bol Run led pod Var of *kan* (q.v.) The barley was in the *r r* and the flax was bolted (Ex 133)

That pest of the cotton plant the boll weevil (D Ty *CA on* *Marc* 19)

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What we might call the Bolshevik party—the stange combination led by Lord Lansdowne and M. Kautsky Macdonald (M *Wn Po* 1 A 2 14 93)

Those swm whom we call British *icks* are mere blondthirsty cutthroats who m rde for the love of it. Their regime has destroyed more peas and poor people in 60 years than did the Cx in a hundred (Col. John Ward, the navy MP N 29 1918)

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Long as a mast and upright as a bolt

(Chauc. A 3264)

bolt², boult [archaic] To sift (flour, etc.). OF *buleter* (*bluter*), app for **bureter*, cogn with It *burattare*, from *buratto*, sieve, fine-cloth, perh dim of *bura*, for which see *bureau*.

I ne kan nat bulle it to the bren (Chauc. B 4430)

boltel, bowtell [arch] Round moulding, shaft of clustered pillar. Prob of OF origin and ult related to L *bullā*, bubble, boss, etc. *en bout* raised, embossed, or bouted (Cotg.)

boltered [archaic] In *blood-boltered*, sometimes used as echo of Shaks Midl dial *balter*, to clot, tangle, etc. Prob from ON. Cf. Dan *baltre*, *bolthe*, to wallow.

Blood bolter'd Banquo smiles upon me

(Macb iv 1)

bolus L, G *βῶλος*, clod. See *bole²*

bomb F *bombe*, Sp *bomba*, from L *bombus*, humming, G *βόμβος*, of imit origin (cf. *boom*). Verb to *bomb* became obs (1) in 18 cent, last NED quot being from Nelson (1797).

I saw a train of those devilish murdering mischief-doing engines call'd bombs, shot out of the mortar-piece on Blackheath (Evelyn, Mar 16, 1686)

bombard Earliest as noun, a deep-toned wind instrument (Gower), an early cannon (Lydgate). F *bombarde*, in same two senses, augment of *bombe* (v s). In Shaks (*Temp* ii 2) also used of a drinking vessel, prob from its shape. Hence *bombardier*, now artillery corporal. *Bombardon*, a wind instrument, is of recent introduction. It *bombardone*.

bombasine [archaic] F *bombasin*, Late L *bombasimum*, for *bombycinum*, from *bombyx*, *bombyc-*, silkworm, G *βόμβυξ*. Synon F *basin* is due to *bombasin* being understood as *bon basin*, and Ger *baumseide*, lit tree-silk, is also folk-ety m.

bombast Earlier *bombace*, OF, Late L *bombax*, *bombac-*, for *bombyx* (v s), cotton wool, padding, or fig, boasting, tall talk.

Cf *fustiar*, padding, etc. In quot below we should now use *pad*. *Bombastes Furioso* is a mock epic (1815) by W. B. Rhodes.

He is as well able to bombard out a blank verse as the best of you (Greene, *Gentle and of Wit*).

Bombay duck Fish. See *bummalu*. Cf. Welsh *rabbit*.

bombilation, bombination Variations on L *bombizatio*, buzzing. See *bomb*.

bona-fide L, in good faith, i e genuine, esp. as applied to thirsty Sunday wayfarers.

bonanza Successful mine, lucky enterprise (US). Sp *bonanza*, fair weather, prosperity, from L *bonus*, good.

bona-roba "A showy wanton" (Johns). It. *buonaroba*, "as we say good stuffe, that is a good wholesome plum-checked wench" (Flor).

bonbon F baby lang, with the usual redupl. Cf E *goody*.

bond¹ Shackle, restraint, etc. Var of *bard¹* (from *bind*), with which it is used indifferently in many senses, though always *bond* as leg term, e g in Shylock's *bond*. The *Afrikaner Bond* (SAfr) is from cogn. Du *bond*, cf Ger *bund*, confederation, etc.

bond² [archaic] Serf. Hence *bondage*, *bond-man*, *bondswoman*, *bond and free*. Orig. a farmer, late AS *bōnda*, ON *bōndr*, for *bū-andi*, pres part of *būa*, to dwell, till, cogn with Ger *bauer*, peasant, and Du *boer* (q v). Change of meaning is due partly to humble position (cf *churl*, *villain*), and partly to mistaken association with *bond¹*. Orig sense survives in Norw. Dan Sw *bonde*, small freeholder, husbandman, etc.

bone AS *bān*. Com Teut, cf Du *been*, Ger ON *bein*, these usu meaning leg. Differs from other important body-words in having no cognates outside Teut. A *bone of contention* was orig fought for by two dogs, cf to *have a bone to pick with*. To *make no bones about* was earlier (15 cent) to *find no bones in*, i e to swallow without difficulty. The verb to *bone* (thieves' slang, 19 cent) is perh from the dog making off with a bone. *Bone-lace* was orig made with bone bobbins.

bonfire For *bone-fire*, ME & Sc *bane-fire*, perh originating in some heathen rite. "For the annual midsummer banefire of bonfire, old bones were regularly collected and stored up, down to c 1800" (NED). It is the usual rendering of *rogus* and *pyra*.

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Long as a mast and uprighte as a bolt

(Chauc A 3264)

bolt², boult [*archaic*] To sift (flour, etc) OF *buleter* (*bluter*), app for **bucter*, cogn with It *burattare*, from *buratto*, sieve, fine-cloth, perh dim of *buna*, for which see *bureau*

I ne kan nat bulite it to the bren (Chauc B 4430)

boltel, bowtell [*arch*] Round moulding, shaft of clustered pillar Prob of OF origin and ult related to L *bullā*, bubble, boss, etc *emboult* raised, imbossed, or boulded (Cotg)

boltered [*archaic*] In *blood-boltered*, sometimes used as echo-of Shaks Midl dial *baller*, to clot, tangle, etc Prob from ON Cf Dan *baltré*, *boltré*, to wallow

Blood bolter'd Banquo smiles upon me

(*Macb* iv 1)

bolus L, G βῶλος, elod See *bole²*

bomb F *bombe*, Sp *bomba*, from L *bombus*, humming, G βόμβος, of imit origin (cf *boom¹*) Verb to *bomb* became obs (1) in 18 cent, last *NED* quot being from Nelson (1797)

I saw a trial of those devilish murdering mischief-doing engines call'd bombs, shot out of the mortar-piece on Blackheath (Evelyn, Mar 16, 1686)

bombard Earliest as noun, a deep-toned wind instrument (Gower), an early cannon (Lydgate) F *bombarde*, in same two senses, augment of *bombe* (v s) In Shaks (*Temp* ii 2) also used of a drinking vessel, prob from its shape Hence *bombardier*, now artillery corporal *Bombardon*, a wind instrument, is of recent introduction, It *bombardone*

bombasine [*archaic*] F *bombasin*, Late L *bombasimum*, for *bombycinum*, from *bombyx*, *bombyc*-, silkworm, G βόμβυξ Synon F *basin* is due to *bombasin* being understood as *bon basin*, and Ger *baumseide*, lit tree-silk, is also folk-etym

bombast Earlier *bombace*, OF, Late L *bombax*, *bombac*-, for *bombyx* (v s), cotton wool, padding, or fig, boasting, tall talk

Cf *fushan, padding*, etc In quot below we should now use *pad* *Bombastes Furioso* is a mock epic (1815) by W B Rhodes

He is as well able to bombast out a blank verse as the best of you (Greene, *Groatworth of W¹*)

Bombay duck Fish See *bummalo* Cf *Welsh rabbit*

bombilation, bombination Variations on L *bombizatio*, buzzing See *bomb*

bona-fide L, in good faith, 1 c genuine, esp as applied to thirsty Sunday wayfarers

bonanza Successful mine, lucky enterprise (US) Sp *bonanza*, fair weather, prosperity, from L *bonus*, good

bona-roba "A showy wanton" (Johns). It. *buonaroba*, "as we say good stuffe, that is a good wholesome plum-checked wench" (Flor)

bonbon F baby lang, with the usual redupl. Cf E *goody*

bond¹ Shackles, restraint, etc Var of *bānd¹* (from *bind¹*), with which it is used indifferently in many senses, though always *bond* as leg term, e g in Shylock's *bond* The *Afrikander Bond* (SAfr) is from cogn Du *bond*, cf Ger *bind*, confederation, etc

bond² [*archaic*] Serf Hence *bondage*, *bondman*, *bondwoman*, *bond and free* Orig a farmer, late AS *bōnda*, ON *bōndr*, for *bū-andr*, pres part of *būa*, to dwell, till, cogn with Ger *bauer*, peasant, and Du *boer* (q v) Change of meaning is due partly to humble position (cf *churl*, *villain*), and partly to mistaken association with *bond¹* Orig sense survives in Norw Dan Sw *bonde*, small freeholder, husbandman, etc

bone AS *bān* Com Teut, cf Du *been*, Ger ON *bein*, these usu meaning leg Differs from other important body-words in having no cognates outside Teut A *bone of contention* was orig fought for by two dogs, cf to *have a bone to pick* with To *make no bones about* was earlier (15 cent) to *find no bones in*, 1 c to swallow without difficulty The verb to *bone* (thieves' slang, 19 cent) is perh from the dog making off with a bone *Bone-lace* was orig made with bone bobbins

bonfire For *bone-fire*, ME & Sc' *bane-fire*, perh originating in some heathen rite "For the annual midsummer bane-fire or bonfire, old bones were regularly collected and stored up, down to c 1800" (*NED*) It is the usual rendering of *rogus* and *pyra*

in L. diets of 16-17 cents Cf synonym F *fen d os*

bane fire ignis ossi m (Cath 1 st)

[*de bekou* *dis* a bone-fire (Cotg)

bonfire een been vier dat is als men victorie bra dt (He tnm)

bonhomie F good fellowship Cf *Jacques*

Bonhomme trad nickname of F peasant

Boniface Name of innkeeper in Farquhar's

Beaux Stripes m (1707) Cf *abn n* Much

earlier is *Bon fa* in a similar rôle in

Amos's *La Scelishra*

bonito Fish kind of tunny Sp Fort *bonito*

Cf F *bonito* and MedLat *bonitum* May

be Sp *bonito* fine but the fact that it is

commonly coupled with *albacore* (q v)

suggests Arab origin

bonne Nurse maid servant F good

bonne bouche Misused in E for dainty

morsel In F pleasant taste in the mouth

e g *garde pour la bonne bouche* rester sur

la *bonne bouche* etc

bonnet F *le chap ou de bonnet* ? some

unknown mat rial MedL *bonnetum* But

earlier is Late L *adonnis* cap (7 cent)

Superced'd in 14 cent exc in Sc *l cap*

in gen sen e and surviving only in ref to

woman head gear Sc *bonnet* *laid* is one

who wears a bonnet like the peasants cf

bonnet piece gold coin on which James V

is represented wearing a bonnet In sense

of accomplice etc (thieves slang 19 cent)

there is perh a remin scence of F *de ix*

lille d'us un bonnet hand and glove Naut

bonnet ong topsail is in Pic s *Ploim*

Unchapel'd bonet on sa teste (Chaucer V me)

bonny App formed with F suffix v from

F *bo* by analogy with *jolly* *pretty* etc

Cf Sp *bonito* pretty

bonnyclabber Clotted milk Ir *basine* milk

cl'air thick In general US use

bonspiel [Sc] Curium, match between two

clubs cr district Du *spel* game with

doubtful first element perh *bon* come

nant society thus a collective encounter

club match

bontebok [S Afr] Antelope Du *bont* pied

Cf *blesk* *sprim* *bok* etc

bonus For *bonum* something good Stock

Exchange Latin

bonze Badhist priest F Fort *bon* Jap

bon Chin *sin seng* reliq ons one

booby From Sp *bobo* fool ? from an unit

bob (cf *baby* *baldie* etc) ? or I *balbus*

stammerer (which comes to the same thing)

For application to a stupid bird cf *dodo*
dottrel *loon* etc also *noddy* (q v) u ed
of a sea bird in Furch With *booly* *trap* cf
synon F *ultrafe nigrid* from *nigrid* a
lop nidget, idiot (Cotg) prob familiar
form of *Nicodime* (ie *noddy*)

boodle [US] Usu with *who e* as in *whole* *kit*
and *boodle* (Stephen Crane) or in sense of
funds (US) ? Du *boedel* estates effects
cogn with *booth* and AS *botl* *hou e* Cf
crboodle

book AS *boc* beech tree w/ nce *boerstaf*
beech staff letter character cf synonym Du
boekstaf Ger *buchstabe* Oñ *bokstifr* It is
supposed that runes were scratched on
beech bark Cf San Lit *bau* *ba* birch
bark for writing and Late L *fraxineae*
tabellae (Venantius Fortunatus) from *f* *ax*
mus ash Cf also Bible code library *prp r*
The untability of beech bark for inscrip
tions is still observed by the tripper So
also Ger *buch* Du *boek* to *Bok* *muslin*
is folded in book form when sold in the
piece With good books cf *black books* (see
black) With to take a leaf out of o e s *book*
ie to adopt his teaching cf to *turn over a*
new leaf To *bring to book* was orig to
demand proofs (chapter and verse) *fr*
statement *Bokero* m lover of books (Ben
Jonson) is from the maggot which destroys
books The railway booking office is taken
over (with *guard coach* etc) from the old
stage-coach days when intending passen
gers names were taken down

bookworm blatta (Latt)

Books calicos and allicon mad up in rows
(Furch 67g)

There ought to be some in ans of bri ging t book
a noble i th script f mon v from the State
who spe k of *treedly* power a Lord R beris
spok of G many (Nat on Oct 26 91)

boom¹ Sound ME *boinnen* to hum Imut
cf Ger *bum* en Du *boinnen* and see
boom Earliest u ed of bee wasp etc. For
business sense (US) opposite of *slump* cf
to *make things hum* but it may ha e ong
been a naut metaphor connected with
*boom*² cf *ast p c nes boomins* she comes
with all the sail she can make (Sea Dict
1708) and the parallel case of *g* *gue* (q v)
*boom*³ [naut] Du *boom* beam tree cogn
with *beem* (q v)

boomerang Modification of some Austral
native nam *Bo-mu ang* *ngi* *ngi* *ngi* 1790
in a short vocabulary of Port Jackson
words For its vague hist cf *k* a oo

Often used fig of a weapon which recoils on its user

This weapon [aerial bombing of civilian population] will not only fail, but prove a terrible boomerang to the enemy (Gen Smuts, Oct 4, 1917)

boon¹ Favour ON *bōn*, petition, prayer to God, cf AS *bēn*, whence (bootless) *bene* (q v) Mod sense comes from to grant (*have*) one's boon, and has perh been influenced by boon²

boon² Adj F *bon* Nowusu with *compagnon* With *boonfellow* (Meredith) cf surname *Bonfellow*

A cette époque, être de "bonne compagnie," c'était se montrer avant tout d'une gaieté franche, spirituelle et amusante, d'où est resté le mot de "bon compagnon" (Sainte-Beuve)

boor Orig husbandman Cf AS *gebūr* (see *neighbour*) But as the word is very rare before c 1500, and is esp applied, as also adj *boorish*, to the Dutch and Germans, it is prob LG *būr* or Du *boer*, cogn with above, cf Ger *bauer*, peasant All these words mean dweller, tiller (see *bond*²) For degeneration cf *churl*, *villain* See also *bower*²

Germany hath her boores, like our yeomen (Fuller)

boost Hoist (US) Origin unknown

boot¹ For foot ME *bote*, F *botte*, cf Sp Port *bota*, MedL *botla* Of obscure origin, cogn with Ger dial *boss* Orig of riding boots only The *boot* of a coach (so F *botte*) was orig named from its shape *Boot and saddle* is a perversion of F *boute-selle*, put saddle It is difficult to account for *sly-boots*, *clumsy boots*, etc, but, as the earliest of the type is *smooth-boots* (c 1600), the orig allusion may have been to stealthiness

boute-selle to horse (Cotg)

The word "boot legger" [provider of alcohol in a "dry" country] hails from the prairie, where they conceal bottles between the knee-boot and the leg. (Daily Mail, Dec 2, 1919).

boot² Profit Now only in *to boot* (cf *into the bargain*), *bootless*, and as verb AS *bōt*, profit, advantage (cf ON *bōt*), cogn with *better* Cf Ger *busse*, repentance, expiation, and *batten*²

Bootes [astron] G *βούτης*, waggoner, lit ox-driver, from *βοῦς*, ox

booth ODan *bolh*, ON *būth*, from *būa*, to dwell, cf Ger. *bude*, cogn with OIr *both*, AS *bol*

booty. F *butin*, influenced by *boot*². Cf. Du *buit* (see *freebooter*), Ger *beute*, ON *býti*,

exchange. The F. word is prob of Teut origin, and it is suggested that the origin is a LG *būlen*, to share (q v), for **bū-ūhan*, from *ut*, out To *play booty*, act as confederate with a view to spoil, is 16 cent

butiner to prey, get booty, make spoyle of, to bootchale, to live, or game, by pillage (Cotg)

booze [slang] Du. *buizen*, to drink to excess, cf LG *būsen*, Ger *bausen*, see *quaff* A ME *bouse* is recorded c 1300, but the word as we have it is prob a new introduction (16 cent). In the old play *Health and Wealth* (c 1560) a drunken Fleming is called *Hanynkin Bouse*

And in his hand [Gluttony] did bear a bouzing can,
Of which he supt so oft, that on his seat
His drunken eorse he searse upholden can

(Faerie Queene, 1 iv 22)

buysen to drink great drafts, or to quaf (Hexham)

bo-peep See *bo*, *peep*, and cf Du *kiekeboe spelen*, "to play at boo-peep" (Sewel), also *piepbeu*

bora Severe north wind in Adriatic It dial *bora*, for *borea*, north wind (see *boreal*). Cf Texan *norther*

To day [on the Isonzo] the icy bora has blown itself out (Daily Chron Feb 2, 1917)

boracic See *borax*

borage F *bourrache*, cf Sp *borraja*, It *borragine*, etc, MedL *borago*, ? Arab *abū*, father, *araq*, sweat (see *arrack*), from med use

borax ME OF *boras* (*borax*), with many variants and MedL forms, Arab *būraq*, Pers *bū*, *ah*. border F *bordure*, from *border*, to edge, from *bord*, edge, orig of a ship (see *board*), or from Late L *bordatura*, cf It *bordatura*, Sp *bordadura* For ending cf *baiter*, *fritter*, and, for a converse case, *failure* The *Border*, in hist sense (16 cent), is of Sc origin, the earlier term, both in E & Sc, being *march*

bore¹ Verb AS *bōra*, to Com
Teut, cf Du *bora*,
cogn with It *bora*,
(c. 1750) *bora*,
of

bore *Tidal wave* Oñ *bura* wave whence also *barr* tidal wave in river. But there is a gap between ME *bore* wave and the first record of *bo* *e* (c 1600). See *eug e* for another possible origin.

Such a *boore* (a th seame terme 19) and *bol* at encounter of two ly les c an gln (Pursh 1330).

boreal *L. borealis* from *L. boreas* north wind C *Bores*.

borecole Du *boerental* peasant's cabbage. See *boor* *cole* *kale*.

boreen [Ir] *Narrow lane* Ir from *bóthar* road with *dim* *-n* cl *col* *n* *squrree* etc.

born. See *bea* ². The connection has almost ceased to be felt.

borough AS *burg* *bu* *h* castle minor house with meaning gradually extended as in town or *ville* Cogn with AS *be* *on* to protect Com Teut of Du Ger *burg* Oñ *burg* (oth *burgs* also Late *L* *burg* is earliest Teut loan word in *L* whence forms in Rom lang. *Burrow* (j v) is the same word and *burn* (Canterbury etc) is from the 19 dat *dyrig* Cl *Sc* *burg* (Edinburgh etc). Hence *h* *gth* *Ln* is a system of tenure by which in some countries youngest son inherits all lands and tenements partial transfer of ME *tenure* *en* *burg* *englois*. *Borough man* *er* was coined (18 cent) to describe one who traded in parliamentary representation of his pocket *borough* *rotten borough* *h* constituency without vote before 1832 *Bill of 1832*.

borrel [*archaic*] Rude unlettered. Revived by Scott imitated by W Bion Morris. Ident with ME *burrel* rough clothing also used of the lutey. See *bureau* and cf *fig* use of *homespun*.

R lignon *h* *th* take up at *th* corn.

Of freyng and we be *in* *n* *len* shrympes (Ch B 3140).

borrow AS *borg* *an* from *borg* *borh* pledge Cf Du *borg* pledge Ger *borge* *n* to borrow. Oñ *OV* *borga* to stand security. Ut cogn with *to* *ough* with ground sense of security. In AS and the other Teut langs the orig sense is rather to lend than to borrow.

Borstal system Established (1902) for dealing with juvenile adult offenders at Borstal (I ent).

borzoi [Russ] Hound. Oñ *adj* swift cf synonym Serbo-Croat *brzo* Czech *brzy*.

bosch Du for *bi* *sh* whence S Afr *boschbok* bush buck *boschn* an Bushman *boschvaark* bush hog. Also used as trade equivalent

for margarine from its place of manufacture *affetog* *er* *bo* *ch* (Brissac Duc).

Bosche See *Boche*.

bosh Turk empty worthless. Popularized by Morier's *Asiatics* (1834).

bosky for ME *bu* *hi* from *bush* northern form of *bush* refashioned (16 cent) under its influence (*bosco* *b* *seo* *o* etc). With *boshage* (Tennyson) 1 OF *b seage* Also *bushet* *h* *bosquet* It *bos* *helt* (ce bouq iet) *Bosky* *matricate* 1 (Bailey 1730) may be perverted from Sp *bquiseco* dry mouthed but *adj* *xpres* *he* of drunkenn *a* *scm* to be created spontaneously (cf *giffy* etc.) **bosom** AS *bōm* Wc *r* cf Du *boeren* Cc *b* *se* 1 *De* *of* *one* *b* *son* *14* *Hebra* *im* adopted by *11* (*De* *t* *am* *b* *cf* *xxviii* *36*) *don* *al* *oth* *r* *fig* *sensu* (*bo* *om* *friend* *bosom* of the Ch *ch*) are mostly Bibl with spec ref to Luke 11.

boss Prominence (cf *emboss*) *h* *Lo* *s* hump with cognates in *L* *om* *lang* but of unknown origin. *Boss-eyed* may be an imit of obs *boss-backed* hump backed and have given *n* *to* *boss* *hel* *l* *ss* to miss etc.

boss-eyed a person with *n* *eye* or *r* (then *n* *th* *on* *e* *ye* *in*) red (Hotten).

boss Master US from Du *baas* orig uncle of Ger *base* aunt *cr* *u* *u*. Our *boss* *is* *r* *so* *a* *Dut* *h* *pt* *1* *is* *alled* (J *hn* *D* *s* *a* *n* *Purch*).

boston Card game (F) From siege of Boston (1775) during Amer War of Independence the technicalities of the game corresponding to siege terms. Cf obs *po* *lobello* an outdoor game (late 18 cent).

Boswell Alarming biographer. From Boswell's *Life of Dr Johnson* (1791).

bot *boit* [*dialect*] Uru pl *para* *nic* worm attacking horses and cattle. Cf ME *bote* AS *bitt* weed. malt worm. Hence according to Hotten *botfly* concentrated from stable slave trouble with the botis.

botany Formed by analogy with a *botanist* *asl* *anome* from *botan* *F* *botan* *que* MedL *G* *flor* *er* from *flora* *y* plant *Botany Bay* was named by Capt Cook (18 cent) from vegetation.

botargo Kind of caviare made from roe of mullet or tunny. Obs It *bot* *go* (*ballarga*). Arab *bataraka* Coptic *batarakhon* from Coptic *bat* *the* and *C* *r* *p* *x* *o* *1* *ckle* Cf *F* *boutargue* (Pabla *s*).

Botargo *a* *kind* *f* *salt* *m* *e* *1* *made* *of* *fish* *used* *in* *Italy* *in* *Leat* (*Flor*).

botch¹ [archaic] Protuberance, ulcer, etc
NF *boche*, var of *bosse* (see *boss*¹) Partly
replaced by *blotch*

botch² Verb ME *bocchen*, to patch, later
also *bodge* ? F *boucher*, to stop up, cf Ger
strumpfe stopfen, to darn stockings. F
boucher is of doubtful origin

both ME *bathe*, ON *báthar* (m), *báthir* (f),
báthi (n) First element as in AS *bigen*
(m), *bā* (f & n), with which cf Goth. *baī*,
ba Second represents def art, cf Ger *bei-*
de, both the The AS simplex survived up
to 14 cent as *beyn*, *ba* or *bo* (cf *twain*, *two*).
Ult cogn with L *ambi-*, both

both^r Earlier also *bodder* First in Anglo-
Ir writers (Sheridan, Swift, etc) The
verb is older and corresponds in meaning
to Ir *bōdhairim*, I deafen (cf Sc *deave*, to
deafen, bewilder, bother) This would not
give *bother* phonetically, Ir *-dh-* being
mute, but might have been corrupted by
E speakers Cf *bothy*, *cateman*

bothy Hut Gael *bothag*, dim of *both*, hut,
from ON *báth*, booth But Gael *-th-* is
silent Cf *bother*

bo-tree The pipal, allied to the banyan
Corrupt, through Singhalese, of Pali *bodhi-*
taru, perfect-knowledge tree, under which
Gautama, founder of Buddhism, medi-
tated

bottle F, dim of *botte*, boot

bottle¹ For liquids F *bouteille*, Late L
buthicula, dim of *buthis*, cask (see *butt*²), cf
It *bottiglia*, Sp *botella* See also *butler*
Bottle-holder, backer, is from pugilism

bottle² Bundle (of hay, etc) OF *botel*, dim
of *botte*, truss, MHG *bote*, bundle Hence
to look for a needle in a bottle of hay

bottom AS *botm* WGer, cf Du *bodem*,
Ger *boden*, ult cogn with L *fundus*
Becomes adj in *bottommost* (neol), *bottom*
dollar (US) See also *bottomry*. *Bottomless*
put (Rev 18 1) is in Tynd

bottomry Marine contract or speculation
From *bottom*, in the sense of ship (orig part
lying below the wales), after cogn Du
bodmerij, whence also F *bomerie*

bodemery usury, or gain of shipping (Hexham),
bottomry (Sewel)

botty [colloq] See *bot*

botulism [neol] Ger *botulismus*, discovered
and named (1896) by Ermengem From L
botulus, sausage, being caused, in Germany,
by eating same See newspapers Apr 24,
1918

boucherize [neol] To treat timber with pro-

tective impregnation From A *Boucherie*,
F chemist Cf *kyanize*

boudoir F, lit sulking-room, from *bouder*,
to sulk, "pout," after *dortoir*, *parloir*.
Bouder is from the same root (idea of
swollen) as *pudding*, *pout* Cf Prov *pot*,
lip.

bouffe In *opéra bouffe* F *bouffe*, It *buffa*,
joke Cf *buffoon*

bougainvillaea Plant From *Bougainville*,
French navigator (†1811)

bough AS *bōg*, *bōh*, shoulder, arm; bough
Com Teut and ident. with *bow*² (q v), but
tree sense is peculiar to E

bougie Wax candle, fig catheter, etc F,
from *Bougie* (Algeria), Arab *Bijiyah*, where
made

bouillabaisse Fish soup in Provence F (cf
Mod Prov *boumbaisso*), said to be for
bouille-abaisse, lit abbess' bowels Such a
fantastic name is not without parallels, e g
pâté de nonne, a kind of light pastry

bouillon F, soup, from *bouillir*, to boil

boulder For *boulder-stone*, ME *bulderston*,
Sw dial *bullesten*, noise stone (in stream),
as opposed to *klappersten*, rattle stone,
pebble, from Sw *bullra*, to roar Cf Dan
buldre, to roar, and cogn Ger. *poltern* (see
poltergeist)

boule See *buhl*

boulevard F, orig rampart, "bulwark"
(q v), disused ramparts being turned into
promenades For final dental cf F *gerfaut*,
OF *gerfauc*, *gerfalcon*

boult See *boil*²

boun [poet] See *bound*²

bounce ME *bunsen*, to thump Imit, cf
Du *bonsen*, to beat or strike US to get
the bounce is, like so many Americanisms,
of Du origin

bons a shog, bounce, thump, den *bons krygen* to be
cashedred (Sewel)

A certain man named Adam, whom the cherubim
bounced from the orchard (O Henry)

bound¹ Boundary AF *bounde*, OF *bodne*
(now *borne*), MedL *bodina*, prob of Celt
origin For excrescent -d cf *bound*² See
*bourn*²

bound² To leap F *bondir*, orig to re-echo,
VL. **bombitare*, for *bombitare*, to hum
(whence OF *bonder*) See *bomb*

bound³ Adj Usu. with *for*, or in *homeward*
bound, etc Earlier *boun*, ready, with
excrescent -d, ON *būnn*, p p of *būa*, to
get ready (see *bush*²) In *bound* to it is
not to be distinguished from the p p of

bind Scott revived *bound* as inflex (*Alarum* iv 22)

bl wa *bound to goon the n y forth right* (Chau F 1103)

bound⁴ As in *bound to go* etc See **bind**

bound²

bounden. See **bin²**

bounder Camb slang c 1883 From **bound²** cf fig senses of **bounce**

bounteous ME *bounteous* from OF *bontif* benevolent with suffix *-ous* See **bounty** Altered on *beauteous* etc cf *righteous*

bounty F *bonté* L *bontas* *bontas* good ness Queen Anne's Bounty was established (1704) from the confiscated first fruits for the augmentation of poor livings (see *annates*) *Lady Bountiful* is a character in Farquhar's *Beaux St. Alceus* (1707)

Forsh himself is *bound* and the roots
Of *bounties* (Chauc B 1632)

bouquet F orig little wood cf F *bo q et* grove It *loach* too (see *bush*) For sense cf *Cer Strauss* nosegay orig *bush*

bourbon [US] Whisky From *Bourbon* county (Kentucky) named from F *Borbon* (Albion) which gave its name to a line of kings of France

bourdon Bass stop in organ I see **burden**
bourg F see **through**

Y thl k th ro to ca kl of your bourg
Th m mur of the world (Ger u & E M)

bourgeois F from *bourg* the ending *ois* representing L *ensis* Cf *burgess* *Bourgeois* type between long primer and brevier is said to be from name of a F printer Others take it to be from the idea of middle medium containing in the word *bourgeois* F om time of F Revolution *bourgeois* has undergone the same eclipse as our *middle class* being contemptuously applied by intellectuals to those who pay their way and look after their children As I write (Dec 1917) Russ citizens are very busy massacring the *bourgeoisie* The true sense of this ancient word survives in Iodin's *Bourgeois le Calais* See also *burgee*

bourgeois See **surgeon**

bourignonism Form of mysticism From Antoinette Bourignon Flemish mystic (17 cc it)

bourne¹ Stream Common in place names Orig ident with *bu n* (q v) of which it is a southern form

bound Boundary F *borne* (see **bound²**)

Adopted in 17 cent common in Shaks and revived by 18-19 cent romantic poets in *imit of the famous* pas age below

The und sco rd co strv from hose bo n
N trav Verret ms (H ml 1)

Bourse F Stock Exchange esp at Paris See **purse**

bouse **bowse** See **booze**

bouse² **bowse** [u r i t] To hoist ? Ba k formation from *bou esyn* (e e s e) In *to bouse one s j b* get tired there i a play on *boise*

boustrophedon Written alternately from left to right and right to left like course of a plough G or turning See *b i m s* *strophe*

bow For earlier *bo ht* bend turn (see *bight*) from LG *bucht* Du *bo t* or Norw-Dan *bikt* cogn with *bou* Influenced in making *ly obs bo t* for *abo t* (q v) as *11 bow ship* and perh *abn by F bo t en* piece Cf *turn ro int* (in a fight to)

boutade Outburst F from *bouler* to butt

bouts rimés F rhyme ends See **bull²**

bovate (h t) An oxgang (q v) MedL *bovata* from L *bos* *bov* or Cf *carucate* *vigate*

bovine L *bovinus* of the ox (v s)

bovul Coined from L *bos* *boi* ox and *bovul* magic power the latter (Ljton s Com ha e) perh suggested by L *bovis* *ovis* or *vil*

bow¹ Anything bent AS *bo* s conn with *bo gan* to bow bend (see *bow⁴*) Com Teut cf Du *boog* Ger *boen* Oñ *bog* Not connected with *bow²* For *mun de el f* ments from orig sense cf *a c ar h¹* The three oldest meanings (c 1000) are archer's bow arch (*Beowulf*) rainbow (Alicia Gen ix 14) The *bow* as Turk instrument of execution is recorded c 1600 A *bow window* a spec type of the earlier *bay window* With *bow* neck tie etc cf earlier *bow knot*

bow Verb AS *bo gati* orig strong in trans Com Teut cf Du *bingen* Ger *beugen* Oñ *bja* a Goth *bin a* Trans sense as represented by obs *bey* AS *blegn* to cause to bow (cf Ger *beugen* and see *buvo n*) Noun *bow* inclination of head from verb is of late appearance (17 cent)

bow² Of ship Borrowed (c 1600) from LG *bi* Du *bor* Dan *boie* *bør* or Sw *boe* all meaning shouler an i bow of ship Not related to *bow* but ult ient with *boi g h* (q v) See also *bow in* *boisprit*

botch¹ [archaic] Protubrance, ulcer, etc NF *boche*, var of *bosse* (see *boss*¹) Partly replaced by *blotch*

botch² Verb ME *bocchen*, to patch, later also *bodge* ? F *boucher*, to stop up, cf Ger *strumpfe stopfen*, to darn stockings F *boucher* is of doubtful origin

both ME *bathe*, ON *báthar* (m), *bíthir* (f), *báthi* (n) First element as in AS *bēgen* (m), *bā* (f & n), with which cf Goth *bai*, *ba* Second represents def art, cf Ger *bei-*, both the The AS simplex survived up to 14 cent as *beyn*, *ba* or *bo* (cf *twain*, *two*). Ult cogn with L *am-bo*, both

bother Earlier also *bodder* First in Anglo-Ir writers (Sheridan, Swift, etc) The verb is older and corresponds in meaning to Ir *bódhairim*, I deafen (cf Sc *deave*, to deafen, bewilder, bother) This would not give *bother* phonetically, Ir *-dh-* being mute, but might have been corrupted by E speakers Cf *bolshy*, *cateran*

bothy Hut Gael *bothag*, dim of *both*, hut, from ON *búth*, booth But Gael *-th-* is silent Cf *bother*

bo-tree The pipal, allied to the banyan Corrupt, through Singhalese, of Pali *bodhi-taru*, perfect-knowledge tree, under which Gantama, founder of Buddhism, meditated

boutine F, dim of *botte*, boot

bottle¹ For liquids F *bouteille*, Late L *butheula*, dim of *butlis*, cask (see *butt*²), cf It *bottiglia*, Sp *botella* See also *butler* *Bottle-holder*, backer, is from pugilism

bottle² Bundle (of hay, etc) OF *botel*, dim of *botte*, truss, MHG *bote*, bundle Hence to *look for a needle in a bottle of hay*

bottom AS *botm* WGer, cf Du *bodem*, Ger *boden*, ult cogn with L *fundus* Becomes adj in *bottommost* (neol), *bottom dollar* (US) See also *bottomry* *Bottomless pit* (Rev ix. 1) is in Tynd

bottomry Marine contract or speculation From *bottom*, in the sense of ship (orig part lying below the wales), after cogn Du *bodmerij*, whence also F *bomerie*

bodemery usury, or gain of shipping (Hexham), *bottomry* (Sevel)

botty [colloq] See *bot*

botulism [neol] Ger *botulismus*, discovered and named (1896) by Ermengem From L *botulus*, sausage, being caused, in Germany, by eating same See newspapers Apr 24, 1918

boucherize [neol] To treat timber with pro-

TECTIVE impregnation From A *Boucherie*, F chemist Cf *lyanze*

boudoir. F, lit sulking-room, from *bouder*, to sulk, "pout," after *dortoir*, *parlour*. *Bouder* is from the same root (idea of swollen) as *pudding*, *pout* Cf Prov *pot*, lip

bouffe In *opéra bouffe* F *bouffe*, It *buffa*, joke Cf *buffoon*

bougainvillea Plant From *Bougainville*, French navigator (†1811)

bough AS *bōg*, *bōh*, shoulder, arm, bough. Com Teut and ident with *bow*² (q v), but tree sense is peculiar to E

bougie Wax candle, fig catheter, etc F, from *Bougie* (Algeria), Arab *Bijiyah*, where made

bouillabaisse Fish soup in Provence F (cf Mod Prov *bouillabaisse*), said to be for *bouille-abaisse*, lit abbess' bowels Such a fantastic name is not without parallels, e g *pâté de nonne*, a kind of light pastry

bouillon F, soup, from *bouillir*, to boil

boulder For *boulder-stone*, ME *bulderston*, Sw dial *buldersten*, noise stone (in stream), as opposed to *klappersten*, rattle stone, pebble, from Sw *bullra*, to roar Cf Dan *buldre*, to roar, and cogn Ger *poltern* (see *poltergeist*)

boule See *buhl*

boulevard F, orig rampart, "bulwark" (q v), disused ramparts being turned into promenades For final dental cf F *gerfaut*, OF *gerfauc*, gerfalcon

boult See *bolt*²

boun [poet] See *bound*²

bounce ME *bunsen*, to thump Imit, cf Du *bonsen*, to beat or strike US to *get the bounce* is, like so many Americanisms, of Du origin

bons a shog, bounce, thump, den *bons* *fyrgen* to be casheered (Sewel)

A certain man named Adam, whom the cherubim bounced from the orchard (O Henry)

bound¹ Boundary AF *bounde*, OF *boûne* (now *borne*), MedL *bodina*, prob of Celt origin For excrement -d cf *bound*². See *bound*²

bound² To leap F *bondin*, orig to re-echo, VL **bombitare*, for *bombitare*, to hum (whence OF. *bonder*) See *bomb*

bound³. Adj Usu with *for*, or in *homeward bound*, etc Earlier *boun*, ready, with excrement -d, ON *būnn*, p p of *būna*, to get ready (see *bush*²) In *bound to* it is not to be distinguished from the p p of

good at boxing if the *L* word originated among students or schoolboys

He that bath a bo ghte his lo e ful dere

Or had in armes many a bloody box

(*Cha Leg Good Hom* 1387)

boxer Member of Chinese anti foreign movement (c 1900) Anglicized from *Chai I Ho Chan* lit righteous uniting, first org secret society at Shanghai

boy ME *boi* not found in AS exte perh in personal name *B fa cl* EFris *boi* young gentleman Du *boef* karve MHG *buobe* OHG *Buobe* as personal name whence Ger *bube* Bav *bä* lud Earlier hist obs ure perh a baby word of the *papa mima* class As Anglo Ind word for servant which has spread to other parts of the empire e.g. *Cape boy* it has been influenced by Tel gu *bōy*, Tamil *bo* : a caste who were usually palanquin bearers whence Port *boi* *boi* in same sense Cf *bearer* *grats-ctter*

boef bone a bul ten bno (lul)

boef pu r adolesce s (b).

boyar boyard Russ title of nobility abolished by Peter the Great but oft n errone used by E writers in speaking of landed proprietors squires Russ *boyare* pl of *boya* in grandee of doubtful origin ? from *boy* fight title c nt ried on feudal barons Cf contr *barin* used (up to 1917) by servants and peasants in addressing squire

boyau (mil) Communication trench F gut bowel (1 v)

boycott From the treatment (1880) of *Capt Boycott* of Lough Mask Hou e Co Mayo by the Ir Land League Speedily adopted into most Europ langs

Boyle In *Boyle's law* (phys) *lect res* from *Hon R Boyle* (†1691) The first Boyle lecturer was Bentley appointed by Evelyn as one of the trustees In *Boyle controversy* (Epistles of Phalaris) from *Hon C Boyle* (†1731)

Brabançonne Belgian national song lit a woman of *Drabant* Cf surname *Draba* on *brabble* (a chanc) Ong to dispute capiously Perh VL *pa abolare* whence F *pa ar* Welsh *parallu* but in later use affected by *braut* *babble*

brace F *brisse* I *brachia* (pl) two arms fathom (cf *mlrace*) Hence used of devices for fast ning tight ning etc Some senses prob from F *bras* L *brachium* (sing) used of many mech devices e.g. *b as de ter ne*

(naut) corresponds to *brace* of a yard In sense of pair ong of hounds the *brace* was the leash (cf history of *couple*)

bracelet F *dum* of OF *brasel* L *bra hiale* armlet from *brachium* arm

bracer [archaic] Wri tguard esp for archers OI *brasses re* and F *brassard* derivatives of *bras*

L *pooh* arm he baar a gay brace (Ch c A.)

brach [archaic] B tch hound (1 *Hen* 11 m 1) M ordered from VL & OF *brachet* *dum* of OF *brac* hound (cf It *bracco* Sp *braco*) OHG *bracco* (b *ackel*) slenft h und (f 1 *braccon* er poucher orig hound keeper

brachiopod (biol) From G *Brachy* w arm no c *pod-* f ct

brachycephalic (sthn) Short skulled From G *Brachy* short *phaly* head

bracken ME *braken* prob ON cf Sw *bräken* Dan *bregne* fern S eals *b ake*

bracket Earlier *b aget* Ong support n buildin Dim of F *brise* a kind f mortaise or joynng of peeces togethe

(Cotg) App a fig use of *bracket* (1) breeches L *braccas* cf *be hinc* of a gun and Sp *braguet* cod piece support Cf also F *braton* support Tip *bracket* is from resemblance to some double support in carpentry With verb to *bracket* n w used of artillery fire against hostile aircraft cf to *straddle* The a nses of *b a ket* have been affect d by association with L *brachium* arm (see *brake*)

brackish From *brick* (Gavin Douglas) Du *brak* *brakwater* with earlier var *brak* Some connect it ult with G *Brachy* s swamp (only in pl) cf cogn and synon Wel h *meri* *lef* lit marsh water

er *br* stand L b *br* ac d *ret salus* (h 1)

brack b *ack* or *alt* b (He bann)

bracteate L *bracteatus* from *bractea* thin plate

brad ME *brod* ON *broddr* spike cf AS *brod* point Hence *brad-awl* With AS *bro d* cf dial *brad* d to sprout (of corn)

Bradbury [hist] Treasury note bearing (from 1914) signature of John Bradb: r3 secreta y to the Treasury

Bradshaw Manchester printer published first runy time table (1833) and monthly railway guide (1841)

brae [lul] ON *b a* cogn with AS *b a w* brow

brag I *brist* as adj valiant boastful M o used of the *b ay* of the trumpet Prof

Bow-bells Bells of *St Mary-le-Bow*, or of the *Arcus* (see *arch*¹, *bow*¹), used allusively as symbol of City and cockneydom

bowdlerize *Dr T Bowdler* published (1818) a text of Shakespeare which could "with propriety be read aloud in a family" Cf Ger *ballhormsieren* or *verballhornen*, to spoil a book by "improvements," from *Ballhorn*, a Lubeck printer of the 16 cent.

bowel OF *boel*, *bonel* (*boyau*), L *botellus*, pudding (Martial), dim of *botulus*, sausage, cf It *budello*, OSP *budel* See also *pudding* With symbolical use, as in the *bowels* of *Jhesu Crist* (Wyc *Phil* 1 8), cf fig sense of F *entrailles*, and of E *heart*, *liver*, *kidney*

bower¹ Retreat AS *būr*, dwelling Com Teut, cf OSax *būr*, Ger *bauer*, bird-cage, ON *būr* In ME esp inner room, bed-chamber Sense of leafy arbour, etc is later Cogn with *boor*, *neighbour*, *byre*

bower² [naut] For *bower anchor*, suspended at *bow*³

bower³ Knave at euchre (US) Ger *bauer*, peasant, also knave at cards, or perh cogn Du *boer* Cf *Bowery*

At last he put down a right bower [knave of trumps],
Which the same Nye had dealt unto me

(*Heathen Chinee*)

Bowery Part of New York, orig a homestead Du *bowerij* (see *bower*³) The New York *Bowery* was a farm bought (1631) by Governor Stuyvesant for 6400 guilders (Thornton)

bowie For *bowie-knife* (US), popularized by Colonel James Bowie (†1836)

He smiled,—a bitter smile to see,—
And drew the weapon of Bowie

(Bret Harte, *A Moral Vindicator*)

bowl¹ Basin ME *bolle* (see *boll*¹), AS *bolle* Com Teut, cf Du *bol*, Ger *bohle* (from LG), ON, *bolli* Correct mod form would be *boll*, but it has been affected by *bowl*²

bowl² Ball F *boule*, L *bullā*, bubble, round knob (see *bull*²) Hence verb to *bowl* (at cricket), derived from the time when the ball was really "trundled" under-hand as in game of bowls Fig to *bowl out* is prob from cricket, to *bowl over* from skittles *Longbowls* (naut), engagement with distant enemy, is from the orig. game of bowls, of which there were two varieties, called long and short The sound (for *bool*) has been influenced by *bowl*, the spelling of which has been assimilated to *bowl*²

bowler Hat From *bowl*¹, a curious mod parallel to *basinet*

bowline Found much earlier (14 cent) than *bow*³, and prob from OF *bouline*, *bueline* (Wace, 12 cent) Cf It Sp Port *bolina* Of later appearance in Teut langs, e.g. Dan *bouline*, Du *boeglijn*, in which it is felt as *bow-line* But these may all be folk-etym from the F form, and it is quite possible that the first element is not *bow*, from which it differs in pronunciation Kil glosses *boech-hyne* by *fumus bolidis*, which suggests possible connection with L *bolis*, plummet, sounding line

bowse See *bouse*²

bowsprit App *bow*³ and *sprit* (qv), AS *sprēot*, pole, but the late appearance of *bow*³ (qv) and the many earlier perversions of *bowsprit* suggest that the word may rather have been borrowed whole (14 cent) from Du *boegspriet* or LG *bogspriet*

Bow-street runner [hist] Police officer (18 cent), from principal metropolitan police office.

bow-wow Applied by Max Muller (c 1860) to the theory that human speech originated in imitation of animal sounds The earliest record for this word is 1576 It must of course be as old as articulate speech See *pus*

box¹ Orig the tree AS *box*, L *buxus*, G *πύξος* (see *pyv*) Hence receptacle made esp of box-wood, now used in an infinity of senses (cf F *boîte*, Ger *buchse*) Earliest, a small box for drugs, unguents, etc, belonging to lang of medicine, hence, possibly, the *wrong box*, a mistaken remedy, treatment, etc A *Christmas-box* was an earthenware receptacle for the tips of servants, apprentices, etc, broken open for sharing after Christmas, but the oldest sense may belong rather to *box*², cf Sw *julklapp*, Christmas-box, lit Yule-knock (on the door) Hence *Boxing-day*, *Box-cloth* belongs to *box-coat*, a heavy driving-coat worn on the box of a vehicle, the coachman's seat being still a lid, but for this sense of *box* cf Du *bok*, Ger *bock*, lit goat, similarly used To *box the compass*, i.e. to run through all the points in order, prob refers to the box in which the compass is kept, cf F *boussole*, It *bossola*, compass, lit little box

box² A blow Prob a playful application of the above, a present (cf Ger *ohrfeige*, lit. ear-fig) Or perh G *πύξ* (cf L *pugnus*, fist), with clenched fist, as in *πύξ ἀγῶνός*,

prance show off with which cf to *brille* for both senses

les bra ches de la brul les deux pièces de fer d'acier que relie le mors (*Dict Gén*)

brankursine *Acanthus* bear's breech MedL

branca ursina bear's claw See *branch*

bran new See *brant*

brant goose brent goose Cf *Su brantia*

Ger *brandgans* both sometimes used of the sheldrake Prob from *brant* with ref to marking So also *brant* for Ger *brandfisch*

Cf obs *branded* brindled (see *brindle*)

braqua [*u nec work*] Government ale

It is derived from *beer* and *agua*, the Latin name for water and it is a good description

(*Daily Express* Jun 9 1919)

brash Fragments esp of ice I *brèche* cf

It *break*: Of Teut origin (*break*) *Brash*

lines vomiting as in *water-brash* is

perh the same word of Ger *brechen* to

vomit lit to break

brasser See *brasser*

brass AS *bras* with no known cognates

As it was orig an alloy of copper and tin

(now *bronze*) connection suggests itself

with F *brasser* to brew to stir molten

metal (see *brassage*) For slang sense (corn)

cf *tin* This week (Feb 11-18 1917) we

are invited to subscribe to the great War

Loan by the legend brass up printed

conspicuously on the Nottingham trim

car A emblem of endurance or effort

(*Is xviii 4*) *brass* is common from 16 cent

onward With *brass farthing* which I have

heard an Irish politician inevitably alter

to *brass shilling* cf *reluctant* The *gilder's*

brassy is not in *NED* (cf *discol*) *Brass hat*

staff-officer dates from SAfr War (1896)

brassage Mint charge for counting F *brasser*

to brew to stir molten metal (? cf *bull on*)

F *brasser* MedL *bracia e* is from Late L

bracia corn from which malt is made of

Gaulish origin (see *brass*)

brassard Ong armour from sh ulder to

elbow now badge armlet F (see *brace*)

brasserie F brewery tavern See *brasserie*

brat From c. 1500 usu associated with

beggar Perh ident. with dial *brat* cloak

pinafre kin on porridge etc OIr

brat cloth Cf the same hat similar use

of Ger *brat* and *brat* both meaning skin

coating

bratish bryboute *brat*, wyl beggar with thy brattis

(*D Bar*)

brattice [*archaic*] Temporary defence batti-

ment etc. hence *brattice* (see *brattice*)

still used of timber work in mine etc I

bratthe The ME & OF forms usu gl-rsed

propu nardum are very numerous al

Rom cognates and MedL forms I rob a

derivative of Ger *brat* board The alter-

native etym from *brat* s a Brit.h would

account better for the var's forms but

lacks lit explanation

bray [*fa uue propu sculum* (*F ompt P re*)

bray d. k a m dath a shippe je betreech

(*Pubg*)

bravado Sp *bravada* pp fern of *bravar* t

brave (cf *armada*) with ending altered a

in *bravado* s l o et

brave F It *bravo* and in most Europ

langs Origin unknown (? cf *Ir bravo* s

bravo Cornish *bray* brave ? or L *barbaru*

in case of wild intemtalte Ear st

sense is intrepid then one in attire etc

Fed Indian *brave* due to F settlers in N

America

bravo A man who murders for hire

(*Johns*) It *bravo*

His *braves* of Alsace and pages of Whitehall

(*Macaulay B the of N b*)

There me t e a cow dly assau is a brave

man and t harlot a courtesan person

(*Cluster & H nk ch l u*)

bravo It fine excellent used a exclama-

tion of approval To a female mter or

actress *brava* So also *brava Italia*

bravura Brilliance (esp mu) It *bravura*

bravura See *bravura*

brawl Quarrel F *bravure* to shout noisily

frequent of *bravure* to *bray* Cf to *bray*

in church *bravure* steam The *NED*

thinks this impetile but cf *bray* (from

bray) and possibly *bray* (q v) Ger

brayen and *bravure* to *bray* shout are

comparatively mod word prob of same

init origin (cf Welsh *bray* to jabber

bray)

brawl [*archaic*] Dance Formerly also

brawl F *bravure* from *bravure* to shake

titter for *bravure* frequent of *bravure*

(see *bravure*)

bravure *bravure* or *bravure* wherein man move

slightly (*Kotg*)

brawn Ong flesh muscle then esp that of

boar OF *bravure* fleshy part esp buttock

OHC *bravure* cf Prov *bravure* brawn

For restriction of sense cf *bravure*

bray Of an ass but formerly of other

animals and of human beings I *bravure* (cf

Prov *bravure* MedL *bravure*) prob init

See *bravure*

from a root *brag-*, expressing explosive noise Cf similar use of *crack*

Whanne the voyce of the trompe in youre eers braggith (Wye *Joshua*, v 5)

braggadocio Orig personification of vain-glory Coined by Spenser from *biag* by analogy with other It words in *-ocio* With *braggart*, F *biaguard*, cf *dastard*, *sluggard*, etc

bragget [*archaic & dial*] Drink made of ale and honey Welsh *bragod*, from *bragu*, to malt, brew Cf L *bracis*, a kind of grain (Pliny), from Celt, whence F *brasser*, to brew

brahma, **brahmapootra** Fowl Said to have been introduced (1846) from Lakhimpur on the river *Brahmaputra* Cf *cochin china*, *bantam*, etc

brahman, **brahmin** Sanskrit *brāhmāna*, from *brahman*, praise, worship *Brahmin* represents vernacular Ind pronunc Hence adj *brahminic*, by analogy with *Bengalee* (*ben-gālī*), etc

braid First as verb AS *bregdan*, to move quickly, jerk, etc, hence, weave See *up-braid*, *broider* Com Teut, cf Du *bieien* (earlier *breiden*), OHG *bretlan*, ON *biegla*

bradism Hypnotism Investigated (1842) by Dr James *Braid*

brail [*naut*] OF *biel*, usu *brecch-gudle*, L *bracale*, but used also in naut sense See *breeches*

Les brails font lier al mast,
Ke li venez par desuz ne past (Wace)

braille Writing, etc for blind Name of F inventor (c 1834)

brain AS *brægen*, with cognates in LG, but not in HG & Scand *Bram-fag*, *-slorm*, *-wave* are mod, the last from US

braise F *braiser*, from *braise*, hot charcoal (cf *embraser*, to kindle), with cognates in Rom & Teut langs Of obscure origin, but prob Teut See *braze*², *breeze*²

brake¹ Fern Prob shortened in south from northern *bracken* (q v)

brake² Thicket, as in *cane-brake* Associated already in ME with *brake*¹, but orig distinct Cf LG *brake*, as in *bush unde brake*, bush and *brake*, whence synon OF *bracon* Earliest sense prob stumps, broken branches, cogn with *break*

brake³ Instrument for beating, crushing (flax or hemp) Cf synon Du *braak*, Ger *breche*, cogn with *break*

brake⁴ Retarding instrument (18 cent) Perh ident with archaic *brake*, bridle,

curb (cf. F *frein*, bridle, brack), lever, pump-handle, etc, ? OF *brae*, L *brachium*, arm The guard's *brake* is for *brake-van*, cf US *brakesman*, railway guard It is uncertain whether a *four-horse brake* (*break*) belongs here or to the use of such a vehicle for "bickling" horses

bramah press, lock From *Joseph Bramah*, mechanician (†1814)

bramble ME also *bremble*, *brumle* AS *bræmbe*, earlier *bræmel*, from *brōm*, broom Cf Du *braam*, OIIG *brāma*, whence Ger. *brombeere*, blackberry

bran F, with cognates in It, Sp, etc Origin doubtful, prob Celt, cf Welsh *brann*, Brcton *brenn*

brancard Horse-litter F, litter, shaft, from *branche*, branch

branch F *branche*, Late L *bianca*, paw (cf orig meaning of *bough*), prob of Teut origin Root and branch, in Petition for abolition of episcopal government (1640), is a reminiscence of *Malachi*, iv 1

branchiopod [*biol*] Gill-footed From G. *βράχια*, gills, *πούς*, *ποδ-*, foot

brand AS *brand* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *brand*, ON *brandr*, cogn with *bun*² Earliest sense, burning, firebrand, also (poet), sword (cf *brandish*) *Brand from the burning* alludes to *Zech* iii 2 With *brand-new*, corruptly *bran-new*, fish from the furnace, cf earlier *fire-new*, Ger *funkelnagelneu*, lit spark nail new The tradesman's *brand* is later than the *branding* of criminals with a hot iron, whence *branded with infamy*, etc

brandish F *brandir*, *brandiss-*, to flourish a sword, for which *brand* (q v) is the regular word in OF epic

brandling [*angling*] Worm Dim of *brand*, from marking

brandreth [*dial*] Gridiron, trivet, various frame-works suggesting same ON *brandreith*, burning-carriage, cf AS *brandrida*, OHG *brandreita* See *brand*, *ride*

brandy Short for *brandewine*, Du *brandewijn*, burnt wine, cf Ger *branntwein* It is curious that *whisky*, *gin*, *rum* are also all shortened forms *Brandy-paunce*, Anglo-Ind for brandy and water, is from Hind *pāni*, water (see quot s v *blightly*)

branks [*hist*] Scold's bridle (Sc 16 cent) Orig bridle for horse unprovided from halter by means of two wooden "checks," corresponding to the branches of a bridle, *branks* representing Norrn form *brankies* Hence Sc *brank*, to restrain, also, to

prance show off with which cf to *bridle* for both senses

les b a ches d lab d les d p es desfer d ac r
que eli l mors (Diet Gl)

brankursine Acanthus bear's breech MedL
b *anca ursina* bear's claw See *branch*

bran *See brand*

brant goose *brent* goose Cf Sw *brandgas*
Ger *brandgans* both sometimes used of the
sheldrake Prob from *brand* with ref to
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(Daily Expr Jun 9 1919)

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(P bg)

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brave F It *bravo* and in most Europ
langs Origin unknown (? cf Ir *breigh* v
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in sense d wld inimitable) 18th st
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Red Indian *brave* is due to I settlers in N
America

bravo A man who murders f r hir
(Johns) It brave

His t avocs of Alsace and pag's of Whittell
(Mac lay Baid / N b)

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brawn Ong flesh muscle then esp that of
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from a root *biag-*, expressing explosive noise Cf similar use of *erack*

Whanne the voyce of the trompe in youre eens braggith (Wyc *Joshua*, vi 5)

braggadocio Orig personification of vain-glory Coined by Spenser from *biag* by analogy with other It words in *-ocio* With *braggart*, F *biaguard*, cf *dastard*, *sluggard*, etc

bragget [*archaie & dial*] Drink made of ale and honey Welsh *biagod*, from *biagit*, to malt, brew Cf L *biaeis*, a kind of grain (Pliny), from Celt, whence F *brasser*, to brew

brahma, **brahmapootra** Fowl Said to have been introduced (1846) from Lakhimpur on the river *Brahmaputra* Cf *cochin china*, *bantam*, etc

brahman, **brahmin** Sanskrit *brāhmaṇa*, from *brahman*, praise, worship *Brahmin* represents vernacular Ind pronunc Hence adj *brahmince*, by analogy with *Bengalee* (*ben-gālī*), etc

braid First as verb AS *bregdan*, to move quickly, jerk, etc, hence, weave See *up-braid*, *broider* Com Teut, cf Du *breien* (earlier *breiden*), OHG *brettan*, ON *bregtha*

braidism Hypnotism Investigated (1842) by Dr James Braid

brail [*naut*] OF *brail*, usu breech-girdle, L *bracale*, but used also in naut sense See *breeches*

Les brails font lier al mast,

Ke li venez par desuz ne prist (Wace)

braille Writing, etc for blind Name of F inventor (c 1834)

brain AS *brægen*, with cognates in LG, but not in HG & Scand *Brain-fag*, *-storm*, *-wave* are mod, the last from US

braise F *braiser*, from *braise*, hot charcoal (cf *embraser*, to kindle), with cognates in Rom & Teut langs Of obscure origin, but prob Teut See *braze*², *breeze*³.

brake¹ Fern Prob shortened in south from northern *bracken* (q v)

brake² Thicket, as in *cane-brake* Associated already in ME with *brake*¹, but orig distinct Cf LG *brake*, as in *bush unde brake*, bush and brake, whence synon OF *bracon* Earliest sense prob stumps, broken branches, cogn with *break*

brake³ Instrument for beating, crushing (flax or hemp) Cf synon Du *braak*, Ger *breehe*, cogn with *break*

brake⁴ Retarding instrument (18 cent) Perh ident with archaic *brake*, bridle,

curb (cf F *frein*, bridle, brake), lever, pump-handle, etc, ? OF *baie*, L *brachium*, arm The guard's *brake* is for *brake-van*, cf US *brakesman*, railway guard It is uncertain whether a *four-horse brake* (*break*) belongs here or to the use of such a vehicle for "breaking" horses

bramah press, loek From *Joseph Bramah*, mechanician (†1814)

bramble ME also *bremble*, *brimble* AS *bræmbel*, earlier *bræmel*, from *brōm*, broom Cf Du *braam*, OIIG *brāma*, whence Ger. *brambere*, blackberry

bran F, with cognates in It, Sp, etc Origin doubtful, prob Celt, cf Welsh *brann*, Breton *brenn*

brancard Horse-litter F, litter, shaft, from *branche*, branch

branch F *branche*, Late L *bianca*, paw (cf orig meaning of *bough*), prob of Teut origin Root and *branch*, in Petition for abolition of episcopal government (1640), is a reminiscence of *Malachi*, iv 1

branchiopod [*biol*] Gill-footed From G *βράχια*, gills, πούς, ποδ-, foot

brand AS *brand* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *brand*, ON *brandr*, cogn with *burn*² Earliest sense, burning, firebrand, also (poet.) sword (cf *brandish*) *Brand from the burning* alludes to *Zeek* in 2 With *brand-new*, corruptly *bran-new*, fresh from the furnace, cf earlier *fire-new*, Ger *funkelnagelneu*, lit spark nail new The tradesman's *brand* is later than the *branding* of criminals with a hot iron, whence *branded with infamy*, etc

brandish F *brandir*, *brandiss-*, to flourish a sword, for which *brand* (q v) is the regular word in OF epic

brandling [*angling*] Worm Dim of *brand*, from marking

brandreth [*dial*] Gridiron, trivet, various frame-works suggesting same ON *brandreith*, burning-carriage, cf AS *brandrīda*, OHG *brandreita* See *brand*, *ride*

brandy Short for *brandewine*, Du *brandewijn*, burnt wine, cf Ger *branntwein* It is curious that *whisky*, *gin*, *rum* are also all shortened forms *Brandy-pawnee*, Anglo-Ind for brandy and water, is from Hind *pānī*, water (see quot s v *blighty*)

branks [*hist*] Scold's bridle (Se 16 cent). Orig bridle for horse improvised from halter by means of two wooden "checks," corresponding to the *branches* of a bridle, *branks* representing Norm form *branques* Hence Sc *brank*, to restrain, also, to

prance show off with which cf to *brille* for both senses

les bra. *br de la bral* les deux p^oces de l' r d' a er qu reli le mors (*Dict Gt*)

brankursine Acanthus bears breech MedL

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I ed Indian *bru* is due to F settler in N

America

bravo! A man who murders for hue

(Johns) It *bra v*

His *bra oes* *t Alseta* and piers of Whit hall

(Macaulay *Rail* / *har b*)

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(*Glossar & H sk ch 1*)

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See *bra*

bray² [archaic]. To pulverize OF *bracier* (*brayer*), OHG *brekan*, to break (cf F *noyer* from L *uccare*) Hence to *bray* a fool in a mortar (Prov 11:22) Cf *brail*³

1½ bushells of brayd corn

(Wyc 1 Sam xxv 18)

braze¹ To cover with, make like, brass Formed from brass by analogy with glass, graze, AS *brasian* not surviving in ME, though *brasier*, brass worker, is common In its mod sense, to harden, as in *brazen impudence*, *brazen-faced* there may have been contamination with *braze*², but of fig uses of *brass*

braze² To fire, solder F *braser*, to solder, ON *brasa*, to harden in the fire, cf Sw *brasa*, to flame Dan *brase*, to roast (see *brase*) Influenced by *braze*¹

brazen AS *bræsen*, from *bræs*, brass Hence to *brazen* (it out), used by Bishop Latimer The *brazen age*, the third age in Graeco-L myth, is the age of war

brazier¹ Brass-worker From *brass*, cf *glazier*, *grazier*

brazier² Pan for charcoal F *brasier*, from *braise* (q v)

brazil Dye-wood Sp Port *brasil*, cf It *brasile*, F *brésil*, MedL *brasilium*. Origin unknown, but OIt *verzino* suggests connection with Arab *zais*, saffron Some propose *braise* (q v) as etymon With naming of country (v 1) cf *Madeira*, Canary Him nedeth nat his colour for to dyen With *brasile*, ne with greyn of Portygale

(Chauc B 4648)

Hee [Capralis] named this land of store of that wood called *brasill* (Purch)

breach ME *breche*, replacing (under influence of cogn F *brèche*) ME *bruche*, AS *bryce*, breaking (cf Ger *bruch*) With *breach of the peace* cf history of *fray* More honoured in the breach than the observance is from Haml 1 4 Used as verb by whalers of leap or breaking from water of whale (see *broach*)

Asher continued on the sea shore and abode in his breaches (Vulg portubus, Wyc havens)

(Judges, v 17)

bread AS *brēad* Com Teut, cf Du *brood*, Ger *brot*, ON *brauth* Earliest sense perh fragment, crumb, the orig Teut word being *loaf*¹ (q v) Cf Ger *brosam*, ermb, *brödeln*, to crumble To *know on which side one's bread is buttered* occurs in 16 cent *Bread-and-butter miss*, modelled on earlier *bread-and-butter rogue* (politician), is prob due to Byron (v 1) With slang *bread-basket*

(18 cent) cf *potato-trap*, naut for mouth, and the later prize-ring variations, e.g. the *meat-safe*, *pantry*, etc The *bread-fruit* is mentioned by Danpiper With *bread-winner*, person or implement, of the much earlier F *gagne-pain*

The nursery still hops out in all they utter— Besides, they always smell of bread and butter (Beppe, xxv)

breadth Substituted (16 cent) for earlier *bride*, AS *brēdan* (cf Ger *breite*, Sc. *abrede*, abroad), by analogy with *length* See *broad break* AS *brecan* Com Teut, though the verb is not found in ON, cf Du *breken*, Ger *brechen*, Goth *brikan*, cogn with L *frag-* (*frangere*) Past *brake* archaic and poet Broke, for broken, in *stony-broke* and in mil sense (see *cashier*², *east*²) To *break ground* is naut, from weighing anchor, but is also in early use for commencing siege operations To *break the bank* meant earlier (16 cent) to become bankrupt With *break, break in*, to tame, etc. cf F *rompre* From this is developed to *break one of a habit*, etc To *break news* (a secret, etc) had orig no sense of caution (cf *broach*). To *break a jest* (joke) is modelled on earlier to *break a lance* To *break the ice* is first used of arctic exploration (c 1600) A *break* at billiards (or croquet) belongs to *break* in the archaic sense of taking a new direction In the sense of run of luck it occurs in US 1827 For *break*, vehicle, see *brake*⁴ With *breakfast* cf F *déjeuner*, from L *dis* and *jejunus*, fasting

We brake ground out of the sound of Plimouth on Thursday the 28 of August

(Drake's last voyage, Hakl x 226)

rompu aux affaires practised, much exercised, fully beaten in, well acquainted with, the course of businesses (Cotg)

Who breaks a butterfly upon a wheel? (Pope)

breaker [naut] Small cask. Perversion of *barrico* (Purch), from Sp *barrica*, cask (see *barrel*, *barricade*) For corrupt cf. *grouper* In recent accounts (Feb 1917) of U-boat brutalities *beaker* has sometimes occurred in this sense, a perversion due to ignorance (cf *broach*, *brow*²)

bream¹ Fish F *brème*, OF *bresme*, OHG *brahsma* (*brassen*), cf Du *brasem*

bream² [naut] To clean a ship's bottom with burning furze, etc From Du *brem*, furze, broom (see *bramble*, *broom*) Cf It *bruscare*, to bream, from *brusca*, broom, heath

vuy lode of brome spent about the bremyng of the ships sides (Nav Acts 1195-97)

breast AS *breost* Com Teut cf Du *borst* Ger *brust* ON *brjost* Goth *brusts* Orig dual with no cognates outside Teut With to make a clean breast of cf F *en avoir le cœur net* Ger *sich das Herz ausschütten* and orig mean^{tr} of expectorate (q v)

breastsummer *bressummer* [archaic] Horizontal beam over large opening Intel From *breast* and dual *summer* beam F *sommier* (see *summer*) Cf *breastwork* p 1 a p 1 (q v)

breath AS *brēth* *brēth* odour exhalation (caused by heat or fire) cf Ger *brat* m vapour Orig long vowel survives in *breathe* In mod sense has replaced (from c 1300) AS *dith* n ML *ethem* (cf Ger *atem* olem) which points to the br of *breath* *brodem* being a worn down prefix Under sense survives in *breath of air* (wind)

breccia Composite rock pudding tone It gravel or rubbish of broken walls (Flor) See *breach* *brash* First occurs in *breccia* ma ble

brede Archaic form of *braid* used by several mod poets (Keats Tennyson etc)

brech Now usu *breches* double pl *brech* being AS *brēc* pl of *boc* (as foot feet) Com Teut cf Du *broec* Ger *bruch* ON *brōð* (whence name of Ragnar Lodbrog hairy breeches) Prob cogn with L *brascare* breeches (see *brague*) It is uncertain whether anatomical or sartorial sense is earlier or whether the group of words is orig Teut or Celt Hence archaic *brech* to flog (*Shrew* iii 1) To wear the *breeches* (16 cent) has foreign parallels With *brech of a fru arm* cf synonym F *cu laser* from cul posterior The *Breeches Bible* (Geneva 1560) was anticipated by Wye Th y towed n to g dr Jerves f fig tree and mad be v brech 4 (W c Ge ill 3)

breed Orig to conceive give birth to etc AS *brēda* cf Ger *brüten* to hatch and see *bod* The ground idea is that of warmth cf Ger *biken* to boil make broth which in dial means also to hatch as does also Du *beyen* For archaic *breed* bale fomentor of quarrels see *bale*

Th J 120 "What is meant by th word breed bates? Mr Thoma II a god Shakerpear xp east n, my l d (Jail M II G Apr 9 1926)

breaks [dial] Northern form of *breeches* ON *bræk* pl of *brēk*

breeze [a cha c] Caddy (Int & Clap in 10) AS *brēas* Ierl cog 1 with synonym *br sr* (ob) ON *br ms* Ger *brämse* Swiss

brame from a root meaning to hum Cf Sanskrit *bhṛa nara* bee

1 a [la] br e br u s e g ibee d n orth (Cotg)

breeze Wind Earlier *brise* Ong N or N F wind F *brise* cf Sp *brisa* App a sailors alteration of F *bise* NF wind OHG *bisa* The ordinary *brise* in the Atlantic is described in the Hawkins v wage of 1564 as either NE or NW *br e f r b e* the orth wind (C 18)

breeze Small coke F *brais* as in *brase* le boulangé baker's breeze See *braise*

brehon [hist] Ancient Irish judge Ir *breathnach* from *breth* judgment

brent goose See *brant* goose

brer In *Brer Rabbit* Negro corrupt of *brother* perh due to Du *broer* usual pronunc of *broeder*

bressummer See *breastsummer*

brethren See *brother*

brētvalda [hist] AS *brēnastla* Britain ruler (v Ider) a title applied in the AS *Chron* de to Egbert and retrospectively to seven other AS rulers who had real or nominal hegemony Corresponds to *rex* for *Britanniae* in a charter of Athelstan

breve [mus] For *bruf* though it is now the longest note Also in other tech senses prob sometimes representing It *breve* b a br t n m l k (Flo)

brevet Orig a papal indulgence F dim of *brief* short (see *bruf*) *Brevet* rank does not carry corresponding pay

brevery L *brevia* in n summary from *b e* is short Hence *bre ver* type only used in *b evaries* (cf long fimer pica)

brevier [typ] See *brevery*

brevery AF *brevid* (cf F *bride* etc) L *brevis* as from *b evis* short brief

brew AS *brēwan* Com Teut cf Du *brouwen* Ger *brauen* ON *brugga* See *brewster* *broth* *nbrew*

brewis *brew* *brose* [dial] Broth etc. OF *brēc* pl of *brout* (whence obs *brout*) cf use of *b oth* for *edge* as pl in some dials OF *bro tisidm* of *b o* broth (cf It *b o d*) OHG *brod* Related to *breed* and *br* from the essential root of food preparation cf AS *brēan* to prepare food The ad ptn of the pl form may have been partly due to association with *cul*'s (see *col n 1*) *Athole brose* is a mixture of whiskey and honey

b evis available dip ta (LIII)

Ma J e pressed th 1 t 1 th w brew x mind g th m th w le w s of Ath 1 (A 1200 f d ch xv)

brewster Now only in *Brewster Sessions* or as surname The fem ending *-ster* is due to the fact that brewing was often a female calling Cf *baxter* for *baker*

briar, brier Earlier *brere*, AS *brær*, *brēr*, of unknown origin For change of sound cf. *frīar* (q v) But in *briar* (root) *pipe*, earlier *bruyer* (1868), we have F *bruyère*, heather, Late L *brugaria*, prob Celt

Briarean With a hundred hands From *Briareus*, giant of G myth

bribe Earliest sense (Chauc A 4417) app to steal, extort, or, as noun, plunder, undeserved alms This is app F *bribe*, broken meat, fragment, OF also *brimbe*, from OF *briber*, *brimber*, to beg, of unknown origin Cf Sp *bribar*, to be a vagabond, It *brinare*, "to play the sly knave" (Flor)

bribe a peece, lumpe, or cantill of bread, given unto a beggar (Cotg)

bric-a-brac Things collected at hazard F *à brie et à brae*, *de brie et de broc*, by hook or crook, cf OF *en bloe et en blie* (Gringoire) In such formations (*see-saw*, *zig-zag*) only the fuller vowel as a rule needs explanation Prob the starting-point here is OF *broc*, fork (see *brooch*)

brick F *brique* in mod sense is from E, but the E word appears to be OF *brique*, fragment, and thus, in its turn, is AS *bryce*, fragment, cogn with *break*, or from some related Teut word Fig sense (19 cent) is perh due to idea of firmness and steadfastness The *brickbat*, "the typical ready missile, where stones are scarce" (NED), was known as such to Milton See *bat*¹

bricole "Cushion" stroke at tennis or billiards Earlier a military catapult It *briecola*, prob of Teut origin and cogn with *break* In 16-17 cents often perverted to *brick-wall*

bricole a bricke wall, a side-stroke at tennis also, a kind of engine wherewith, in old time, they beat downe walls (Cotg)

bridal AS *brýð-cala*, wedding-feast (ale) Mod form influenced by *espousal*, *nuptial*, etc

Church ales, help ales, and soul-ales, called also dirge-ales, and heathenish noting at bride-ales (Harrison, *Description of England*, 1577)

bride¹ Wife Earlier also betrothed (as still Ger *bräut*) AS *brýð* Com Teut, cf Du *bruid*, Ger *bräut* (OHG *brūt*, whence F *bru*, daughter-in-law), ON *brúthr*, Goth *brūths* Perh from same root as *brew*, *broth*, *bread*,

etc (cf hist of *lord, lady*) *Bridegroom* was substituted for ME *bridegome*, as *gome*, man (cogn with L *homo*), became obs This is AS *brýð-guma* Com Teut, cf Du *bruidegom*, Ger *bräutigam*, ON *brúthgum*, but Goth *brūthfaths*, bride-lord *bride*² Bonnet-string F, *bridle* (q v)

bridewell [*hist*] Prison From *Bridewell*, i.e. *St Bride's* (*Bridget's*) *Well*, London, orig a hospital, later a house of correction

A special constable was fined for disorderly conduct and assaulting the police at the bridewell [at Liverpool] (*Daily Expr* Aug 5, 1919)

bridge¹ Across water AS *byreg* Com Teut, cf Du *brug* (as in *Zeebrugge*), Ger *brücke*, ON *bryggja*, landing-stage It is prob that the most primitive bridge was a wooden causeway over a swamp and that the orig meaning is rather board, log (cf Ger *prügel*, cudgel) With *bridge of gold*, to make enemy's retreat easy, cf similar use of F *pont d'or* The *bridge of the nose* occurs in ME Nil *bridge-head* translates F *tête de pont*

bridge² Card-game of Russ origin For earlier (1886) "*britch*, or Russian whist" Origin unknown Its Russ name is *vint*, screw

Bridgetine Member of order of *St Bridget* (14 cent)

Bridgewater prize Instituted by *Earl of Bridgewater* (1825) Cf *Nobel*

His essay was highly spoken of, and narrowly escaped obtaining a Bridgewater prize (*Ingoldsby*)

bridle AS *brīdel*, for earlier *brīgdel*, from *bregdan*, to pull, turn (see *braud*) Cf Ger *zugel*, *bridle*, from *ziehen*, to pull WGer, cf Du *breidel*, OHG *brittel* Hence to *bridle* (*up*), toss the head, with which cf similar use of Sc *blank* (q v) F *bride* is from Teut

How would she have bridled had she known that they only shared his meditations with a pair of breeches! (*Ingoldsby*)

bridoon [*mil*] Snaffle F *bridon*, from *bride*, *bridle* (v s)

brief ME *bref*, OF *brief* (*bref*), L *brevis*, short AS in *chief*, the mod spelling represents the correct OF form Orig mis-sive, esp papal letter Cf Ger *brief*, letter As adj it occurs a little later A barrister's *brief*, i.e. summary of the case, appears in 17 cent Found in all Teut langs, exc AS, as a loan-word from official L

brier. See *briar*

brg Short for *bryantine* (q.v.) though the
rings are now distinct the latter being what
is called a hermaphrodite brg

brigade I *It* *br* *ala* company crew
rout of good fellows (Flor) from *br* *are*
to fight wrangle from Late L *br* *ga* strife
dubiously connected with the Teut *break*
group Note that I *br* *ga* *te* is not a
general but a cavalry corporal Applica
tion of *br* *ga* *de* to civil organization (*fire*
shoeblick Church *la* *i*) is 19 cent

brigand F It brigante from *brigade* (see *brigade*) Orig light armed soldier but ban lit sense appears almost a early
brigandine brigantine [a ship] Light coat of mail F from *brigand* (q) Revived by Scott

I b h th sp ure and put o th len dan
U xl 4)

brigitane *Γ brigantim* It *brigantino* of
MedL *brigantinus* Perh orig. a skumish
war or pirate ship (cf *yacht*) See the pre-
ceding words and also *brig ba quant ne*
It is a Mediterranean word and has never
been a recognized L. type of ship

bright IS *bercht* also *belt* *bryht* com
Teut but lat in other langs of OSax
berht OHG *beraht* ON *bjart* Gotl *bark* is
These survive in the *Brt* *bert* of Teut
names lit com with *L* *br* are For
fig senses of dull

Bright a disease Diagnosed (182) by D R
Bright Cf Gra es d i en e

brill knd of turbot Farther fr ll pe 1 101
Pret brill b ead mackerel Corn brill
mackerel for br thells (cf Wel h bristholl)
app from a Celt root potted whence
also br t b r b i t obs names for turbot
brilliant Γ brul nt from brill r to shin
It brill'z 21L brillare (sre br yñ) For
br lthine c bundshine etc

brim MH *brim* ed e of the s a Cf ON
 brim MH *brim* whence t er
 brim to border with lace Cf *leg*

crinostone ME be i (b in brim) ton larn
stone Cf ON *bernstain stein* M (Du *larn
stein* Ger *bernstein* mein ambe : Sur
vival of *b* m form is perh due to associa
tion with obs. *barn* being *bern* + *stein*

niddle *brɪdʒ* Also *brɪnd* & *ɪ* r earlier
brɒnd & *brɔɪg* marked as thought *ɪ* brand
ing or burning or from ON *br̥nd* and *brund*
in sense of staff (cf ON *stafuð* *stafuð*)
But the later *brindle* is due to association
with *burnel* common nickname and sur-

name in ME. This is OF *brunel* from *brun*
brown. Similarly *Brindle* (Lanc.) was form-
erly *burn hill*.

brine AS brine of Du brign Earlier in t
unknown With a dip in the brine of Dick
Swiveller = use of the mary (ross)

bring AS *brin* in Com Teut but app
 1st early in ON cf Du *brēn* en Ger
bringen Goth *briggan* The NED points
 out that in sense it is the causal of *come*
 the opposite idea being expressed by *take*
 Thū to *bring off a catch* is to make it
come off

brinjál (An 'o-Ind) Fruit of egg plant Port
b in ell of Sp *be engena* Arab *bad*
pijan from Pers *batjan-gan* See *aubergine*
wh ch is the same word

Urdu *banyā* & ult. from Sanskrit *vany*
trade Cf *banyan*

brink MC *brink* *brēnt* cf Du LG *brink*
hill-side Dan *brink* precipice cogn with
ON *brēk* hill-side Now usu fig on
the brink *brink* of the grave but in its hist
parall I with *brim*

brio mus] Vivacity It of doubtful origin
but prob Celt ?cf. Ir b'igh power

briony See **bryon**

brquette F dim of *brigue* brick (q v)

brisk *Γ brusque* It *brusco* rough prob
from *brusco* force which may be ult
cogn with *little* Cf *brusque* earlier *brusk*
which appears almost as soon as *brisk* For
change of vowel in latter (i for F or Celt e)
cf *brun* *whisky* *brisk* had early r tie
current sense of *brisk* one

hish (C tg)

basket. Larber *bruskele* OF *brusche brusket*
(br ket) The meaning and the fact that
it is glossed *petusculum* in *ME* (for
Cath Angl) suggest an irregular dim from
Ger *brust* breast

bristle Omg of pugs only. ME. brustel (cf
Du brustel) dim of AS byrst cogn with
Ger bosse ON borst Cf also Ger bäse
brush

Bristol AS bryg flow bridge-place Asso-
ciated like Bath with several products and
manufactures Archib Bristol fashion
(maut) shipshap is an a us m to its
early pre erence as super r

F word replaced AS *Breten*, *Bietenland*, *Bretland*, but was only in lust or antiquarian use till Tudor times. James I was proclaimed King of *Great Britain Little Britain* was applied to Brittany in France, hence also to a street in London once inhabited by Breton immigrants. *Brittany* is also commonly used for *Britain* in 16-17 cents. *Britannia*, as national personification, is first mentioned by Pepys in connection with a medal. *Britannia metal* is early 19 cent. *British*, AS *bryttisc*, is purely geog. in ME, being first used of the race by Shaks (*Lea*, in 4). *British Schools* were founded (1808) by the *British and Foreign Bible Society*. *Breton* is F acc. of OF *Bret*, Late L. *Britto-n-*. *Britisher* (US) is prob. due to Ger. or Du. influence.

britt [*dial.*] West country (Dev. & Corn.) name for spawn of herring, sprat, etc. Used also by Melville in *Moby Dick* of the spawn on which whales feed. ? A Corn. word, ult. cogn. with *brill*.

brittle ME *britel* (also *broiel*, *brutel*), from AS *brēotan*, to break. Cf. obs. and synon. *brickle*, from *break*, or L. *fragilis* from *frangere* (*frag*). To *brittle* (ven.), break up (a stag), is a frequent form of *brēotan*.

britzka Pol. *bryczka*, dim. of *bryka*, heavy wagon.

Lord Bareacres' chariot, *britzka*, and fourgon (*Vanity Fair*, ch. lxix).

brize See *breeze*¹.

broach Spit, and hence, various sharp or tapering objects. Cf. *brooch*, which is the same word. F. *broche*, spit, cogn. with L. *broccus*, projecting (of teeth), used by Varro, and prob. of Celt. origin, cf. It. *brocca*, Sp. *broca*. Hence to *broach* a cask, and, fig., a subject. Naut. to *broach* to perch comes from the metaphor of the spit turning back. In quot. below *broach* is app. a mistake for *breach* (q.v.). See *breaker*.

[The damaged submarine] shortly afterwards broached about 500 yards away.

(*Amer. Official*, Nov. 24, 1917).

broad AS *brād*. Com. Teut., cf. Du. *breed*, Ger. *breit*, ON *breithr*, Goth. *brathts*. With the Norfolk *Broads*, i.e. *broad waters*, cf. *narrow* (of water). *Broadcast* was used orig. of seed scattered on the surface instead of in drills or furrows. *Broad Church*, by analogy with *High and Low*, was coined by Clough (c. 1850). *Broadcloth* was at first (15 cent.) two yards wide. A *broadsheet*, earlier *broadside*, was printed on one side

only. *Broadside* of a ship is in Shaks. (2 *Hen. IV.*, in 4), cf. synon. F. *bordée*, from *bord*, side (of ship). *Broadsword* is found in AS and then not till 16 cent. Archaic *broadpiece* (coin) was first applied, on the introduction of the guinea (1663), to the older Jacobus and Carolus, which were broader and thinner. *Broadway* was once a familiar compd., as still in New York, Hammersmith, etc. (cf. *highway*).

They of the Barbara shotte ther brood syde of ordynaunce at the Spanyshe shyppe.

(*Voyage of the Barbara*, 1540).

Broddingnagian Gigantic. From land of *Broddingnag* (*Gulliver's Travels*, 1726).

Coined by Swift. Cf. *Lilliputian*.

brocade Earlier also *brocado*, Sp. Port., cf. It. *broccato*. Orig. p.p. of verb corresponding to F. *brocher*, to work with needle. See *broach*, *brooch*, *brochure*.

brocard [*archaic*] Gibe, orig. maxim. F., from Burchard, bishop of Worms (11 cent.), author of *Regulae Ecclesiasticae*.

brocattelle F., It. *broccatello*, dim. of *broccato*, *brocade* (q.v.).

broccoli It., pl. of *broccolo*, sprout, dim. of *brocco*, spike (see *broach*). First record in Evclynn.

broccoli: the stalks, sprouts or tops of coleworts (Flor.).

broch [*antiq.*] Prehistoric building (NE Scotland). ON *borg*, fort, borough (q.v.).

broché F., stitched (v.1).

brochure F., from *brocher*, to stitch (sheets together). See *broach*, *brooch*.

broek [*dial.*] Badger (q.v.). AS *brocc*, of Celt. origin, cf. Welsh *broch*, badger, *broc*, of mixed colour, Gael. *broc*, badger. Perh. cogn. with G. *φορκός*, grey (cf. its other names, *bawson*, *gray*), or with L. *broccus* (see *broach*), from its projecting jaw (cf. *pike*).

brocket [*ven.*] Stag in second year. F. *brocart*, "a two-year-old deer, which if he be a red deer, we call a broeket, if a fallow, a pricket" (Cotg.), from *broche*, spike (see *broach*). Cf. *pricket*.

brodrick [*mil. slang*] Peaked cap introduced into British Army by St. John Brodrick, Secretary for War (1900-3).

brogue Ir. Gael. *bróg*, shoe, from ON *brōk*, breeches (q.v.), OIr. *brōc* occurring in compds. for various nether garments. Cf., for vague meaning, F. *chausses*, breeches (ult. from L. *calx*, *calc-*, heel). App. *brogue*, Irish accent, is a playful allusion to national attire.

brouder [*irchme*] Lengthened from *MF broude* *Γ brouder* *OI brouder* (*Prov brouder*) from a prob Cist root which appears in *MedL broudis* opus phrygium acupictum. The -oi is due to *MF brouden* *AS bryden* pp of *b egdan* (see *brat*) wh I was perh also associated with the *Prov* form (v s) and in early use there is confusion in sense between the two words (v i). The word is thus of rather complicated origin. The surname *Broder* (*broudis*) preserves an older form.

Oig Hismythyre of tro dyng and of st l

(*Chas A 2178*)

I broude a boudere dely a broude le j l do
(*Flg*)

I broude he a le such broude toilette
Il yd y u a p (h)

Not with lroude b r gold or p lk, ostly
ray (s Tim il q)

broil¹ Quarrel from obs *broil* to mix up *Γ brouiller* cf *It imbroglio*. The *I* and *It* forms suggest connection with *Γ brenil* thicket jungle (whence the *Broile* Sussex) from Gaulish *brogiolos*.

broil² Orig to burn char *Γ brouler*. Earliest *ME* form is *brule*. Prob influenced by *boil*² but *E* is fond of *oi* (see *foit reco* *l*). *Γ brule* *OF brule* is of unknown origin (? *L* *ustulare* from *urere* ust to turn *× Ger brennen*).

broke [*techn*] Short staped broken *ool* *Cf* *noil*.

broker *AF brouner* *OF brocheor*. Supposed to have meant orig a *brancher* and seller of wine (see *broach*). *It* mod sense is prob influenced by some other word of wider meaning. We find also *AF abroco* *v* corresponding to *MedL abbreviator* which may have been confused with *MedL broucator* a broker lit one who brings buyer and seller mouth to mouth. *Cf* *It abbocca* here and *Γ aboucher* from *bocca* *bouche* mouth. *VL bucco*. A plausible theory connects the word with *Sp albroque* a gratuity given to one that makes up a bargain between two in the nature of brokerage (Stevens) recorded as early as 1000 and derived from *Hebr berā'ah* present or cogn Arab *barāha*. The medieval brokers were often Jews or Arabs. *Cf* *Prov abrocatge* brokerage *Hone i broker* in pol sense is Bismarck's *ehlicher mäkler* (in Reichstag Feb 19 1878).

abb *eye a br k a d les-man s h s b ing*
men to pe k together (*Flor*)

broily [*collog*] *I* *erversion of umbrella*. *I* do not know the phonetic explanation.

becomme [*chen*] *I* or earlier *brome* *Γ* from *G Bpompas* stink.

bronchitis *ModL* (early 19 cent) ult from *G Bpnyx* wind pip. See *its* and cf other med couages in *broncho bronchio-bronco*. Half tamed horse (Mexico and Cal) (*snla*). *Sp* rough of unknown origin. *Cf* *mustan larial* quirt etc.

bronze *Γ* *It bruno* from *Brundis um* (*Brundisi*). *Pliny* speaks of *aes Brindusium*. *Cf* *hist* of copper.

brooch Var of *broach* (*q v*) in sense of pin differentiation of spelling being quite mod. **brood** *AS brod* cogn with *breed* (*l*) *cf* *Du broed* *Ger brut*. With *v rb* to brood (*oier*) *cf* *fig* senses of *Ger b uien* and *F coiter* (see *cotey*).

brook¹ *Nom* *AS broc* *cf* *Du broek* marsh *Ger bruch* marsh prob cogn with *treach*. In *b oohin* a kind of speedwell the second element is not *line*¹ but *AS hleo* noc name of the plant.

brook *Verb* *AS brucan* to use. *Com Teut* *cf* *Du braken* *Ger brauchen* to use *Goth brukjan* ult cogn with *L fru* *fruct* to enjoy. With mod meaning usu neg *cf* to *ha s no use* for Intermediate sense was to dige t etc (*cf* to *stomach*). *Let* *sbruk* th present door (*S b i d*).

brook *AS bröm* *cf* *Du braam* *Ger br m*. See *braim*. For application of plant to implement *f brush*.

brose See *b ruis*.

broth *IS broth* cogn with *b ew* *cf* *OHG brot* *OV broth*. Widely adopted in Rom langs (see *breuvs imbrus*). Hence *broth* of a boy (*lr*) the essence of manhood as *broth* is the essence of meat (*Joyce*).

brothel *ME brothel* vile person of either sex from *AS brotha* to go to ruin (*cf* synonym *lozel* from *to e*). Mod sense sprang from a confusion (c 1600) of *brothel* house with obs *borlel* *Γ* (*cf* *It bordello*) little ho *e* of Teut origin (*board*).

brother *AS brothor* *Aryan* *cf* *Du broeder* *Ger bruder* *OV bröthir* *Goth bröthar* *L frater* *C* *φρα ηρ* *Sanskrit bhrāṭṛ* *G el* *Ir brathair* *Dreihren* is a mixture of *to* *pl* forms *brother* and *brothren*.

brougham From *Lori Brougham* (c 1850). *Cf* *spence sandwich* etc.

brow Of eye or bill *AS bri* eye lash *lid*. **brow** unrelated according to the best authorities with *bras* (*q v*). In *ON brun*

eyebrow, *biā*, eye-lid, and OHG *brū*, later replaced by MHG *brā*, *brāw*-, we have similar pairs, cf Sanskrit *bhrūs*, eye-brow. Poet sense of forehead is 16 cent. In *brow-beat* (16 cent) the brow is that of the threatener. Thus compd appears also to have been associated in use with *beetle-browed* (q v).

Into the same hue doe they [Turkish women] die their eye-breies [Peye lids, or -lashes] and eye-browes (Sandys, 1615, in Purch)

brow² [*naut*] Landing-plank for horses. Dan or Sw *bru*, bridge, ON *brū*. Used in offic account of Zeebrugge raid (Apr 23, 1918). First *NED* record is from Smyth (1867), but see below. The newspaper accounts of Zeebrugge sometimes substituted *pro*.

A brow [MS *brew*] or stage made at the stern of the ship (Phineas Pett, 1609)

browis See *brewis*

brown AS *brūn*. Com Teut, cf Du *bruun*, Ger *braun*, ON *brūnn*. Also adopted, like so many colour-words, by the Rom langs. Its earliest meaning contained also the idea of brightness (see *brownish*), hence it is in OF & ME a common epithet of the sword. To shoot *into the brown* is to shoot where the birds are so thick that missing is difficult. *Brown Bess* (18 cent) for earlier *brown musket*, was the old regulation flintlock with brown walnut stock, it has been suggested that *Bess* is here for Ger *buchse* (see *arquebus*, *blunderbuss*), but it is more prob a personal name (see *Bess*). *Brown George* was used in 17 cent of a coarse loaf (cf F *gros-Guillaume* in same sense), in 19 cent of a brown wig (*Ingoldsby*) and a brown jug (*Tom Brown at Oxford*). *Browmie* (Sc) is a little brown elf or goblin. With *brown study*, "gloomy meditations" (Johns), we may perh compare F *offusquer*, to overshadow, create melancholy absorption, from L *fuscus*, brown. *aonner la muse à* to amuse, or put into dumps, to drive into a brown study (Cotg).

browning Revolver. From inventor (c 1900), cf *derringer*, *bowie*, etc.

Brownist [*hist*] Adherent of Robert Browne (c 1581), puritan theologian (Independent). **browse** From obs noun *browse*, young shoots on which cattle feed. OF *brouz*, pl of *broust*, from *brouster* (*brouster*), to browse. App from a Teut root meaning to sprout, perh cogn with *breast*.

vescae salicis frondes browse made for beasts of withie bowes (Coop).

frondator a wood lopper, a browser (ib).

bruin Du, brown, name of the bear in the Old Flemish poem *Reineke Vos*, Reynard the Fox. It appears first in Caxton's transl. See *renard*, *chanicleer*, *monkey*.

bruise Mixed form from AS *briesan* (in *lō-briesan*, to break to pieces) and AF *bruser*, OF *bruissier*, var of *briser*, to break, prob from the AS word, of Celt origin. *Bruiser*, pugilist, is used by Horace Walpole.

bruit Usu with *about*, *abroad*. From *bruit*, rumour, F, orig p p of *bruire*, to sound, etc, prob of unit origin (cf *bray*¹).

Brummagem For *Bromwicham* (*Thersites*, 1537), corrupt, under influence of *Bromwich*, of *Brumdegham*, for *Bumung(e)ham*. The orig allusion is to counterfeit coin made there.

Bromelham, particularly noted a few years ago, for the counterfeit groats made here (*NED* 1691).

brumous F *brumoux*, from *brume*, mist, L *bruma*.

brunette F, "a nut-brownc girl" (Cotg), dim of *brune*, brown (q v).

Brunswick LG form of Ger *Braunschweig*, adopted in F & E. Hence *Brunswick black* (cf *Prussian blue*), *Black Brunswicker* (hussar), *House of Brunswick*, Hanover having once consisted of the Electorate of Brunswick-Lüneburg.

brunt Unst. Usu with *to bear*. Orig (c 1325) a blow, whence stock phrase *at the first brunt*. From ON *brundr*, sexual heat, as in *brund-filth*, rutting time, cogn with *burn*², cf Ger *brunst*, ardour, etc. Regular occurrence of *at the first brunt* suggests a sense-development like that of *blush*.

primo impetu at the first brunt (Coop).

brush Orig loppings of trees, faggots, etc, OF *brousse*, whence F *broussailles*, thicket, brushwood, of Teut origin, cf Ger *bursle*, a brush, *borste*, a bristle. The implement *brush* is ult the same word (cf *broom*). The fox's *brush* (cf synon Ger *rute*, lit rod) is recorded c 1700. *To brush by* (against, etc) is from the idea of frictional contact, but there is an archaic *brush*, to decamp, spec from archaic F *brosser*, used of a stag, etc making off through the brushwood. With *brush*, encounter, cf F *se frotter à quelqu'un* and somewhat similar use of *rub*.

brush to make brushes on *bruvère* (Palsg).

For, that one of their drummers, and one Sergeant Matcham.

Had "hrush'd with the dihs," and they never could catch 'em (*Ingoldsby*).

brusque *F* see *brisk*
Brussels *Lace* (Richardson) and *sprouts* (18 cent.) are recorded earlier than *carpets*
brute *F* from *L brutus* dull stupid In earliest occurrence (15-10 cents) always as adj. qualifying *beast*
brutus Wig and style of hair-dressing (19 cent.) Said to be from a style of hair dressing affected by people of Republican ideas
bryology [bot.] Study of mosses From *G ῥϋον mos. y* sea weed
bryony *L* (βρυον a from *G βρυον* to burst forth)
Brythonic [elhn & lin] From Welsh *brythan* Briton Introduced by Rhys in contrast to *Gaelic* (q.v.)
bub¹ [slang] Drink For *bib*
bub² [slang] Breast (of woman) For earlier *bubby* cf Ger dial *bubbi* teat From baby lang
bub³ [US] Boy regarded as m. of *siss* *siss er* but app. from Ger *bube* boy (q.v.) The m. of *siss* is rather *bid* which may stand for *negro brudder*
bubble Earlier *bu ble* Of imit. origin f *babble* *blob* etc Hence *bubble* to cheat to delude with bubbles or unrealities Its very common use in 18 cent. is prob. spec. due to the *South Sea Bubble* (1700-10) *Bubble and squeak* yesterday's vegetables etc. fried up is an allusion to the noise of frying *Bubble of reputation* is from *As You Like It* II, 1
What mortals bubble? If and so eak
When midst the fry, go not a cuss, &
The bubble is quitted with the cabbidge (Peter P. 4)
bubbly jock [Se] Turkey-cock Imit. cf *gobbler* *Jock* is *Sc* for *Jack* (q.v.)
bubonic From Late *L. bubo* *G β β υ* groin swelling in groin
bucaneer Orig. French hunter in San Domingo who prepared the flesh of wild oxen by means of a *boucan* (v.i.) Later a free-booter and finally a pirate Cf *F. bau* *cand* smoke-dried *Boucan* is a Tupi (Brazil) word taken to Hayti by early travellers It is so explained (Purch. xii 319) by a Frenchman who was in Brazil 1557-8
boucan : a wood fire gridiron whereon the bails
 h. il pieces of men doth rest (Colg.)
buccinator [anat.] Cheek muscle *L.* trumpet from *buccina* trumpet
buccellar White wine Village near Lisbon
bucentaur State barge in which on Ascension Day the Doge of Venice went to wed

the Adriatic by dropping a ring into it It *bucentoro* supposed to allude to the figure head of centaur see *bicephalus centaur*
bucephalus Horse of Alexander the Great *G βου κεφαλος* ox-headed from *βου* ox *κεφαλη* head Cf *bayard rosinante* etc
buck¹ Animal *AS bucc* male deer *bucca* he goat *Com Teut.* cf *Du bok* Ger *buck* *ON bokkr* all oxen, he goat also adopted by Rom. & Celt. langs. *Med.* application to a man (from c. 1700) has a curious parallel in *ON bokkr* my good fellow old *bu k* (cf *US old host*) Hence prob. also to *buck* + *p* *Buckbean*; *Du* *buckdoom* goat bean also altered to *dog bean* *Buchys* + *p* + *e* to jump like a buck *Austral.* *Buck shot rule* in Ireland (c. 1880) was popularly associated with W. F. F. R. ster Secretary for Ireland With *buckhorn* cf *It spi o cervino* from *cervo* deer
buck² [dial] Body of vehicle as still in *U. b chboard* *AS bucc* trunk belly (cf Ger *bauch*)
buck³ [dial] To wash clothes whence *buck basket* (Merry Wives iii 5) Cf *Sw byka* Ger *bauchen* (Villg. *buch* + whence *F. buer*) It *bucare* prob. com. with *AS bic* pitcher still in dial use
bu ket wa he cloth s r (P. 18)
buckeen [Ir] Squire of poorer class From *bick* with dim. suffix cf *cille* *squireen* etc
bucket *IF* *biket* *biquet* dim. from *AS bucc* pitcher (see *buck*) but prob. also created also with *F. baquet* bucket *B. ch. t* shop in New York is a low gun mill or distillery where small quantities of spirit are dispensed in pitchers and pails When the shop dealing with one share and five share lots of stocks were opened these dispensaries of smaller lots than could be got from regular dealers were at once named bucket shops (*New York Evening Post* Oct. 1881) With verb to bucket in riding or rowing cf *to pun p.* To kick the *ch. t* is prob. from dial *buck* beam yoke (cf to kick the beam) OF *biquet* balance which survives in *F. t. bucket* This is a separate word of obscure origin
Sw *li r* thank that g. bet on th. b. over s. b. ket
 (H. IV. iii. 1)
buckie [Se] Wheel shell App. from *I. buccin* + wheel lit. trumpet.

buckle F. *boucle*, which in OF meant cheek, strap of helmet, boss of shield (see *buckle*), L *buccula*, dim of *bucca*, mouth With to *buckle to*, set liard to work, cf to *gnd up one's loins* preparatory to active exertion, and see *fettle* *Buckle*, to bend, is included here by the *NED*, but is surely rather connected with Du *buigen*, to bend, or Ger *buckel*, hump, cogn. with *bow*¹

Reason doth buckle and bowe the mind unto the nature of things (Bacon)

boghel, *boghel* hemicycle, semicircular, eurytura semicircularis (Jil)

My lady Batten and her daughter look something askew upon my wife because my wife do not buckle to them (Pepys, Aug 25, 1661).

to *buckle to his business* se ad opus accingere (Litt)
das Kleid sitzt *puckelicht* this suit of clothes doth pucker (Ludw)

buckler F *bouclier*, VL **buccularium* (se *scutum*), with a boss (see *buckle*)

Trenchet ces hanstes et cez escus buclers
(Roland, 1968)

buckra Master, white man, in negro patois of Surinam From Calabar *bakra*, master.

buckram Orig a fine cotton fabric, later applied to an inferior material used as stiffening ME *bukeram*, *bougeren*, etc., OF *boquerant* (*bougran*), cf McdL *boquerannus* and forms in most Europ langs Origin doubtful, perh from *Bokhara* (cf *astrakhan*, etc) Some authorities regard it as a corrupt of obs *bariacan* (see *baragan*) Men in *buckram* is after 1 Hen IV, ii 4 For form cf *grogan*, for vague meaning *camel*

He [Kerenski] wasted time in delivering an oration, and the Red Guards scattered his buckram army
(T Buchan)

buckshee [mil slang] See *bukshee*

buckthorn See *buck*¹

buckwheat Du *boekweit*, first element meaning *beech*, this wheat having grains shaped like those of beech-mast Cf Ger *buckweizen* and It *fagopiro*, from *fago*, beech It was introduced from Asia (15 cent) whence its F name *sarrasin*

bucolic L, G. *βοκολικός*, from *βουκόλος*, herdsman, from *βοῦς*, bull

bud ME *bodde* Cf Du *bot*, Ger *bitten*, in *hagebitten*, hips and haws, lit hedge-buds Origin unknown F *bouton* is from Teut.

Buddhism From *Buddha*, lit the enlightened, awakened, pp of Sanskrit *budh*, to awake, perceive, applied to a series of

heaven-scent teachers, and spec to Gautama, also called Sakyamuni and Siddhartha (fl 5 cent BC in Northern India).
bude light Invented (19 cent) by Gurney, who lived at *Bude* (Cornwall)

budge A "low word" (Johns) F *bouge*, to stir, VL **bullicare*, from *bullire*, to boil This etym, though rather speculative, is strongly supported by Prov *bolegar*, to budge

budgerigar Austral parakeet Native (NSW) *betcherygah*, lit good cockatoo, corrupted in US to *beauregard*

budgerow [Anglo-Ind] Baige Hind *bājra*
budget OF *bougette*, dim of *bouge* (whence obs E *budge*, *bouge*), L *bulga*, of Celt orig; cf OIr *bolg*, bag, cogn with Ger *balg*, skin (see also *brilge*) Orig a bag, wallet, etc, as in *budget of letters*, *news*, etc (v1). The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in making his statement, theoretically *opens his budget*

This bochet with othre lettres conteigned in the same (1512-13)

bulga a male or bouget of leather, a purse, a bagge
(Coop)

budmash See *badmash*

buff Colour Orig buffalo, then, buffalo-hide (whence *buff-coat*) and its colour F *buffle* (see *buffalo*) In to *strip to the buff* it is used for human skin The *Bufs* (E Kent Reg) and *Ross-shire Bufs* (2nd Seaforth's) were named from facings (cf the *Blues*)

buffle the buffie, buffle, bugle, or wild ox (Cotg)

buff, blind man's See *blind* The fact that in some other langs the game is named from an animal, e g Ger *blinde kuh* (blind cow), Port *cabracega* (blind goat), suggests some connection with *buff* (v.s.), which is supported by *behold the buff*, used (1647) to render It *ecco la cicca* On the other hand the game is also called *blind man's buffet* or *blind and buffet*

buffalo Port *bufalo*, L, G *βούβαλος*, orig kind of antelope, from *βοῦς*, ox, bull Earlier also *buffle*, from F Often wrongly applied to Amer bison According to a writer in *Notes and Queries* (Oct 1919), the *Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes* grew out of a convivial and friendly club started (18 cent) at the Harp tavern by Drury Lane actors The club-room was adorned with a pair of buffalo horns in honour of Nimrod, claimed as one of the founders of the society

buff-coat See *buff*

buffer¹ Fellow In ME stammerer (Wyc Is xxxu 4) In Sc foolish fellow in obs slang suborned witness Prob all belong to an imit *buff* cf *puff* and see *buffoon*

buffer² Of engine etc From verb to *buff* limit of muffled blow Cf synonym Ger *puffer* and see *buffet¹* Hence *buffer state* rendered in F by *état tampon* (see *lampion*)

buffet¹ Blow OF dim of *buffe* see *buffer* *buffoon* and cf Ger *puffen* to jostle hustle

buffet² Side board F of unknown origin Cf It *buffetto* The R cent spelling *beaufet* *beaufet* is artificial and misleading Perh the same word as *buffet³* OF *buffet* is used (13 cent) in Bouleau & Mesnars de Paris of a bench for displaying goods For sense cf *shamble¹* also ori a low stool Quot below is from 12 cent

Duo banca tornat illa t u a meos dormien et unum buff th

(Ital s *Domesday of St Pa* Ps p 137)

buffet³ Low stool hassock Now dial or in 161 to *Little Miss Muffet* though *tuffet* is often substituted in mod versions OF (v s) of unknown origin

b fet n fied tole tripe (P mpt P rv)

buffo Comic etc It S a *buffoon*

buffoon F *boiffon* It *buffone* from *buffa* jest from *buffare* to puff prob with allusion to cheeks puffed out in grimacing etc cf F *pouffer de rire*

bug¹ Spectre Obs etc in *bugbear* *bugaboo* ME *bugge* Welsh *bug* ghost See *bogy* *boggle*

Th u shalt n t n de to be atryed for eny bugges by alyght (Cov d P xci 5)

Warwikk was a bug th at f r'd all (3 H VI v)

The Germ n elem nt (US) i a bug a boo Th p lice c n lock fter them all right (Sir H W Thornton Amer Man xvi of G E R)

bug² Insect Orig as still in dial and US beetle insect in general Irreg corrupt of AS *bydda* beetle whence perh also *beard* weevil Cf dial *shorndig* for AS *searnbydda* dung beetle

blatts a shorn bug the chafer or beetle (A sw th 1736)

bug³ In colloq *bi bug* See *big* *bugaboo* Welsh *buga-bo* elaboration of *big* (see *bug*) Cf OF *bigibis*

bugbear Formed (16 cent) from *bug¹* (q v) Second element may be an imit corrupt of some other ending We also find *bull*

beur bullleggar (?) for *bo garé* in same sense Cf Du *bullbak* (Tul)

Maigre s ch bu be e bull beare bellow ngs (1 ur b)

bugger F *boi ore* L *Di l i s* Bulgarian Orig sect of heretics who came from *Bulgaria* in 11 cent

Ma dame sa h ke j m und rité loy l w [anyon] t t utre hose t dre illest b h e (Archbp Peckh m t Q et EI a or 28)

buggy Vehicle Now LS and colonial Ori gin unknown but prob facetious A Camb undergrad spells it *bouffe* in 1767

bugle¹ Plant F Late L *burula* whence also It *bugola* Perh related to *bu loss* with which it is confused by ME wr tters b glu a b gle (s c 1265)

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O en hepe and gootes h rt oo and b gl (B ble 1335 *Deut* x v)

bugle³ Bead ornament Perh ident with *bugle²* from horny appearance

B ades tr elats h nee o c l i r f bewg! (H kl 92)

b els kind f glass bi k horn (Holvok 649)

bugloss Plant F *buglos* e L *biglossa* from G *βουγλωσ* t c r tongued See *bugle¹* *glossary*

Buhl Also *Boile* F wood carver (St temp Louis XIV)

build Farther *biid* b i i AS *byldan* Not known outside F

Il bu lled b tier the h k — The consco stone to b ty g w (Lm reso P bl m)

bukshee [An to Int] Paymaster Pers *bukhsht* from *bakhshtin* to give Cf *bukhsheesh*

bulb L *bulbus* G *βαλβ* s onion its earlier meaning in E cogn with L *bulbs* bubble etc

bulbul Eastern song thrush Pers Arab unit of note Cf *jug¹* (q v)

Bulgarian A Slav lang **bulge** First as noun hump protuberance Prob ident with obs *bilke* wall t etc (see *budget bilze*) and ult cogn with *belly bellows*

bumby Unnatural hunger MedL G *βυ* λ y u from *βουε* ox λ μ ο s hunger

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bunk, abscond (?by sea)

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door seat, hollow in sand-hills, receptacle
for coal Origin unknown Norw Dan
bunke means heap, cargo, earlier also hold
of ship

They sat cosily nuched into what you might call a
bunker, a little sand pit (*Redgaw llet*, ch x)

bunkum, buncombe *Buncombe* is a county
in N Carolina, the member for which once
insisted, towards the end of a wearisome
debate in Congress, on "making a speech
for Buncombe," i.e. showing his consti-
tuents that he was doing something for
them

All over America, every place likes to hear of its
member of Congress and see their speeches, and
if they don't, they send a piece to the paper, in
quint' if their member's died a natural death, or
was skivered with a bowie knife, for they hante
seen his speeches lately, and his friends are anxious
to know his fate Our free and enlightened citizens
don't approbate silent members So every feller,
in bounden duty, talks, and talks big too, and the
smaller the state, the louder, bigger, and fiercer its
members talk Well, when a crittur talks for talk
sake, jist to have a speech in the paper to send to
home, and not for any other arthly puppus but
electioneering, our folks call it "Bunkum"

(Judge Hahihurton)

bunny See *bun*² Hence *bunny-lug*, with
which cf *turkey-trot*

bunsen Burner, etc Invented (1855) by
Prof Bunsen, of Heidelberg

bunt "Belly" of a sail, pouch of a net
?Corrupt of Sw *bugt*, bend, bulge, cogn
with *bow*²

bunter [geol] Ger *bunter sandstein*, varie-
gated sandstone

bunting¹ Bird ME *bountyng* This was a
female font-name in ME (*Bountyng the
brewster*, in the *Coventry plays*) and is one
origin of the surname *Bunting* App this
is for earlier *Bonnelon* (*Alice Buneton*, in
the *Hund R*, 1273), which is a double
dim of F *bon*, as in the F surname *Bon-
nelon* It may be that this was a pet name
for the bird (cf *robin*), as also for a child
in *Baby bunting* In the old play *Res-
publica* (1553) Avarice calls his plumply
filled purses his *buntings*

bunting² Flag material Perh from obs
bunt, to sift Cf F *étamine*, which means
both "bunting" and cloth used for sifting
or "bolting" flour, etc

étamine buntine, the woollen stuff of which the
ships colours are made (Lesc)

bunyip [*Austral*] Native name for fabulous
water-monster, hence impostor

buoy Du *boei* or OF *bote* (now replaced by
bouée), with forms in most Europ langs,
L *boia*, chain, fetter (by which the buoy
was secured), which some would connect
with the tribal name *Bou* See *bilboes*.
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belonging rather to the Teut root of
beacon, which is quite possible

boy of an ancre *bovee* (Palsg.)

bur, burr ME *boire*, *burre*, cf Dan *borre*,
bur, Sw *kad-boire*, burdock, the latter a
compd of *bur* (see *dock*¹) By some con-
sidered Teut, by others connected with
F *bourre*, shaggy substance, bristles on
plants etc, L *burra*, rough wool (see *burl*,
burgeon) In the sense of north country
accent it perhaps comes from the idea of
a *burr* in the throat, a phrase occurring in
Piers Plowm *Burr*, rough edge, as in the
dentist's *burr-drill*, and *burr*, whetstone,
clinker, etc, may be the same word, from
the idea of roughness

burberry Overcoat Maker's name (20 cent)
Cf *mackintosh*

If she [Spring] is a virgin wise as well as beautiful,
she will have a burberry over her arm
(*Sunday Times*, Mar 30, 1919)

burble To confuse, also to babble, talk non-
sense Cf obs *burble*, to bubble (with
parallels in Rom langs), and obs Sc
barbulye, to muddle, F *barbouiller*, "to
jumble, confound, muddle" (Cotg) All
of imit origin Cf Serb *brbljati*, to chatter
burbot Fish F *barbote*, *bourbotte*, from *bar-
boter*, to flounder, from *bourbe*, mud, but
the first form is perh rather connected
with *barbe*, beard, the *burbot* being a
bearded fish (cf *barbel*) -

burden¹, burthen AS *byrthen*, from *bear*²,
cf OSax *burthinnia*, OHG *burdin* (*burde*),
ON *byrth*, Goth *baurther* For usual mod
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furder, which has not

burden² Of a song F *bourdon*, cf It *bor-
done*, Sp *bordon* Prob imit, cf Late L
burdo, drone bee Fanciful attempts have
been made to connect these words with
F *bourdon*, It *bordone*, pilgrim's staff, perh
from Late L *bundo-n-*, mule

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burdock See *bu*

- brunnen*, ON *brunn*, Goth *brunna*, prob cogn with *burn*² (cf *torrent*)
- burn*¹ Verb AS *bærnan* (weak trans), causal of *biennan* (strong intrans) Com. Tent, cf OSax OIIG ON Goth *brinnan* (intrans), OSax OIIG *biennman* (*biennen*), ON *bienna*, Goth *biannjan* (trans) To *burn one's boats*, leave oneself no retreat, is an allusion to Cortez, or perl to earlier adventurers With *burning shame* (*disgrace*, etc) cf *flagrant*
- burnet* Plant OF *burnete*, *brunete*, dim of *brun*, brown
- burnish* F *brunir*, *bruniss-*, OF also *brunir*, from *brun*, brown, also bright See *brown*
- burnous* Arab cloak F, Arab *burnus* Cf Sp *albornuz* Purch has *barnuche*
- burr* See *bui*
- burro* [US] Donkey Sp, app back-formation from *borrico*, L *burricus*, small shaggy horse, prob cogn with *burnus*, reddish-brown (see *bureau* and cf *Dan Bunel the ass in Chauc*), cf F *bourrique*, donkey
- burrow* Var of *borough* (q v) with differentiated sense
- Foxes *hæn diehus*, or *borowis* (Wyc *Matt* viii 20).
- bursar* MedL *bursarius*, purse-bearer See *puise*, for which *butse* is still used in certain tech n senses
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- bus* For *omnibus* (q v) Mod mil slang for aeroplane
- busby* Hussar fur head-dress (19 cent), large bushy wig (18 cent) Prob from surname *Busby*
- bush*¹ Thicket, etc ME *bush*, *bush*, ON *bushr*, not found in AS; cf Du *bosch*, Ger *busch*, also Late L *boscus*, F *bois*, It *bosco* Earlier hist uncertain, perl orig pasture-land, from G *βοσκειν*, to feed cattle In the colonies *bush* is usu from Du *bosch*, as applied by early settlers from Holland So also *Bushman*, SAfr tribe The first *bushmanagers* (c 1800) were escaped convicts *Bushwhacker* (US) is prob corrupted from Du *boschwachter*, forest watcher, woodman *Good wine needs no bush* alludes to the ivy-bush once used as tavern-sign

d bon vin il ne faut point d'enseigne good wine

- draws customers without any help of an ivy-bush (Cotg)
- bush*² Axle-box Du *bus*, box (q v); Cf. *aquebus*, *blunderbuss*, which have earlier forms in *-bush*
- bushel* OF *boissel* (*boisseau*), dim of *boisle* (*botte*), VL **burida* See *box*, *pyx*
- No man lightneth a lanterne, and putteth it in ludis, other undir a bovschel (Wyc *Luke*, xi 33)
- business*, See *bussy*.
- busk*¹, *bust* These are the same word, a *bush* being a support for the *bust*, the latter orig meaning a torso, a body without a head Origin uncertain, but the analogy of It *torso* (q v), *fusto*, *tronco*, all used in same sense, "a bodie without a head" (Flor), suggests identity with Prov *bust*, tice-trunk, of unknown origin. The form *bush*, with differentiation of sense, is F *busc*, It *buseo*
- busto* a trunk, a bodie without a head, a trusse Also a womans buske (Flor)
- busq* a buske, or buste (Cotg)
- busk*² [Se & north]. To prepare ON *búask*, from *būa*, to prepare, with reflex pron *sik* (cf *bask*) Hence construction below is plain
- Busk thee, busk thee, my bonnie bride
(*Braes of Yarrow*)
- buskin* Metath of *buck-skin* (see *shoes*). The various continental words usu. mentioned as possible origins of *buskin* (c 1500) are quite unconnected Cf mod *buckskins*, *breeches*, or *cowhide*, whip
- My lord pried to his cordwainer [i.e. shoemaker] for a pyrr bucskyns vylid (NED 1481-90)
- buss*¹ Vessel, esp *herring-buss*. Cf AS *bulse*, in *butsecarl*, sailor, OF *busse*, Du *buis*, OIIG *būzo*, ON *būza* Origin unknown
- bussse* herring buss or bark (Heikham)
- Out and away aboard a ship among the buscarles (Kingsley, *Here and*)
- buss*² [dial] Kiss Replaces earlier *bass*, F *baiser*, L *basiare*. But may be quite a separate word, cf Ger dial *buss*, Sp *buz*, Gael *bis*, orig mouth (cf L *osculum*, little mouth, kiss).
- Thy knees bussing the stones (Cor iii 2)
- bust*¹ Of body See *busk*¹.
- bust*² Vulgar for *bust* (cf. *first* for *first*), esp in *bust up* (orig US)
- bustard* From 15 cent in NED, but occurs as surname temp John OF has *bistarde*, *oustarde* (*outarde*), both app from L *avis*

from *L* To *cabin* confine is an echo of *Maab* iii 4

Hoel (tunum) rustic "capa na" vocant (Is dove)
Thi e tis of row rs and th hi l cabans

(Wyc Eek x i o)

cabinet Dim of *cabin* Orig small hut den etc Mod pol use (E only) comes from *cabanell* *counsell* (Bacon c 1610) i.e. the inner group of the Privy Council meeting in a *cabinet* private room *Cabinet edition* (photog aph etc) means of style and size fit for a *cabinet* or room for display of valuable objects Hence sense of elaborate case and trade of *cabinet maker*

We e never r adyt w r and yet w never have a Cabinet that dare tell the people this truth

(Lo d Wolse y)

cable *F* *cablé* cf *It cappio* *Sp* *cable* also Du Ger *kabel* (from some Rom lang) Late *L. capulum caplum* halter app from *capere* to seize With hybrid *cablegram* cf the still more barbarous *marconigram* Charlie Ch pila. has cablegraphically contributed 30 000 pounds sterli g to the new war loan (Da ly Gle Klegi Jamaica Feb 26 1917)

cabob Meat on skewers Arab *habab*
caboched [her] Head of deer bull etc) cut off close behind the ears From *F caboché* head (see *cabba* s)

cabochon Precious stone cut without facets *F* {vs}

caboodle [US] Usu with *whole* Some writers have *whole kit and boodle* in same sense Prob cow boy word. Port *cabedal* a stock what a man is worth (Vieyra) ident with *capita*? influenced by *bood* s (q v)

caboose Kitchen of small merchant ship Du *kibuss* *kombuss* earlier *cabuse* *com buse* LG *kabuss* which suggests connection with *cabin* and *house* (cf *caudy*) but the hist is obscure Falc and Lesc both describe it as a kind of cowl so it may be cogn with *capole* *capuchin* above co vert re des cheminées des cuisines dans les vaisseaux marcha ds (Lesc)

cabotage [naut] Coasting trade *F* From Prov *cap* or *Sp* *cabo* as going from cape to cape

cabriolet *F* from *cabriole* *capriole* leap as of a goat *It* *capriola* from *L. capre* goat. See *cab* s

Cabin i s are abo it t be established in London a p b the conveyances at a fare on half th price of hackney co chs (Times Apr 3 1825)

caçador [port] Port. lit hunter chaser For mil use cf. *F* *chasseur* Ger *jäger*

ca canny To work slowly so as to leave plenty for others to do Recent application of *Sc ca canny* drive gently (Galt) from *Sc ca* to drive cattle with wh ch cf Norw *haue* cry of summons to cattle

Ca the poves to the knowes (*Sc* so g)

Willin work rs free from th blight of ca canny (Daly Ch o Dec 23 1916)

cacao Earlier and correct form of *cocoa* still used in *F* & *G* *Sp* orig a wrong division of Mex *caca uall* *cocoa* tree

cachalot Sperm whale *F* from dial of Bayonne (17 cent) and now in most Europ langs Perh toothed from Gasc *cachas* tooth with many vars in dialects of *S* France Another plausible conjecture is *L. cacabus* pot which has Rom derivatives meaning pot skull etc The two characteristics of the sperm whale are its teeth and cranial reservoir A third suggestion supported by synon Catalan *cap gros* connects it with Port *cachola* head chump

cache Hiding place for treasure stores etc *F* from *cacher* to hide ? VL **coachen* s for cogers (*co-a* rs) to force together A 19 cent word from French Canadian trappers but used once by Drake

cachet *F* stamp sign manual from *cacher* in obs sense of pressing See *cache*
cachexy [med] Morbid condition *F* *cachexie* *G* x *χέ* from *κακός* bad s state from *εχω* to have Cf *malady*
cackinnation From *L. cackinnare* to laugh of imit origin

cachou For smokers *F* form of *catechu* (q v)

cachucha Dance *Sp*

A co t where th th ight in a ford o a duke
Du gra e to fall sho t in the h awl (there cacheuc)
(I sold by)

cacique *Sp* a prince of the Indians (Iercyval) ? from Mayan word for chief
cack handed [slang] Left handed clumsy ? Connected with dial. *cach* *atercorare* *L. cacare*

cackel Immit cf Du *kaken* Ger *gackeln* *F* *caquer*

Cut the ackl and come to th oses (Anon)

cacoethes Usu with *scribendi* (Juvenal Sat vi 32) *G* a *επιθυμ* bad habit (sch from *κακός* bad *ηθος* character Cf *ethic*
cacole Horse litter for wounded *F* dial word (Pyrenees) first employed in Crimean war Cf *ambulance*

cacophony *C* *κακοφωνία* Cf *ex* & *ny*

buy ME *bien*, also *beg-*, *big-*, *bug-*, AS *byegan*, cf OSax *buggian*, Goth *buggan*
 Origin unknown See *abide*
 buzz¹ Sound Imit
 buzz² [*archaic*] Wig Short for *busby* (q v)
 buzzard Inferior hawk, hence, dullard OF *busard*, from *buse*, L *busco* (Pliny)
 by Earliest as adv., as in to *put by*, *stand by* / AS *bī* (stressed), *be* (unstressed), cf Du *bi*, Ger *bei*, Goth *bi*, said to be cogn with G *ἀμφί*, L *am-bi* With its force in *by-product*, *byway*, *by-election*, etc cf Ger *naben* in *nabenprodukt*, etc So also a *bye* (golf, tennis, etc), as opposed to a full game *By-law*, *bye-law*, now usu understood as subsidiary law, orig meant township-law, from ME *bi* as in *Derby*, *Whitby*, etc, ON *býr* We also find *byrlaw*, where the first syllable represents the ON gen With *by* and *by* of Ger *nach und nach*, gradually, but the changed meaning (cf *anon*, *presently*) shows man's procrastinating nature In *by the by* we have the noun *by*, *bye*, side-way, subsidiary matter, which has developed from the prep *By and large*, now often fig., is naut., to the wind and off it
 The end is not by and by [*εὐθὺς*] (Luke, xvi 9).
 bye. Noun In various sporting senses Subst use of (q v)
 bye-bye Baby redupl., cf *lullaby*, *hushaby*, *bye baby bunting* Also playfully for *good-bye* (q v)
 by-law, bye-land See *by*.
 byre AS *býre*, cattle-stall, cogn with *bower*¹ (q v) Not from ON *býr*, in which the inflexional *-r* disappeared, giving ME *bi* (see *by*) Both words are however from the same root, and cogn with *boor*
 byrme [*poet*] Revived by mod poets from ME *brime*, coat of mail, ON *byrma*, cf OF *bronc*, *broigne*, the stock name for armour in OF epic, from Teut ?Cogn with *brown*
 byssus Fine fabric L, G *βύσσαν*, Heb *bíts* (rendered "fine linen" in AV), Arab *bíts*, to be very white
 byword AS *bī-word*, translating L *pro-verbum* or G *παρά-βολή* Cf *gospel*
 Byzantine Of *Byzantium*, Constantinople Formerly used for *besant* (q v) As term of art, history, etc, it is mod Of late (1916) *Byzantinism* has also been used of tyrannical rule by moral degenerates, like some of the later emperors

c-. Some words of foreign origin not included here may be found under *k-*
 C 3. Lowest physical grading for army purposes (Great War)
 You cannot maintain an A r empire on a C 3 population (D Lloyd George, Sep 12, 1918)
 Caaba Moslem "holy of holies" at Mecca, containing the "black stone" Arab *ka'abali*, cubical house
 cab¹ Heb dry measure (2 Kings, vi. 25) Heb *qab*, hollowed out
 cab² Short for *cabriolet* (q v) Not orig limited to public vehicles
 "You had better take Tom's cab" quoth the squire (Ingoldsby)
 cab³ [*school slang*]. To crib Short for *cabbage*² (q v)
 cabal Earlier *cabbala*, MedL (whence F. *cabale*, It Sp Port *cabala*), Heb *qabbālāh*, tradition Mystical interpretation of OT., hence, mystery, secret intrigue, etc. Applied by Pepys to the junto of the Privy Council (1665), 1 c some years before the nicknaming of the 1672 ministry (Chifford, Arlington, Buckingham, Ashley, Lauderdale), whose names happened to fit it *Cabala* occurs 1521, *cabal* 1616, and "Ca-bala, Mysteries of State" was published in 1654
 caballero Sp, gentleman, knight See *cavalier*, *chevalier*
 cabana Cigar Name of Sp exporters.
 cabaret Southern F., of unknown origin L *caput arctis*, ram's head (as sign), has been suggested, and has some sort of parallel in E *hogshead*
 cabbage¹ Vegetable F. *caboché*, head (chump), which also means cabbage in Channel Islands, It *capocchia*, augment of *capo*, head, L *caput* Cf Du. *kabinskool*, cabbage cole Has almost replaced earlier *cole*, *kale*
 cabbage² Shreds and remnants appropriated by tailor as perquisite; hence, to pilfer. Cf. OF *cabasser*, to steal, from *cabas*, theft, It *baskel*, Prov., ?from L *capax*, *capac-*, holding Cf to *bag*
 cabbala See *cabal*.
 caber [Sc] For tossing Gaul *cabar*, pole, rafter Not Gaul, but from VL **capro-n-*, rafter (see *chevron*), from *capra*, goat Cf *crane*, *easel*, etc, also Prov *cabrioun*, joist
 cabin F *cabane*, Late L *capanna*, hut, of doubtful origin (also Late L *canaba*, *canapa*). ModF *cabine* (of ship) is borrowed back

caftan Garment Turk *qafân* also used in Pers

cage F *L. cava* hollow In 16 cent also *cadge* (q v) Hence also *cad e* frame on which hawks were carried if this is not a ghost word

A pair f g falcons, in golden hoods, upon a golden cadge (Howl 11 So g f *Rm* 3)

cahier F as *quatre* (q v)

caid kaid Arab *qaid* leader

caiman See *cayman*

Cain to raise Orig US app euph for to raise the devil

calque Boat F Turk *kâk* The F form (Byron) has superseded earlier *caik* etc

Ca ira (Hist) F that will go Refrain of Republican song (c 1790)

cairo Gael *caru* heap of stones as in *Cairn gorm* blue mountain whence precious stone

cassion F from *casse* case¹ (q v)

cattiff [archaic] ONF *cattif* (chelus wretched)

L *captivus* from *capere* capt to take

Th forlaid cattiff my pupple (Wyc 15 v 23)

cajole F *cajoler* earlier sense of which was to chatter like a jay from *gayole* a southern dim of *gru* jay In ModF this has taken by some vague association of form and sense or perch via the sense of talking over (cf Ger *beschwatzen*) the meaning of F *enjoyer* etym to *engaul* See *gaol* In 17 cent referred to as new "a low word" (Johns.)

agil to attract f *lice*, all win i *agil* *twot* inthrill (by fare and due 311 11 words) *two* to inc ga, o i g ols (C 15)

cake ON *haka* whence Sw *haka* Dan *kage* cogn with Du *hoek* Ger *kuchen* cake but app not with L *coquere* whence ult Ger *küche* kitchen Orig a flat loaf as in story of Alfred Hence *Land o cakes* Scotland (17 cent) at first with bantering allusion to oat-cakes To take the cake v in the prize appears to be earlier than *cake walk* a grotesque nigger dance lately retroduded from US The former may be a jocular allusion to G *wapen* s prize of victory orig cake of roasted wheat and honey awarded to person of greatest vigilance in night watch

Doest thou th k bee w t thou art virt ther shall be no more kes and al ?

(Twelfth N 54 H 5)

For rid nes to the Grand Old Man Lord Ra doph takes th c ke

(Tops al Song c 1832)

calabash F *calbasse* Sp *calaba* a Pers *kharbus* or *kharbu* a melon ? cogn with L (ca) *carbatus* gourd

cal b s ago d a bottle of a go d (Percy 11)

calaboose Prison esp at New Orleans Negro F from Sp *calabo* o dungeon

cal boy kind f prison or pl o f e cut n wher condemned persona were id was h d long (Percyval)

caladium Plant Latinized (1750) from Malay *kallidy*

calamanco Fabric with checks on one side

Cf F *calmande* D: *kalamink* Ger *kalman* Orig unknown Yule quotes (1676)

a v *chints* painted calicuts which they call *calmendar* ie done with a pencil which suggests Ind origin

Then th id m turn d p a d f s b t f S ncho

T re o t the whole seat of b a striped cal mancoe. (I goldsby)

calamander Wood akin to ebony (India & Ceylon) Singhalese *kalamadiya* which is regarded by some as a corrupt of *Coro mandal* > Or from *calmendar* (v s) from gram

calamary kind of cuttle-fish L *calamarius* from *calami* s reed pen perh from pen like internal shell

calamine Ore of zinc F MedL *calami na* (cf Ger *kalmes*) prob corrupted by al chemists from L *cadm* ? See *cinnium*

calamint Herb F *calami* et L G *ala mu thy* from *kalos* beautiful *μυθη* mint

calamite Fos. plant ModL *calamites* from *calamus* reed

calamity F *calamité* L *calamitas* Derived by early etymologists from *calami* s stem (v 1) but now regarded as related to an archaic L word which appears in *in columis* safe

The word *cal* *taa* w first deri ed f on *cala* when th corn could ot g to t of th st lke (Hacon)

calash [archaic] Vehicle woman's hood suggesting hood of same F *caliche* Ger *kalesch* Bohem *hollsa* lit wheeled carriage Cf Russ *kolés* wheel

Mrs B ite Crawl y n he clogs d calash (5 dy Fa ch ix)

calcareous From L *calcareus* from *calx* calc lime

calceolaria From L *calceol* is little shoe dim. of *calceus* from *calx* calc heel Also called *shepher flower*

cactus L, G *kárros*

cad Shortened from *caddic*, *cadec*, pop. forms of *cadet* (q v) Mod sense of *cad* originated (19 cent) at Eton and Oxf, as *snob* at Camb Hence quot 3 is a considerable anachronism Earlier meaning was that of humble person prepared to run errands, also bus-conductor *Caddic* (golf) is from Sc

There is in Edinburgh a society or corporation of errand-boys, called "cawdies" (*Huntley & Palmist*) *cad* an omnibus conductor (Hotten)

These same day-boys were all "caddies," as we had discovered to call it (*Lori a Doone*)

cadastral Relating to survey and valuation of property for taxation From F *cadastre*, It *catas(t)ro*, ong (12 cent) a Venet word, *cataslico*, Late G *κατάστικοι*, list (see *cata-*, *acrostatic*)

cadaverous From L *cadaver*, corpse, cogn with *cadere*, to fall, cf synon G *πτῶμα*, from *πί-τεω*, to fall

caddie See *cad*

caddis, caddice Larva of may-fly, etc, used esp as bait in angling Earliest as *caddis-worm* (17 cent) Perh from archaic or obs *caddis*, *caddice* (15 cent), a loose material, also worsted yarn OF *cadarce*, Prov *cadarz* (cf It *catarzo*, Sp *cadarzo*), G *ἀκάθαρτος*, uncleaned

caddy Earlier *catty* (16 cent), Malay *kāṭṭi*, weight slightly over a pound

cade¹ [*loc*] Cask for herrings F, L *cadus*, wine-jar, G *κάδος* See *albatross* With Shakspeare's cym (2 Hen VI, iv 2) cf quot below

The rebel Jack Cade was the first that devised to put red herrings in cades, and from him they have their name¹ (Nashe)

cade² [*dial*] Or *cade-lamb*, pct, or weak, lamb, reared by hand Occ of other animals ? For **cadet-lamb*, cf OF *cadeler*, "to cocker, pamper, feedle, cherish, make much of" (Cotg), thus prob from L *calulus*, puppy, kitten

It's all bringing up a cade lamb (*Adam Bede*)

cadence F, It *cadenza*, from L *cadere*, to fall Mus sense is in Chauc Hcr cadency is app associated with *cadet*¹

cadet¹ Younger son, junior officer F, Gasc *capdet*, youth of noble birth, dim of *cap*, head Earlier *caddie*, *cadee*

Commissions are dear,
Yet I'll buy him one this year,
For he shall serve no longer a cadie

(Allan Ramsay)

cadet² [*pol*] Name of Russ pol party (now mostly massacred) An acrostic formation from *konstituciõnnaya demokratiya* (KD), constitutional democracy. Cf Russ *eser*, socialistic reformer (SR)

cadge¹, cadger Verb (c. 1607) is back-formation from noun (c 1550) Cf *beg*, *beggar* Ong pedlar, itinerant merchant, as still in Sc and Ir From F *cage*, in sense of wicker basket, carried on back of *cadger* or his pony. Immediate source prob Du. (v 1). See *cage*.

A cadgear, with capill [nag] and with creils [fish-bast etc] (Henryson)

cagie caver, corbis dosuana (Kil)

cagiacrd qui caveam aut corbem portat (ib)

cadge² Falconers' frame. See *cage*

cadī Arab *qādī*, judge Cf *alcade*, *alcalde*, and Nigerian *alkali* (*Daily Chron* Nov. 7, 1919)

Cadmean From *Cadmus*, G. Κάδμος, legendary founder of Thebes and inventor of letters With *Cadmean victory*, destructive to victor, cf *Pyrrhic victory*

cadmium [*chem*] Metal Ult from *Cadmus* (v s) See *calamine*

cadre [*mil*] Detachment (orig corps of officers) forming skeleton of regiment F, lit frame, It *quadro*, L *quadrus*, four-sided Cf F *cadran*, dial

caduceus Wand of Hermes (Mercury) L, from Domic form of G *κηρύκειον*, from *κήρυξ*, herald

caducity F *caducité*, from *caduc*, infirm, L *caducus*, from *cadere*, to fall

caecum [*anat*] Blind gut Neut of L *caccus*, blind (sc *intestinum*) Cf. *rectum*, *duodenum*

caerulean See *caerulean*

Caesar Cognomen, ? meaning "hairy," of Caus Julius Earliest L word adopted in Teut (see *kaisar*, *czar*) Hence *Caesarean birth*, by incision, due to fancied connection of name with *caedere*, *cacs-*, to cut. With *Caesarism* cf *Czarism*, *Kaiserism*

caesium [*chem*] Metal L, neut of *caesius*, bluish-grey

caestus See *caestus*

caesura [*metr*] L, from *caedere*, *cacs-*, to cut

café F, coffee (q v)

caffeine F *cafféine*, alkaloid from coffee

Caffre See *Kaffir*

cafila Caravan, in earlier sense Arab

qāfilah

The "cafilla" as they call them, which is the fleet of friggotts (*Jourdain's Journ* 1611)

chatter OHC *chatōn* to talk noisily
Callin vocation starts from *1 Cor vii 20*
Call has replaced native *chipsian* *cleopian*
 (see *yclept*) e.g. *clepe* in Wyc is always
call in Tynd With to *call out* challenge
 cf. synonym *Γ* *procoquer*

caller herrin App two words are here
 confused viz earlier *caller* (cf. Sc. *siller*
 for *sither*) of dubious sense and origin
 often applied to salmon and ON *kaldar*
 cold fresh with exceptional retention of
 inflexional *r*

callet [archaic or dial] Scolding drab etc
 (Oth iv 2 and elsewhere in Shaks also in
 Burns *Jolly Beg ars*) ? A gipsy word
 It may be noted that there is a VL female
 name *Caote* (for *Nicolette*) It was borne
 by the daughter of Langland author of
Piers Plowm Some female names assume
 a bad sense e.g. *jilt*

callidity I *caliditas* from *calidus* cunning
 calligraphy C *καλλιγραφία* from *καλός*
 beauty

callipers See *calibra*

callipygian Epithet of Venus From G
καλός beauty *πυγή* buttock

callisthenics From G *καλός* beauty *σθένος*
 strength Cf name *Callisthenes*

callous F *callous* L *callosus* thick-skinned
 from *callus* hardened skin

callow AS *calu calu* ball WGer cf Du
kool Ger *kahl* early loan from L *calvus*
 bald

calm First as noun F *calme* It *calme*
 VL *calma* G *καμα* heat from *καίω*
 to burn Supposed to have been applied
 orig to the mid-day heat general rest
 during that period cf F *châmer* to knock
 off work VL *caumare* The phonetic
 change is unusual, but not unparalleled
 There may also have been influence of
 L *calvus* heat

Calmuck. See *Kalmuck*

calomet F earlier *calomelas* coined from
 C *αλός* beautiful *μαλός* black La
poudre blanche qui constitue le calomet
étant noir pendant la préparation de ce
corps (*Dict Gén*)

caloric F *calorique* coined (18 cent) by
 Lavoisier from L *calor* heat Cf *Γ* *caloria*
 (current in E in 1917) for heat producing
 unit

Plain d humbl f lk in t d f the numbre of
 calotes want t ku w the numbre of taltespo folis
 (P H *Medi Gas M rrb* 8 19 7)

calotte Skull-cap. *Γ* Prov *calo a* It

calotta G *καλ πτρα* hood veil (see *apoca*
hypse) Cf *caul*

calotype Name given (1841) by Fox Talbot
 to photographic process From G *αλός*
 beautiful

caloyer Greek monk (*Childe Har v* 49)
Γ It *caloyero* (common in Purch) Late G
αλογοποι beautiful in old age from *αλός*
 beautiful *γῆρας* aged

calpack Eastern head-dress (Turkestan)
 Turko *qalpak* Hence *Γ* *colback* kind of
 bushy

caltrap caltrap calthrop Name of various
 spiky plants and of a spiked ball put on
 ground to upset cavalry AS *calcatrapp*
 thistle Also ME *calketrappe* from F
chausset ape ON *al o caudetrapp* Second
 element is *trapi* (q v) first is L *calx* heel
 or *calcari* to tread

calumet Peice-pipe (*Hiawatha*) Dial *Γ*
 dum of L *calamus* stem *Calumet est*
 un mot normand qui veut dire *chaumeau*
 (reed pipe) et est proprement le tuyau
 d'une pipe (VED 1721) Taken to
 America by *Γ* settlers See *shawm*

calumny F *calumni* L *calumniā* false
 accusation See *challenge*

Calvary L *calvaria* skull transl of Gol
gotha (q v)

A place that is clepid Golgotha, that is the place
 of Calvary (Wyc *Math xxiii* 33)

calvered [archaic] Used of salmon Exact
 meaning and origin unknown

Calvinism Doctrine of Jean Calvin or
Chauvin (1509-64) latinized as *Calvus*
 esp that of grace or predestination See
Arminian

O Th u who n the H a rns does dwell,

Wh as it pl aces best Thyself

Sends an t h av n ten to h ll

A t r Thyology

(B rns, *Italy B ly Payer*)

Th bells of h l go t g lue a lue

For you b t t lue me (T Atkins)

calc L lime Formerly used for oxide Cf
calcine

calycanthus Shrub From G *καλ* + *calyx*
 flower

calyx See *calix*

cam [teehn] Toothed rim of wheel etc. Var
 of *comb* Cf Ger *ham rad* cogged wheel

camaraderie F see *comrade*

camarilla Clique junto Sp dim of *ca*
mara chamber Orig inner group of the
Cámara de Castilla

Th small but powerful pro-G rm camarilla [in
 Russia] (*Dail Ch* March 6 9)

calceine MedL *calcinare*, to reduce to lime, L *calx*

And in amalgamying and calcenying
Of quyl-silver, y clept mercuric crude
(Chauc G 771).

calcium [chem] Named by Davy from L. *calx*, *calc-*, lime

calculate Replaced earlier *calcule* (Piers Plowm), F *calcules*, Late L *calculare*, from *calculus*, pebble, dim of *calx*, *calc-*, lime, used in elementary calculation

The New Englander calculates, the Westerner reckons (Thornton)

calculus [med & math] See *calculate*
caldron See *cauldron*

Caledonia L (Tacitus), from Gael *Dùn-Calden*, fort of the Caledonians (cf *Dùn-keld*), from Gael *coille*, wood

calcification Heating L *calcifacio*-n-, from *calere*, to be hot, *facere*, to make

calendar OF *calendrier* (*calendrier*), L *calendarium*, account-book noting the *calends*, first days of the month, prob from *calare*, to proclaim In early use also for register, list, esp of canonized saints At the Greek *calends*, i e never, is L *ad calendas Graecas*.

calendar¹ To smooth cloth, etc F *calandrier*, from MedL *calendria*, prob from G *καλάνδρος*, cylinder, roller Hence John Gilpin's "good friend the calendar," for *calendrier*

calendar² Mendicant dervish (*Arabian Nights*), described by Mr Peeksniff as a "one-eyed almanack" Pers *qalandar*, of unknown origin

calends See *calendar*

calenture [WInd.] Fever F, Sp *calentura*, fever, from *calentar*, to be hot, from L *calere*

calf AS *ccalf* Com Teut, cf Du *kalf*, Ger *kalb*, ON *kálfr*, Goth *kalbō* (f) Fig small island lying near larger, e g *Calf of Man*, also detached iceberg, both from ON usc The *calf of the leg*, ON *kalfi*, may be related (cf history of *muscle*)

hic *musculus* the *calfe* of the *lege* (Voc)

Caliban Prob suggested to Shaks by *cannibal* or *Carib*, as *Setebos* from the Pata-gonian devil mentioned by Magellan

A beastly sort of baptist Caliban (*Daniel Deronda*)

calibre. Also *caliver*, musket (hist), *caliper*, compasses, used for measuring calibres and projectiles All three appear in E in 16 cent and seem to have been at once differentiated in form and meaning Cf F *calibre*, It *calibro*, OSp *calibo* ? Arab

qālib, mould for casting metal, which would suggest the OSp. form as earliest in Europe. This ctym dates from Ménage. Cotg has *qualibre*, suggesting L *qua libra*; and Jal quotes, without ref, an earlier *equalibre*, which, if genuine, disposes of the Arab origin and points to MedL **argualibre*, for *acqualibrare*, suiting both sound and sense.

calibro an instrument that gunners use to measure the height of any piece or bullet Also the height or bore of any piece, from whence our word *caliber* is derived; being at first a piece different from others (Flor 1611).

Caliburn See *Excalibur*

calico Substituted (16 cent.) for *calicut*, from *Calicut* (India), whence shipped. Port form of Arab *Qalicut*.

calligraphy. See *calligraphy*

calpash, calpee Ong upper and lower shell of turtle, now, gelatinous substance contiguous to each As the words are WInd; *calipash* may be a negro corrupt of *carapace*, ong the upper shell, and *calpee* an arbitrary variation But the odd form below (with which cf. Sp. *galapago*, turtle) is much earlier than dict records of L *calipash* and F *carapace*, and may represent a sailors' perversion of some native original

The upper part of them is covered with a great shell, which wee call a "galley patch"
(Norwood's *Bermudas*, in Purch xix 190)

calipers. See *calibre*

caliph, calif F *calife*, Arab *khalifa*, successor, orig Abu-bekr, after death of Mahomet Cf the Sudan *khalifa*, who succeeded the Mahdi

calisthenics See *calisthenics*

caliver See *calibre*

calyx, calyx Distinct (but cogn) words, though now usu confused by writers on botany For *calx* see *chalice* *Calyx* is G *καλύξ*, outer covering pod, from root of *καλύπτω*, to conceal (cf *apocalypse*) The same confusion is found in other langs, e g Ger *kelch*, Norw *kalk* have both senses

call¹ See *call*

call² [neol] To trace in drawing F *calquer*, It, L *calcare*, to tread, from *calx*, heel

calkin Turned edge of horse-shoes, to prevent slipping OF *calcanin*, *cauguain*, *chauchen*, heel, Late L *calcaneum*, from *calx*, heel

call ME *callen* (north), ON *kalla*, to cry loudly Com Teut; cf Du *kallen*, to

in winter quarters Cf Ger *feldlag* camp paign

The n at *campaine* is usually taken for th n at summer expedition of an army or its taking the field (Blount)

campanile Bell tower It from Late L *campana* bell Cf *campanula* the blue bell flower or flower called Canterbury bells (Litt) *campanology* science of bells and bell ringing

campeachy wood Logwood from *Campeachy* Central America

camphor MF *caumfre* F *camphre* MedL *camphora* (cf It *canfora* Sp *Port olcan for*) Arab *hif* v Malay *hāmīr* chalk Spelt *can phā* in *Song of Solomon* (1 14)

champion Flower Origin unknown As it has fantastic names in other langs it may be from obs var of *champion* Cf Norw *hjempe* plantain lit champion because children use the heads to play at con quers

campo santo It holy field cemetery

camshaft Facing of piles to protect the Thames alts against the current Also *shed shoot* etc Prob like many words of the water course vocabulary of Du origin Second element is Du *schut* barrier protection first may be *kamp* en cloud land field

camwood From native W Afr name *kambi* (Sierra Leone)

can' Verb Pres of AS *cinnan* to know one of the preterito present group Com Teut cf Du *kennen* Ger *kennen* to know *kennen* to be able OY *kenna* Goth *kunnan* and see *ken* 1st could for ME *coude* is due to *shortid would* Past part *could* survives in *incould* (q v) See also *cunning*

can Noun AS *canne* Com Teut and formerly applied to vessels of any material cf Du *kan* Ger *kanne* OH *kanna* Ulterior hist unknown derivation from L *canna* reed being unlikely in view of the early and wide existence of the word in Teut langs Sense of receptacle (n is US

Canaanite Jewish zealot fanatically opposed to Rome Hence Simon the *Canaanite* (Matt v 4) *Canaanite* (Rt) *Zelotes* (Luko vi 15)

canaille F It *canagl* collect from L *canis* dog

canal F L *canalis* See the earlier *channel* *kennal*

canard F lit drake Adopted in Ger as

zeitungsente newspaper duck Perh from phrase *donner un canard à moist* to take in lit half give a duck of obscure origin *Canard* is supposed to come from OF *can* skiff Ger *kahn*

v *kan* d *ca* ds *à mou* à a co seu r gull r *coq* f *ter* (Ger) (Coig)

Canarese (ling) Dravidian lang of *Canara* (SW India) Prop *kannada* from *kar* black *radu* country

Canary F *Canarie* Sp *Canaria* L *insula Canaria* from dogs *canes* found there (Pliny) Hence wine bird dance

canaster Tobacco From basket in which imported Sp *canastira* (s e *caniste*) Cf Ger *kna ter*

k aster *toba* k *od* a *a ter* *lob* k *de* *toba* k *der* *na ter* *oder* *kurba* us *he* Sp *u* *kornet* Span *h* *toba* o (Ludw)

cancon Dance F orig univ speech then pedantic argument tittle tattle etc L *quangiam* although usual beginning of univ argum nt

D q oilis *péd* ut *é* ent le grand uns (bully 60)

cancel OF *cancellor* L *cancellare* to make in form of lattice to cancel or cross out a thing written (Coop) Quot below a stock AF phrase suggests that the ult connection with *cancellor* was still f It See *cancel*

It a *restitut* at *aur* *ndux* os *di*es *lettres* e *no*stre cf *unc* il lo n *ell* e

(JA JG ts Rg) 2-76)

cancer L crab replacing in spec senso earlier *canher* (q v) From eating a vay (cf *lupis*) Cf *Tropic of Cancer*

candelabrum L from *candela* candle

candescence From pres part of L *candescere* incept of *candere* to shine

candid L *candidus* wht from *candere* to shine Hence *candide* because *candi* dates for office wore the white toga

S e *sav* *oh* *sav* m from th *and* in d (C nu g)

candle AS *candel* early Church word L *candela* To hold a *ca* *di*l to meant orig to help in subordinate capacity but in connection with the devil (v i) alludes to the advantage of having friends every where *The game is not worth the candle* i e the stakes are not high enough to pay for the lights The above and other familiar candle phrases have parallels in other langs *Candlemas* feast of the purification (Feb 2) AS *carde masse* is said

camber To arch slightly, esp naut F *cambrer*, from L *camurus*, bent

Lorries swaying perilously along the high cambered tracks on the edge of greasy ditches

(*Daily Tel* Nov 7, 1918)

camlist Expert in theory of exchange F. *camliste*, It *cambista*, from *cambio*, change (q v)

camium [bot] Formerly used of "alimentary humours" of the body Late L *camium*, change.

Cambria Same word as *Cumbria*, latinized from *Cymry*, Welshmen, older *Combrogēs*, "co-landers", cf L *Allobrogēs*, "other-landers," from Gaulish

cambric From *Kamerijck*, Flem form of *Cambrai* (Nord) See *bahste* and cf *arras kamerycks doeck* cambric (Hexham)

camel AS *camel* (or ONF *camel*), L *camelus*, G *κάμηλος*, Heb *gāmāl*, cogn with Arab *jamal*

These are the ships of Arabia, their seas are the deserts (Purch)

camellia Named (18 cent) by Linnaeus after *Kamel* (latinized *Camellus*), Jesuit who described vegetation of Luzon

camelopard L *camelopardus*, from G *καμηλο-άρδαλις*, camel pard, having legs and neck of camel, spots of pard See *leopard*, by association with which it is commonly pronounced *camel-leopard*

camembert Cheese French village (Orne) Cf *cheddar*, *gruyere*

cameo It *cammeo*, with various forms in Rom langs Earliest are OF *camehu* (*camateu*), MedL *camahutus*, also occurring in 13 cent E. Origin unknown

camera L, chamber Hence *camera obscura*, invented (16 cent) by Giambattista della Porta Simply *camera* (phot) since Daguerre

camerlengo It, chamberlain (q v.) Cardinal acting as Pope's chief adviser

Cameronian [hist] Follower of *Richard Cameron*, 17 cent Covenanter Also 1st Batt Scottish Rifles, orig Cameronians who joined William III

camisado [hist] Sp *camisada*, night raid made in shirts, so that attacking party should not mistake each other in darkness From Sp *camisa* (see *clenise*)

camisard [hist] Protestant insurgent in Cévennes (late 17 cent) From Prov *camisa*, uniform of rebels (v s).

camisole F, Sp *camisola* or It *camiciola* See *chemise*.

camlet [archaic]. F. *camelot*, *chamelot*, with forms in most Europ. langs Popularly associated with *camel*, and perh orig made from camel's hair, later from the hair of the Angora goat There is also an Arab *khamlat*, nap of cloth The word, like so many names of supposed Oriental fabrics, is of obscure origin and varying sense

camomile F *camomille*, L *chamomilla*, altered from G. *χαμαίμηλον*, earth apple See *melon*, *chameleon*

camorra It secret society Origin obscure App from earlier meaning "Irish rugge or mantle, a mariners frocke" (Flor), cf *camagnole*

The Camorists [? meaning Camarillists] at the War Office (*Sunday Times*, Jan. 20, 1918)

camouflage A word which was naturalized with amazing rapidity early in 1917 Orig from Parisian slang, which has *camoufle*, candle, personal description, *camouflet*, to disguise, *camouflet*, chandelier, app connected in some way with the older *camouflet* (v 1) Cf It *camuffare*, to disguise, ? for *capo muffare*, to muffle the head

I was in khaki by way of camouflage

(G B Shaw in *Daily Chron* March 5, 1917).

The ermine is simply the little brown stoat in winter camouflage (ib Jan. 7, 1918)

At Hampstead 50 girls, camouflaged for the day as Welsh peasants, presented Mrs Lloyd George with 50 purses (ib March 2, 1918)

camouflet [mil] Asphyxiating mine F., orig of blowing smoke in one's face Earlier *mosfet*, app from OF *mosfer*, to stuff; also (15 cent) *chau* (*chaud*) *mouflet*, which may, however, be folk-etym. The verb *mosfer* gave E *muffle* (q v.)

can ouflet a snuff, or cold pyc, & smoky paper held under the nose of a slug, or sleeper (Cotr)

camp F, It *campo*, L *campus*, field, esp as in *Campus Martius*, place for athletic contests, parade ground, etc Cf ME *champ*, field, from F, and ME *camp*, contest, AS *camp*, early loan from L *campus* Cf Ger *kampf*, fight, from L, and mil sense of field See also *champion* The *Field of the Cloth of Gold* renders F. *camp du Drap-d'Or*

campagnol Short-tailed field mouse F, from *campagne*, country

campaign F. *campagne*, It *campagna*, L *campania*, from *campus*, field Orig. open country, cf archaic *champaign* (*Lear*, 1 1), and F. *Champaigne*. Mil sense arises from contrast between armies in the field and

cant² *Slang* humbug **O'F cant** (*chant*) singing hence the whining speech of beggars in 17-18 cents esp the secret jargon of the criminal and vagabond classes the canting crew Mod sense springs from hostile application of the term to phraseology of certain sects and groups *Canting arms* (her) are punning or allusive cf *F a mes paroles*

The *Irish* *g*—which the *Y* term peddled as French or cant *g*—began but within these *xy* res
(Harman & Carroll, 1967)

Bol yn—or Bullen—had th canting rm of a
black bull's he i (C. M. Yong)

Ent is the Englishman's second nature
(Hundt was last professor at Liverpool)

Cantab For Cantabrigian MedL Cantabri
ciensis from latinized form of Cambridge
orig Grantabridge later Cantabridge Cantu
bridge

The Oculan and Cant brigants are the happiest Academicians on earth (How II 1610)

cantaliver See **canfliver**

cantaloup Melon ♀ It *Cantalupo* former estate of the Pope where it is said to have been introduced from Armenia

cantankerous Prob coined on *cank* + *ons*
 rancorous from ME *cankeles* from VF
 & AF *canke* *canke* strife *cankeles*
 disputant The first LED examples are
 from Goughs and Shenian so it may
 be of Ir formation *Canke* is altered from
 AF *canke* (or *cankeles*)

Mort l'entel commence a lever en la cite d' Nond
[Lincoln] (Mayer of Lincoln c. 1274)

cantata. It from *celary* to sing

cantatrice F It L₁ contains cantatrice
1 m. of cantatrice singer

canteen *F cantina* It. *cantina* app cogn
with *cant* of Du *antel* shop lit come
Also in *F* and *E* a case fitted with bottl
knives and forks etc

To astronómicos e restados de plant
(F. Agost 31g 11 29)

canter Short for Cant, burr for a ga. p
pulsions pace on the Old Kent Road A
preliminary can precedes the ra & well
The Pegasus of Pope like a hoofish post & sw
is always at the Canterbury [J Dec ~ 1722

canterbury Music stand etc From c 1850
Cl. 6cm 60k

Canterbury bell. I fancifully associated with
bells on pilgrims' horses. See center

cantharides. L. pl of cantharis G perhaps
bugles fr Spanish fls

canticle I. *canticulum* dim from *cantus*
song from *canere* to sing

cantilever [arch] Bracket Has been associated with *later* but the form *cant upper* (1611) recorded in Appendix V to Pinney Pett's *Autobiography* 50 years earlier than *NED* records points to something quite different. First element is Sp *can* dog

as in right at the end of timber or stone
jutting out from wall on which old building
the beam used to rest of old cantilever
[12 x 1. 06]

cantile Piece corner etc ONT can el chan
leau) dim of cantⁿ (a v)

canto It *L. caninus* First in Spain et

canton 1' It *cantone* augment of *ca* to corner See *can*! It has many obs & archaic meanings For mil sense (can tonments) cf *qua le s*

new a corner or piece - I cut 10
canton or hundred a precinct, or circuit of
tory where there be divers good towns and
villages (Thi word spry xi H ts or S te
land whi b thi day consist f th teen a
canton) (Cote)

cantoris {soul} L. of the singer i.e. on the side of the *p. cento*. Opposite is *decan* of the *dean*.

cantip [Sc] Sp. II tri h One in the east
cantips tell fortunes Earliest form can
trape (Allen Ramsey) Perh connected
with an antipon

Cantuar. Signature of archbp Canterbury
Of Med. Cantuar: mon of Kent Lib 15

Canuck (US) French Canadian App from Canada by anal ex with Canada (2x)

canvas. *P. canes* (cf *canis* + *us*) from OF *canes* hemp *L. cannabis* *C.* + *us* prob of Oriental origin (cf Pers *kann*) and ult cogn with *Amph* (qv). Hence verb to *canvas*(s) perh orig to s t t through *canvas*.

Capitoli Settimane

canronet It can't be dry if can't
song VL can't be of F can't be
sowete

caoutchouc F (18 cent) from native S/N in
word (Carib)

cap AS. *capere* breed Late I *capta* mantle of obscure origin but *pea* + *sternum* from *cap* + *are* = halcyon of Late I *cape* = *cape* = *cope* Both words have a numerous progeny in the English language and some of it is evident from that of woman's hood The *cap* of the is the Phrygian *cap* given to Roman slaves on emancipation Among *fig* *fig* *fig* is

to be partly due to the pre-Christian Roman candle-processions in the feast of purification (Feb 15)

It is a comon proverbe, "A man must sumtyme set a candel before the Devyle" (*Paston I et II* 73)

candour Orig brightness, purity. L *candor*
See *candid*

candy From *sugar-candy*, F *sucré candi*, cf It *zucchero candi*, Sp *azúcar candi*, etc Arab *qandī*, candied, from *qand*, sugar, from Pers, ult Sanskrit *khandā*, piece
candytuft From *Candy*, obs form of *Candia*, 1e Crete

cane F *cannic*, L *canna*, G *κάννα*, reed, perh of Eastern origin, cf Heb *quāneh*, Arab *qānah*

cangue [*China*] Wooden frame round neck F, Port *cango*, cf Port *canga*, yoke It occurs first as verb, *congocd*, perh corrupt of *cangado*, pp of *cangarc*, to yoke For non-Chin origin cf *joss*, *junk*, *mandarin*
canicular L *canicularis*, of the dog-star, *canicula*, L name of Sirius or Procyon Cf F *canicule*, dog-days, period of great heat
canine L *caninus*, of the dog, *canis*

canister L *canistrum*, bread-basket, G *κάνιστρον*, wicker basket, from *κάννα*, reed See *canaster*, *basket* Current sense of metal receptacle (from c 1700) is partly due to association with *can*²

canker AS *cancor* or ONF *cancre*, L *cancer*, crab. Formerly also in sense of *cancor* (q v) Normal F form is *chancre*, whence E *shanker*

canna Flower L, reed

cannel Coal Said to be for *candle-coal*, because it burns without smoke like a candle
cannelure Grooving F, from *canneler*, to groove See *canal*, *channel*¹

cannibal Sp *canibal*, for *Caribal* (Columbus), Carib, perh partly by popular association with Sp *can*, dog But Columbus believed the *Canibals* to be so-called as subjects of the Great Khan (of Tartary), whose territory he thought he had reached *Carib* is prob a native word for valiant See *Caibian*

Las indias se llamaron los Canibales por los muchos Caribes, comedores de carne humana, que truvo en ellos

(Herrera, *Descripción de las Indias Occidentales*)

A place called the Kennyballes, in the sayd lande of Brasyle (l'oyage of the Barbara, 1540)

cannon¹ Gun F *canon*, It *cannone*, augment of *canna*, tube, L *canna*, reed (see *cane*) Cf F *canon d'un fusil*, barrel of a gun. Collect sense is in Shaks

cannon² At billiards. Perversion of earlier *carom*, *carrom* (still in US), short for F *carambole*, Sp Port *carambola*, the red ball This may be Port. *carambola*, a golden yellow fruit from Malabar, Mahratti *karanbal* Those who have misspent their youth in billiard rooms will think of the parallel "raspberry"

canny [*Sc & north*] App a fairly mod formation (17 cent) from *can*¹ (q v) Cf Sw *lunning*, knowing, cunning (in etym sense) See *ca' canny*. *Canny Scol* (chman) is app due to Scott (*Anthq xxxviii*)

canoe Orig *canoa*, Sp, native Haytian word (Columbus)

The boate of one tree called the canoa (Raleigh)

canon¹. Decree of the church, and hence, rule, principle, in various senses AS *canon*, L, G *καὶ νόμος*, rule With *canon* type cf *primer*, *brevier*, etc. To *canonize*, make eccl enactment, has already in Wyc spec sense of inscribing on calendar of saints *Canonicals* are the regulation dress of a duly appointed priest

A cloak and cassock for my brother I will have him in a canonical dress (Pepys, Sep 27, 1666)

canon² Dignitary AS *canonic*, Church L *canonicus*, regular priest (see *canon*¹), was replaced in ME by *canoun*, *chanoun*, OF *chanonic* (*chanonic*), L *canonicus*

cañon, canyon Sp *cañon*, tube, etc, applied to deep river-gorges in N Amer Thus ident with *canon*¹

canoodle [*slang*] A dial word (Somerset) for donkey, "spoony" Perh in current sense vaguely associated with *cuddle*

canopy F *canapé*, sofa, OF *conopé*, bed-curtain, MedL *canapeum*, L *canopeum*, G *κωνοπέριον*, couch with mosquito curtains, from *κόνις*, gnat, mosquito E has thus more of the orig sense, the Rom langs taking that of the (curtained) couch

canorous From L *canorus*, from *canere*, to sing Cf *sonorous*

Canossa, go to [*pol*] Used by Bismarck of humiliating surrender Castle near Reggio, where Emperor Henry IV made submission to Pope Gregory VII (1077)

Mr Lloyd George approaching his Canossa

(*Westm Gaz Nov*, 17, 1920)

cant¹ Corner, edge ONF *cant* (*chant*), MedL *canthus* (whence also It *canto*, Du *kant*, Ger *kante*), perh Late L *canthus*, corner of the eye, G *kantós* Now more common as verb, to tilt, set edge-ways Cf F *poser de chant*, often wrongly spelt *de champ*

error to turn But synon F *capoter* Sp *capu ar* suggest some connection with *caps* hood

(*capacite* renverser ou chat er q lque chose cest e e p ess a vulga e (Lesc)

capstan Prov *cabestan* (whence F *cabestan*) for *cabestran* (cf Sp *cabestrante*) from *cabestrare* L *capistrare* to fasten with a rope L *capistrum* from *capere* to take seize Sp *cabrestante* is folk-etym stand ing goat So also E *capstern* as late as Marryat

cabesta the c ptern or rah of a sh p (Lalc)

capsule F L *capsula* dim of *capsa* chest case

captain F *capitains* Late L *capitaneus* from *caput* head A learned word perh influenced by It *capitano* Sp *capitan* The true OI word is *châtelain* *chevelain* whence F *chefein* The *captain* of a ship orig commanded the fighting men (cc master) Also in poet sense of great commander as in Kipling's line *The captain is and the kings depart* the deletion of which from a press article as likely to convey information to the enemy gained anomymous immortality for one of the censor's staff *Lead-captain* hired bully is associated with F *capitan* braggart ruffler from Sp (va)

caption [neol from US] Title of article etc captious F *capitieux* L *capciosus* from *capcio* sophistical argument lit taking hold from *capere* to seize

captive L *captivus* See *captiff* With *captis* vats cf *enthrall*

capture F L *captura* from *capere* *capti* to take Cf *caption* *captor*

Capua Place of effeminate influences from trad effect on Hannibal's soldiers

How skillfully G insborough p i i def st Bath b i undhs Cap a (Athe arm Oct 2) 1857

capuchin F It *capucino* from *capuccio* hood from *capa* (see *cape*) Pointed hood adopted by Franciscans of new rule (1525)

capbara Largest extant rodent (Sämer) Native Brax name Cf *cary* Purch has *cap bara* (xvi 285)

car ONI *carra* Late I *carra* for *carrus* whence F *char* It Sp *carrro* Of Celt origin (cf Ir *carr* ult. cogn with L *carrus*) First used by Caesar of the Celt c war-chariot Application to public vehicles is US

Carabas marquis of I from title invented for

his master by Puss in Boots (Perrault 17 cent)

carabine See *carbine* The *Carabinees* are the 6th Dragoon Guards

caracal Feline animal the lynx of the ancients F Turk *qarah gulak* black-ear caracole [equis] Half turn F It *caracollo* or Sp *tor caracal* spiral shell staircase etc Origin unknown ? From Celt cf Gael *car* turn twist

caracul Tur resembling astrakhan From Kara Kul i.e. black lake (near Bokhara)

And n b s h e d h a p l o c d h h e p k i n a p
B l k g l o s y I d i h d e e c f h a h i l
(M Arn li 5 p ab & R st m)

carafe F It *caraffa* Pers *qa ābāh* flagon (see *carboy*) Another etym is from Arab *gharāfā* to draw water cf Sp *Port garrafa*

carambole See *cannon*

caramel F It Sp *caramelo* marchpane or such like delicate confection (Minsh) ? Ult L *canna mellis* (cf *suga stick*)

carapace F ? Cogn with *capa* ison But see also *calypash*

carat F It *carato* Arab *qirāt* C *sp* low little horn hence fruit of carob tree small weight In earlier use confused with obs *carat* mark sign (*character*)

ca t a w g h t d g e e c l e d a t e t (T)

caravan F *car cane* a word datin from the Crusades Pers *kā wān* company of merchants or ships travelling together also of late corruptly used with us for a kind of waggon to carry passengers to and from London (Blount 164) Hence *caravaneras* from Pers *sa* of mansion inn New sense in E prob arose in connection with the wanderings of gypsies

caravel (hist) See *carrel*

caraway carraway Cf F It Sp *carris* (Se *cary*) OSP *alca area* Arab *ka arwā* prob from C *po* whence I *carum carum* (Pliny) cf Du *karz* Ger *kar* The C form has parallels in surnames like *Ottaway Hadaway* etc where the final syllable is *k r w y* *ā w* *ā s* in *Fdry* from *Eadilg*

carbine Earlier (17 cent) *carab* & F (16 cent.) app weapon of a *carabin* light horseman though the converse may be the case (cf *d r con*) Origin unknown OI var *ca abrin* and Medl *calabrinus* have suggested connection with *Ca abria* *carab* a c l u o e r h e r a r q u t s i t s e r v i g o n h o r s e b a c k (Coig)

percussion cap, put like a cap on the nipple of the gun To *cap verses* (anecdotes, etc.) is to fit one on another To *set one's cap at* is orig one of the many naut metaphors which are no longer felt as such; cf F *mettre le cap sur*, to turn the ship's head towards Here *cap* is Prov for head, L *caput*

capable F, Late L *capabilis*, receptive, in early theol use, from *capere*, to hold

capacious For obs *capace*, L *capax*, *capac-*, from *capere*, to take

cap-à-pie OF, head to foot ModF *de pied en cap* Cap is Prov or It *capo*, L *caput*, whence also F *chef*

caparison F *caparaçon*, Sp *caparazon*, app from Late L *capa* (see *cape*¹), cf MedL *caparo*, hood (see *chaperon*) Or it may be ult cogn with *carapace*, having been orig applied to armour of warhorse

cape¹ Garment, orig hood, "Spanish cloak" F, Sp *capa*, Late L *capa* True F form is *chape*, cope See *cap*

cape² Promontory F *cap*, Prov or It *capo*, head, L *caput* Cf *headland* From 17 cent spec for Cape of Good Hope, usu Cape de Bona Speranza in Hakl and Purch See also *boy*

capelin Fish F, ? from L *caput*, head

caper¹ Plant F *câpre*, It *cappero*, L *capereis*, G *κάρπαις* Spelt in OF and ME with final -s which has been taken for pl sign and dropped Cf *pea*

The erbe caperis shal be seattered

(Wyc *Eccles* xii 5)

caper² Gambol App short for *capriole* (see *cabriole*) Cf to *play the giddy goat*

capriola a capriole or caper in dancing (Flor)

capercaillie Cock of the woods The -z- is late printer's substitute for obs palatal better represented by -y- (cf *Dalziel*, *Mackenzie*, etc) Gael *capull-coille*, horse (from L *caballus*) of the woods Cf *Caledonia*

capias Writ of arrest L, thou mayst take Cf *habeas corpus*

capibara See *capybara*

capillary From L *capillaris*, from *capillus*, hair, cogn with *caput*, head *Capillary attraction* dates from Laplace (†1827)

capital¹ Of a column For *capitel*, L *capitellum*, dim of *caput*, head, cf OF *chapitel* (*chapiteau*)

capital² Adj L *capitalis*, from *caput*, head, etym sense surviving in *capital punishment* (offence) Later senses show the same

tendency as *ripping*, awfully, etc With *capital*, chief town, cf synon AS *hæfod-stōl*, head stool, capital

capital¹ Money Late L *capitale*, stock, property, neut of *capitalis* (vs). See *caille*, *chattel* *Capitalist*, as term of reproach for the provident, is F *capitaliste*, a Revolution coinage (see -ist)

capitan [hisl] Sp, captain (q v); esp in *capitan pasha*, chief admiral of Turk fleet capitation F, L *capitatio*- Cf *poll-tax*, *head-money*

capitation head-silver, pole-money (Coig).

Capitol L *capitolium*, from *caput* Orig Temple of Jupiter on the Tarpeian Hill; later, the citadel Trad from a head which was discovered in digging the foundations

capitular See *chapter*

capitulate From MedL *capitulare* (from *caput*, *capit-*, head), to draw up an agreement under "heads" Retains orig sense in the hist *capitulations* (1535) between Turkey and France

caplin See *capelin*

capon AS *capun*, L *capo-n-*

caponier [fort] Covered passage F *caponnière*, Sp *caponera*, "a coope wherein capons are put to feed" (Minsh.). - For sense-development cf *sentinel*

caporal F, tobacco of quality superior to *tabac du soldat* (de *cantine*) See *corporal*

capot Winning all tricks at piquet From *capot*, hood, dum of *cape*, in *faire capot*, though metaphor not clear See *aomino*

Vous allez faire pie, repic et capot tout ce qu'il y a de galant à Paris (Mol *Précieuses*, 9)

She would ridicule the pedantry of the terms—such as pique, repique, the capot

(Lamb, *Mrs Battle*)

capote F, also *capot* (vs), dim of *cape* (see *cape*¹)

caprice. F, It *capriccio* (also formerly in E use), from *capro*, goat, L *caper* (cf *caper*²). But It *capriccio* is connected by some with L *caput*, head; cf synon F *coup de tête*

Capricorn L *capricornus*, horned goat (vs) Cf G *αἰγόκερως*

capriole Leap, etc See *caper*²

capsicum ModL, perh. from L *capsa*, case, pod Cf *capsule*

capsize Replaced (18 cent) earlier *overset* Orig *capacise* (v1), an older form than *NED* records First element prob means head; cf Ger *koppseisen*, from E, & F. *chavirer*, to capsize, prob from *caput* and

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Th. arn. cf. *ghth* by the rump
A. d. l. f. p. e. N. *ggie* scarce a stump (Tam. *Sh. tm*)

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carnac [archaic] Elephant-driver mahout I. *cornac* Port. *corndea* Singhalese *ek ana ndyaka* stud keeper Has been assimilated to surname Carnac a famous Anglo-Ind. name

carnage F. It. *carnaggio* carnage slaughter murder also all manner of fle h. meats (Flor.) from L. *caro* *ca n* fle h. Cf. archaic F. *charna e* Church sason at which flesh may be eaten

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carbolic From *carbon* by analogy with *alcoholic*

carbon Coined by Lavoisier (†1794) from L *carbo-n-*, whence F *charbon*, charcoal.

carbonado [archaic] Sp *carbonada*, "a carbonado on the coals" (Minsh) Hence, to broil, and fig to slash See *carbon*

I'll so carbonado your shanks (Lear, II 2)

Carbonari [hist] Secret society formed in Naples during Murat's rule (c 1810) Pl of *carbonaro*, charcoal-burner (vs) Cf *gueux*, beggars, name assumed by Du republicans (16 cent)

carboy Large wicker-covered vessel for chemicals Pers *qarābah*, flagon See *carafe*

carbuncle ME & OF usu *charbucle*, but ONF *carbuncle*, L *carbunculus*, little coal Forms in most Europ langs, including Ger *karfunkel*, popularly connected with *funken*, to sparkle For double sense-development, found also in other langs, cf *anthrax*

carbunculus a little cole a certaine botch coming of inflammation a precious stone a carbuncle (Coop)

carburet Coined (18 cent) from *carbon*, by analogy with *sulphuret*

carcajou Canad F for wolverine. Amer Ind name

carcanet [antiq] Jewelled collar, fillet Dim of F *carcan*, iron collar as pillory, Merovingian L *carcanum* Cf OHG *cwerca*, throat, ON *ferb*, angle under chin Obs E *quarhen*, to choke, is cogn

carcase, carcass ME *carcays*, AF *carcois*, OF *charquois*, represented by MedL *carcostum* This was replaced (16 cent) by mod form, F *carcasse*, It *carcassa* Earlier sense was skeleton It is possible that the first form is L *carchestum*, tall drinking vessel, G *καρχήστιον*, whence It *carcasso*, Sp *carcaj*, quiver, OF *carquois*, upper part of skeleton, now also, quiver, but the whole group of words is obscure Others regard all these words as coming, via MedL *larchestum*, from Pers *tarbask*, quiver, with dissem like that of Ger *larloffel* (see *truffel*) In archaic sense of bomb always split *c carcass*

carcel Lamp Name of F inventor (19 cent)

carcinology Study of the crab, G *καρκίνος* card' Pasteboard F. *carte*, It *carta*, L *charta*, G *χάρτης*, leaf of papyrus Earliest

in playing-card sense *Carte* is still usual in Sc See *chart*, with which *card* was once synon, as in to *speak by the card*, i.e by the compass-card As applied to a person, *queer card*, *knowing card*, it may be an extension of the metaph *good card*, *sure card*, etc, or may be an anglicized form of Sc *caird*, linker (cf *ariful beggar*, etc) On the cards refers to the possibilities of the game

I showed them tricks which they did not know to be on the cards (Smollett's *Gil Blas*)

card² For wool. F *carde*, teasel, Prov *carda*, VL **carda*, for *carduus*, thistle Earliest as verb

To karde and to kembe (Piers Plowm C x 80)

cardamine Plant Mod (Linnaeus), G *καρδάνη*, from *καρδαμον*, cress

cardamom Spice OF. *cardimome*, L, G *καρδάμωμον*, from *καρδαμον*, cress, and *ἄρωμον*, a spice-plant

cardiac F *cardiaque*, L, G *καρδιακός*, from *καρδία*, heart, cogn with L *cor-d-*

cardigan Jacket From seventh Earl of Cardigan (Balaclava) Cf *spencer*, *wellington*, etc

cardinal L *cardinalis*, essential, as in *cardinal points (virtues)*, from *cardo*, *cardin-*, hinge, cf G *καρδάρ*, to swing Earliest as noun (12 cent), from Late L *episcopus* (or *presbyter*) *cardinalis*, orig in charge of one of the cardinal (or parish) churches of Rome, and, since third Lateran Council (1173), member of council electing the Pope As name of colour from red hat and robe

cardio- See *cardiac*

cardoon Kind of artichoke. F, Prov. *cardon*, VL **cardo-n-*, for *carduus*, thistle Cf. F *chardon*, thistle

care AS *caru*, noun, *cearian*, verb. Orig. sorrow, with secondary sense of close attention cf to *take pains*. Com Teut., cf OSax. *cara*, OHG. *chara*, ON *kör*, Goth. *kara* Only surviving outside E in Ger. *Karfreitag*, Good Friday, with which cf. obs Sc *Care-Sunday*, 5th in Lent See *clary* Black care is Horace's *atra cura*.

Post equitem sedet atra cura (Odes, III 1 46)

careen To turn a ship on one side for cleaning, etc F *caréner*, from *carène*, keel, It (Genoa) *carena*, L *carina* Or perh. rather from Sp, the duties of the "circero or calker" being described in detail in Italk (vi 147)

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(v i), or F *à val*, down (with). In most Europ langs

carnevale shrove-tide, shroving time, when flesh is bidden farewell (Torr).

This feast is named the Carnival, which being interpreted, implies "farewell to flesh"

(Byron, *Beppo*, vi)

carnivorous From L *carnivorus*, from *cavo*, *cain-*, flesh, *vorare*, to devour.

carny [*dial*] To wheedle Origin unknown

carob Locust bean Usu identified with the Prodigal's husks and John the Baptist's locusts OF *carobe*, *carroube*, It *carrubo*, Sp *garrobo*, Arab *kharribah*

carrobe the carob, carob-beane, or carob beane cod, S John's bread (Cotg)

carochie Obs form of *carriage* (q v), used by Thackeray

carol In ME a round dance (cf *ballad*), OF *carole*, Prov *corola*, L *corolla*, garland *Carole* is common in OF of a ring of people, assembly, circle of pillars, etc Some connect it rather with *chorus*.

carolle a kinde of dance wherein many may dance together, also, a carroll, or Christmas song (Cotg).

Caroline Belonging to Charles, esp *Charlemagne* (see *Carlovingian*), and Charles I and II of England

Carolingian See *Carlovingian*

carolus Gold coin of Charles I, also of Charles VIII of France Cf. *jacobus*, *louis*, etc

carom See *cannon*²

carotid G *καροτίδες* (pl), from *καρὸν*, to stupefy, because compression of the artery has this effect (Galen)

carousal From *carouse* (q v), but sometimes confused by hist writers with archaic *carousel*, *carousel*, festival with chariot-racing, tilting, etc, "a kind of superb, be-tailored running at the ring" (Carlyle), F, It *carosello*, prob from L *carrus*, chariot (cf *career*)

carouse From the phrase *drink carouse*, to drink bumpers, OF *carous*, Ger *gar aus*, quite out We also find obs *garous*, *garans*, straight from Ger. *All out* was also used, cf Ger *all aus*. See also *rouse*²

Je ne suis de ces importuns hiflofres, qui, par force, par oultrage, contraignent les compagnons trinquier, voire carous et alluz qui pis est
(*Pauline*, in *Prol*)

The queen carouses to thy fortune, Hamlet
(*Ham* v 2)

carp¹ Fish F. *carpe*, Late L *carpa* (cf It

Sp *carpa*, used (6 cent.) of a Danube fish and hence prob of Tent or Slav origin Cf Ger *karpsen*, Russ. *karpu*, Serb *krap* etc

carp² Verb ME to speak, talk, later ML to talk censoriously App ON. *karpa*, to chatter, brag, influenced in meaning by association with L *carpere*, to pluck, pull to pieces.

Thus conscience of Crist and of the croys carpde
(*Piers Plowm* C xlii, 199)

carpal [*anat*] Of the wrist, L. *carpus*, G *καρπός*

carpel [*bot*] Pistil cell Dim. from G *καρπός* fruit Cf F. *carpelle*

carpenter ONF *carpentier* (*charpentier*), L *carpentarius*, cart-wright, from *carpentum*, chariot, of Celt origin, cf Gael. *carbaid*, chariot, OIr *carpat*, Welsh *cerbyd* (from Ir), prob cogn with L *corbis*, basket ground-idea being vehicle of wicker F. Celt origin of *car*

carpet OF. *carpite*, a coarse shaggy material; cf MedL It *carpita*, rough patchwork, etc, from VL **carpire*, for *carpere*, to pluck Cf F *charpie*, lint for wounds from OF *charpir*, to pluck to pieces For sense-development cf rug *Carpet* covered tables and beds before they were used for floors. Hence on the *carpet*, like F *sur le tapis*, means on the table, before the council, etc (see *bureau*) A *carpet-knight* was one knighted at court, kneeling on the carpet before the throne, instead of on the battlefield. A *carpet-bagger* was orig. a pol adventurer from the northern US, who, after the war (1861-5), threw himself into southern politics to exploit the negro vote The verb to *carpet*, to reprimand, was first used of servants made to "walk the carpet," i.e. summoned into the "parlour" for a wiggling

This man [Paris] is alwaye deserved of Homere to be a more pleasant carpet knight then stout warriour, and more delighting in instrumentes and dalliance then martial prowesse and chivalrie
(*Coop Dict. Hist.* 1564)

carpo- [*bot*] From G *καρπός*, fruit.

carrack [*hist*] Large ship, galleon OIr *carague*, It *caraca*, Sp Port *caraca*, MedL *carraca*, *caracca*, whence also Dn *kraak* and obs E *crack* A Mediterranean word? From Arab *qarāqir*, pl of *qurqūr* (whence Port. *coracoia*, kind of ship), from Late L *carricare* (see *charge*, *carry*) Hence per-

also naut *carrick bent* *carrick-bells* cf *carryk anker* (Nav Accts 1495-97)
And now bath Sathanas seith be, a t yl
Brouder than of a carryk is the sayl

(Chauc D 1687)

Two great carracore and t o grete proa
(Jow dala s Jowen 1613)

carrageen Edible sea weed From *Carra gheen* near Waterford

carraway See *caraway*

carragee ONF *cariage* (*charriage*) from *carier* (see *carry*) The sense of vehicle was evolved from the abstract idea of carrying (cf *conveyance*) and has since middle of 18 cent partly absorbed *caroch* 16 cent F *carroche* (*carrosse*) It *carroccia* *carrozza* from *carro* car F *coitura* VL *pectura* shows the same transition from the abstract to the concrete For fig sense cf *bearing deportment*

carroch a *carroch* a *coche* (Per yvall)

D d l f h s e a m g i l a l g v a s a q s a t t l e r a t
in the hand of the keepe of the c r r i e
(1 Sam x li 25)

carrick bend [naut] See *carryack*

carriole F It *carriola* from *carro* car Common in Canada (also kind of sleigh) and US where it is sometimes altered to *carry all*

Anewhrightly p at dearry alids wobyast thful
gr y horse (O H nry)

carrion ONF *carion* *carroigna* (*charo* u) VL **caronia* from *caro* flesh cf It *carogna* Sp *caroña* Ong (OF & NF) dead body

carronade [naut] Short heavy naval gun introduced 1779 From *Carron* iron works near Falkirk

carrot F *carrotte* L *carota* G **porro* prob from **pa* head

carry ONF *carier* (*charrier*) from *car* (*char*) vehicle car For sense of winning e.g. to *carry a fortress* (all before one) cf similar use of F *emporter* Intrans to *carry on* (naut) seems to be evolved from to *carry sail* F *charrier de la voile* For fig sense cf to go on

cart ON *kartr* cogn with IS *crat* chariot ? Orig of wicker (see *crate*) Has prob also absorbed ONF *carcle* (*charrette*) dim of *car* (*char*) To *cart* defeat utterly to be in the cart done for perh go back to the cart in which criminals were taken to execution

carte⁴ quarte [fencing] F *quarte* (< *parade*) fem of *quart* fourth L *quartus* Cf *terce*

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case¹ Orig what happens or befalls F *cas*, L *casus*, from *cadere*, *cas-*, to fall In gram sense a transl of G *πτῶσις*, from *πίπτειν*, to fall Hence *casual*, *casually* A much overworked word

Case and instance are the commonest and the most dangerous of a number of parasitic growths which are the dry-rot of syntax

(*Times Lit Supp* May 8, 1919).

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Glossy the fox is fled, there lies his case
(*Look about you*, 1600)

Hide-bound officials and service people of the case hardened armour-plate type

(*Sunday Times*, July 8, 1917)

casein [chem] From L *caseus*, cheese

casemate F, cf It *casamatta*, Sp *casamata* Orig a cavity in the foss of a fortification, as is shown by the Ger equivalents *mordgrube*, *mordkeller*, murder-ditch (-cellar) First element has been associated with It *casa*, house, hut, and second with Sp. *matar*, to slay (cf *matador*), hence Flor has *casamatta*, "a casamat, or a slaughter-house" But the earliest authority for the word, Rabelais, has *chasmate*, both in the mil sense and in that of chasm, abyss (v 1) Hence Ménage was perh right in deriving the word from G *χάσμα*, *χασματ-*, which may very well have been introduced into mil lang by the learned engineers of the Renaissance, whose theories were chiefly based on Caesar, Thucydides, etc The use

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Les autres escuroyent contremains, gabionnoyent defenses, ordonnoyent plates formes, vidoient chasmates (*Pantagruel*, li. Prol)

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cash². Various small Eastern coins Perh ult Tamil *kāsu*, some small coin or weight Cf. Port *caixa*, *cava* Spelling has been influenced by *cash*¹

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casser to casse, cassere, discharge (Colg)

But the colonel said he must go, and he [the drum horse] was cast [i e cased] in due form

(Kipling, *Rout of the White Hussars*)

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earthen pot a il sheard a he d a head peer
(Min h)

casket Corrupted from *F. cassette* (14 cent)
dim of *cassa* (see *case*) For *k* cf *gasket*
ca sett a small casket chest cabinet or stove
(Cotg)

casque F Sp *casco* replacing OF *Acasme*
(OHC; *Acme*) See *cash*

Cassandra Unheeded propheticess Priam's daughter who foretold destruction of Troy
cassation F annulment as in *cour de cassation* from *l'instance* to quash (a v)

cassava Plant A Haytian word with forms also in F Sp Port See also *manioc*

casserole F from casse bowl Sp can
Arab gaza dish Cf cassiolette

cassia kind of cinnamon (Ps xlv 5) G
 * *qua* from Heb *qisra* to strip off bark
 cassimere See *casmere*

cassock 1 casaque It. casacca a frocke
a horse mans cote a long cote (fur)
Cl Sp casa a Prob of Slav origin
? Cossak h (coat) Cl dalmatic cravat and
obs ascotine Slav mantle Cossack is
regularly casakh in Hinkl Leel sense is
latest (17 cent)

cassiolette Pan or box for perfumes T see *casseroles*

cassowary Malay *kasuari* prob via Du or F
cast ON *kasti* cogn with L *gestare* In
MF this replaced AS *werpan* (see *warp*)
and is now itself largely replaced by *throw*.
Formerly used in mod sense of warp turn
is still in a cast in the eye. The oldest sense
seems to have been to throw into a heap
give shape to (cf Norw *kast* *heist* heap
pile). Hence metal *castin* cast of mind
(ack vs) *casting* a horoscope. From the
last comes *forecast*. Oth sense of deciding
appears in *casting vote*. *Cassidarius* is of cast
as theol term reprobate (1 Cor 12 = 2)
where Wyc has reprob. He. So in 1 Cor
xiii 5 Tynd Coverd., Cranmer have *cast*
away where Al has *reprobare*. Used
allusively by Cowper (1799) as title of
poem and hence now associated with the
sea. Some of the senses (cf the) p *cast* are
from the obs *cast* (see *caste*)? Here
belongs also partly *cast* in *dams* etc.

Castalio Of the Muses, From C. Karstius,
spring on Mount Iarnissas

castanet Γ castagnelle bp castaneta dim
of castan chestnut (qv) Γ castanea
 Γ rom share

castaway See *ca t*

caste Sp Fort *casta* race orn fem ol
casto pure chaste L *cast* First from
Sp but in mod sense from India via Port
the spelling being taken from *h. Cf padre*
pink Hence to *be cast* *caste* is now
(191 -18) much used of any class claiming
special privileges and immunities. Junkers
Bois exists trad unionists etc

castellan [a chɔic]	ONI	astellam	See
chdclasing			

castigate From *castigare* See *castigate*

castle W *castel* village L *castellum* in dnu
of castrum fort Ml. *castel* castle Oñ
cas el (château) Introduced twice in little
cat sanges now amalgamated With *ast*
in the air (16 cent) el the earlier *ast*
Spain from F *château* en Espagne re
corded in 13 cent (dom de la Loire) The
class *castel* r placed the root¹ in 1 cent

Go y into the castle which i ar d y
(Wrc L 6 18 3)

castor¹ Beaver beaver hat F I C ¹ ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸ ⁹ ¹⁰ ¹¹ ¹² ¹³ ¹⁴ ¹⁵ ¹⁶ ¹⁷ ¹⁸ ¹⁹ ²⁰ ²¹ ²² ²³ ²⁴ ²⁵ ²⁶ ²⁷ ²⁸ ²⁹ ³⁰ ³¹ ³² ³³ ³⁴ ³⁵ ³⁶ ³⁷ ³⁸ ³⁹ ⁴⁰ ⁴¹ ⁴² ⁴³ ⁴⁴ ⁴⁵ ⁴⁶ ⁴⁷ ⁴⁸ ⁴⁹ ⁵⁰ ⁵¹ ⁵² ⁵³ ⁵⁴ ⁵⁵ ⁵⁶ ⁵⁷ ⁵⁸ ⁵⁹ ⁶⁰ ⁶¹ ⁶² ⁶³ ⁶⁴ ⁶⁵ ⁶⁶ ⁶⁷ ⁶⁸ ⁶⁹ ⁷⁰ ⁷¹ ⁷² ⁷³ ⁷⁴ ⁷⁵ ⁷⁶ ⁷⁷ ⁷⁸ ⁷⁹ ⁸⁰ ⁸¹ ⁸² ⁸³ ⁸⁴ ⁸⁵ ⁸⁶ ⁸⁷ ⁸⁸ ⁸⁹ ⁹⁰ ⁹¹ ⁹² ⁹³ ⁹⁴ ⁹⁵ ⁹⁶ ⁹⁷ ⁹⁸ ⁹⁹ ¹⁰⁰ ¹⁰¹ ¹⁰² ¹⁰³ ¹⁰⁴ ¹⁰⁵ ¹⁰⁶ ¹⁰⁷ ¹⁰⁸ ¹⁰⁹ ¹¹⁰ ¹¹¹ ¹¹² ¹¹³ ¹¹⁴ ¹¹⁵ ¹¹⁶ ¹¹⁷ ¹¹⁸ ¹¹⁹ ¹²⁰ ¹²¹ ¹²² ¹²³ ¹²⁴ ¹²⁵ ¹²⁶ ¹²⁷ ¹²⁸ ¹²⁹ ¹³⁰ ¹³¹ ¹³² ¹³³ ¹³⁴ ¹³⁵ ¹³⁶ ¹³⁷ ¹³⁸ ¹³⁹ ¹⁴⁰ ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² ¹⁴³ ¹⁴⁴ ¹⁴⁵ ¹⁴⁶ ¹⁴⁷ ¹⁴⁸ ¹⁴⁹ ¹⁵⁰ ¹⁵¹ ¹⁵² ¹⁵³ ¹⁵⁴ ¹⁵⁵ ¹⁵⁶ ¹⁵⁷ ¹⁵⁸ ¹⁵⁹ ¹⁶⁰ ¹⁶¹ ¹⁶² ¹⁶³ ¹⁶⁴ ¹⁶⁵ ¹⁶⁶ ¹⁶⁷ ¹⁶⁸ ¹⁶⁹ ¹⁷⁰ ¹⁷¹ ¹⁷² ¹⁷³ ¹⁷⁴ ¹⁷⁵ ¹⁷⁶ ¹⁷⁷ ¹⁷⁸ ¹⁷⁹ ¹⁸⁰ ¹⁸¹ ¹⁸² ¹⁸³ ¹⁸⁴ ¹⁸⁵ ¹⁸⁶ ¹⁸⁷ ¹⁸⁸ ¹⁸⁹ ¹⁹⁰ ¹⁹¹ ¹⁹² ¹⁹³ ¹⁹⁴ ¹⁹⁵ ¹⁹⁶ ¹⁹⁷ ¹⁹⁸ ¹⁹⁹ ²⁰⁰ ²⁰¹ ²⁰² ²⁰³ ²⁰⁴ ²⁰⁵ ²⁰⁶ ²⁰⁷ ²⁰⁸ ²⁰⁹ ²¹⁰ ²¹¹ ²¹² ²¹³ ²¹⁴ ²¹⁵ ²¹⁶ ²¹⁷ ²¹⁸ ²¹⁹ ²²⁰ ²²¹ ²²² ²²³ ²²⁴ ²²⁵ ²²⁶ ²²⁷ ²²⁸ ²²⁹ ²³⁰ ²³¹ ²³² ²³³ ²³⁴ ²³⁵ ²³⁶ ²³⁷ ²³⁸ ²³⁹ ²⁴⁰ ²⁴¹ ²⁴² ²⁴³ ²⁴⁴ ²⁴⁵ ²⁴⁶ ²⁴⁷ ²⁴⁸ ²⁴⁹ ²⁵⁰ ²⁵¹ ²⁵² ²⁵³ ²⁵⁴ ²⁵⁵ ²⁵⁶ ²⁵⁷ ²⁵⁸ ²⁵⁹ ²⁶⁰ ²⁶¹ ²⁶² ²⁶³ ²⁶⁴ ²⁶⁵ ²⁶⁶ ²⁶⁷ ²⁶⁸ ²⁶⁹ ²⁷⁰ ²⁷¹ ²⁷² ²⁷³ ²⁷⁴ ²⁷⁵ ²⁷⁶ ²⁷⁷ ²⁷⁸ ²⁷⁹ ²⁸⁰ ²⁸¹ ²⁸² ²⁸³ ²⁸⁴ ²⁸⁵ ²⁸⁶ ²⁸⁷ ²⁸⁸ ²⁸⁹ ²⁹⁰ ²⁹¹ ²⁹² ²⁹³ ²⁹⁴ ²⁹⁵ ²⁹⁶ ²⁹⁷ ²⁹⁸ ²⁹⁹ ³⁰⁰ ³⁰¹ ³⁰² ³⁰³ ³⁰⁴ ³⁰⁵ ³⁰⁶ ³⁰⁷ ³⁰⁸ ³⁰⁹ ³¹⁰ ³¹¹ ³¹² ³¹³ ³¹⁴ ³¹⁵ ³¹⁶ ³¹⁷ ³¹⁸ ³¹⁹ ³²⁰ ³²¹ ³²² ³²³ ³²⁴ ³²⁵ ³²⁶ ³²⁷ ³²⁸ ³²⁹ ³³⁰ ³³¹ ³³² ³³³ ³³⁴ ³³⁵ ³³⁶ ³³⁷ ³³⁸ ³³⁹ ³⁴⁰ ³⁴¹ ³⁴² ³⁴³ ³⁴⁴ ³⁴⁵ ³⁴⁶ ³⁴⁷ ³⁴⁸ ³⁴⁹ ³⁵⁰ ³⁵¹ ³⁵² ³⁵³ ³⁵⁴ ³⁵⁵ ³⁵⁶ ³⁵⁷ ³⁵⁸ ³⁵⁹ ³⁶⁰ ³⁶¹ ³⁶² ³⁶³ ³⁶⁴ ³⁶⁵ ³⁶⁶ ³⁶⁷ ³⁶⁸ ³⁶⁹ ³⁷⁰ ³⁷¹ ³⁷² ³⁷³ ³⁷⁴ ³⁷⁵ ³⁷⁶ ³⁷⁷ ³⁷⁸ ³⁷⁹ ³⁸⁰ ³⁸¹ ³⁸² ³⁸³ ³⁸⁴ ³⁸⁵ ³⁸⁶ ³⁸⁷ ³⁸⁸ ³⁸⁹ ³⁹⁰ ³⁹¹ ³⁹² ³⁹³ ³⁹⁴ ³⁹⁵ ³⁹⁶ ³⁹⁷ ³⁹⁸ ³⁹⁹ ⁴⁰⁰ ⁴⁰¹ ⁴⁰² ⁴⁰³ ⁴⁰⁴ ⁴⁰⁵ ⁴⁰⁶ ⁴⁰⁷ ⁴⁰⁸ ⁴⁰⁹ ⁴¹⁰ ⁴¹¹ ⁴¹² ⁴¹³ ⁴¹⁴ ⁴¹⁵ ⁴¹⁶ ⁴¹⁷ ⁴¹⁸ ⁴¹⁹ ⁴²⁰ ⁴²¹ ⁴²² ⁴²³ ⁴²⁴ ⁴²⁵ ⁴²⁶ ⁴²⁷ ⁴²⁸ ⁴²⁹ ⁴³⁰ ⁴³¹ ⁴³² ⁴³³ ⁴³⁴ ⁴³⁵ ⁴³⁶ ⁴³⁷ ⁴³⁸ ⁴³⁹ ⁴⁴⁰ ⁴⁴¹ ⁴⁴² ⁴⁴³ ⁴⁴⁴ ⁴⁴⁵ ⁴⁴⁶ ⁴⁴⁷ ⁴⁴⁸ ⁴⁴⁹ ⁴⁵⁰ ⁴⁵¹ ⁴⁵² ⁴⁵³ ⁴⁵⁴ ⁴⁵⁵ ⁴⁵⁶ ⁴⁵⁷ ⁴⁵⁸ ⁴⁵⁹ ⁴⁶⁰ ⁴⁶¹ ⁴⁶² ⁴⁶³ ⁴⁶⁴ ⁴⁶⁵ <

castor⁴ is in *peppercaster* (as in a low
leg forewheeler) from *cast* to the end
to turn. Hence *castor* (neol.) with
wh. h. of *r. strewn* (as in *strewn*)
Castor and Pollux. See *Di. 1000*

castrametation (f vt) From *L. castra* camp;
met 1 to measure

castrate I am I castrate e perli coyn with
confut iure

casual L. casualis from ca. vi chance
Hence casual laborer (pauper ward)
Casualty in mil. sense is from rail or sense
of mischance accident

casualty I can make S₁ answer to the question
who resolves cases of conscience (M₁)
can us consent do it if (c if so) with ref
to it. Results

cat ONP cat (ash) Late L. also cf. La e
C. acra. In most Lure la g. but of
obscure origin. Hence ca e n n ash
(1 cent) the game of cat (10 cent) was
based on the cat in game of living (red).
Cat all was orig. an I. trumpet. Pappa
I. and the for U. de re purpura. Cat can

refers to fable of cat, monkey and chestnuts. To see which way the cat jumps, i.e. to await events, appears to be mod. cf. to sit on the fence. The obs. vessel called a cat (hence perh. mod. catboat) is the same word, though the reason for the name is not known. With it rains cats and dogs cf. F. *il pleut des hallebardes*, Ger. *es regnet heubeln* (bauernbuben).

My Lord Bruncker, which I make use of as a monkey do the cat's foot (Pepys, June 6, 1666)

cata- G. *κατά*, down, but with many subsidiary senses. Also *cat-*, *cath-*.

catahresis [rhet.] Improper use of term G., from *καταχρησθαι*, to misuse.

cataclysm F. *cataclysme*, G. *κατακλυσμός*, from *κλύειν*, to wash.

catcombs. Mod. sense dates from exploration of subterranean Rome, but the name, Late L. *Catacumbas* (c. 400 A.D.), was orig. applied only to the cemetery of St. Sebastian near the Appian way. It is prob. a proper name the origin of which is lost. It occurs in AS (10 cent.) and has forms in most Europ. langs.

catadromous. Of fish periodically descending river. Opposite of *anadromous*. From G. *καταδρομος*, running down. Cf. *hippodrome*.

catapult F., It. *catapulto*. See *scaffold*.

Catalan [ling.] Lang. of *Catalonia*, dial. of Provençal with Sp. affinities.

cataplexy. G. *κατάληψις*, from *λαμβάνειν*, to seize.

catalogue F., Late L., G. *κατάλογος*, from *λέγειν*, to choose.

catalpa. Tree. Native N. Amer. name (Carolina).

catalysis [chem.] G. *κατάλυσις*, from *λύειν*, to loose.

catamaran. Navigable raft. From Tamil *katā*, tie, *maram*, wood.

catamount, catamountain. Leopard, panther, now more esp. puma. ME. *cat of mountain* was used to render L. *pardus*.

And the beast which I sawe was lyke a catte off the mountayne (Tynd. Rev. xiii. 2).

cataplasm G. *κατάλασμα*, poultice, from *-λάσσειν*, to plaster.

catapult L. *catapulta*, G. *κατα-έλτης*, from *-άλλειν*, to hurl. Orig. warlike engine, current sense from c. 1870.

cataract F. *cataracte*, L. *cataracta*, G. *καταράκτης*, ? from *ρήγνυμι*, to break, ? or *ράσσειν*, to dash. Oldest ME. sense is portcullis, whence the *cataract* obscuring

the eye. It occurs of the floodgates of heaven earlier than in the waterfall sense. *cataractae caeli apertae sunt* (Vulg. Gen. vii. 11). *coulisse* a portcullis, also a web in the eye (Cotg.).

catarrh F. *catarrhe*, L., G. *κατάρρως*, from *καταρρεῖν*, to flow down.

catastrophe G. *καταστροφή*, from *στρέφειν*, to turn. Orig. the fatal turning-point of a drama.

catawampous, catawamptious [US]. Humorous coinage, perh. suggested by *catamount*. *catawba*. Grape and wine. River in S. Carolina, named from the *Katahba* Indians.

catch. ONF. *cachier*, Picard form of *chasser*, VL. **captiare* for **captare*. See *chase*. Past *caught*, for *catched*, is app. due to obs. *laught*, from ME. *lacchen*, native synonym of *catch*. This word perh. also accounts for the spcc. sense which *catch* has acquired in E. A *catchword* was orig. the initial word of the following page placed to catch the reader's eye before turning over. Cf. the musical *catch*, in which each singer catches the line or melody from the preceding.

Things in motion sooner catch the eye.

(Troil. & Cress. iii. 3)

catchpole [hist.] MedL. *cacepollus*, OF. *chacepole* (*chasse poule*, hunt hen). See *catch*, *chase*, *polecat*. Orig. tax-gatherer, confiscating poultry if money was not forthcoming. Later, lower law officer.

Saul sente catchpollis [Vulg. lietoires] for to take David (Wyc. 1 Sam. xix. 20).

catchup, catsup. Incorr. for *ketchup* (q.v.).

cate [archaic]. Aphet. for ME. *acate*, ONF. *acat* (*achat*), from *acheter*, to buy, L. **ad-capitare*, to add to one's capital. Orig. purchase, later, dainty, delicacy, etc. Cf. *caler*.

My super dainty Kate,
For dainties are all Kates, and therefore, Kate,
Take this of me (Shrew, ii. 1).

catechize. MedL. *catechizare*, G. *κατηχίζειν*, from *κατηχεῖν*, to resound, teach, etc. (Luke, i. 4), from *κατά*, down, *ήχαι*, to sound. *Catechumen* (Piers Plowm.) is G. *κατηχοῦμενος* (pres. part. pass.).

catechu. Astringent from bark. Malay *katchu*. Also in Canarese and Tamil.

category G. *κατηγορία*, accusation, assertion, from *κατηγορεῖν*, to speak against, from *ἀγορά*, place of assembly. Use of the word is chiefly due to Aristotle. *Categorical imperative*, moral law springing from pure reason, is from Kant.

catenary [math.] From L. *catena*, chain.

cater First as noun ME *acatur calour* buyer (see *cale*) For lengthened *caterer* cf *fruiterer poullterer upholsterer* Hence perh archaic *cater cousin* intimate (cf *foster brother messmate chum*)

A gentl M nciple was ther of a temple
Of wh h a h tours myghte take ex mple
Algate he wayted so in his achaat
That he was ay biforn and in good staat

(Chauc. A. 367)

cateran Highland marauder Orig collect Gael *ceathairne* peasantry The *th* long mute in Celt should have disappeared as in the doublet *hern* but cf *bother botky*

caterpillar From OF *chatepelose* hairy cat from L *pilosus* hairy Cf F *chenille* caterpillar lit little dog also F woolly bear of a special kind (see also *cathin*) The ending has been assimilated to *piller* one who pill the bark from trees plunders This connection appears in the frequent use of *caterpillar* for extortioner *caterpillar* worms ch the p l use (Palsg.) Covetous person e tortioners opp essors, cat p ller, u urus (Latime)

caterwaul Replaced (c 1500) older *caww-wau* (Chauc.) *caterwaul* etc The second syllable is limit of the voice of the amorous cat the first element suggests Ger & Du *kater* male cat not otherwise recorded in E It is perh for *cata* with a *n* as in *blackamoor Gretnaun* etc

catgut From *cat* and *gut* though made from intestines of sheep Cf synon Du *katte da m* Earliest ref (16 cent) is to fiddle strings Cf *cathin*

cathartic Purgative L G *ad purgans* from *κθαρς* clean

Cathay [foet] Northern China MedL *Kilai* (13 cent) as name of inhabitants from foreign dynasty the *Khitai*

cathedral Orig adj as in *cathedral* *cl u ch* MedL *cathedrālis* from G *καθ' ἑα* seat from *ara* down *ἵδ- sit* Cf *see* and see *char* Cf *ex cathedra* authoritative pronouncement as from seat of dignity Catherine wheel Spiked wheel used in legendary martyrdom of St Catherine of Alexandria whose name *Αλεξάνδρα* was altered on *καθ' ἑα* pure

catheter G from *καθ' ἑα* to send down
cathode [electr] G *καθ' ἑα* way down Cf anode

catholic F *catholique* MedL *catholicus* G *καθολικός* universal from *κατά* and *ἅλος* whole as applied to the Church through

out all the world The E word dates in gen and spec sense from 16 cent At first applied to the whole Christian Church it had been assumed by the Western Church after its separation from the Eastern (Orthodox) In F it tended to become offensive after the Reformation and was replaced by *Roman Catholi* in the negotiations for the Spanish Match (1618-24) Cf *catholicon* panacea

cation Used by Lyte (15, 8) in his transl of Dodoeus to render Du *katten* lit kitten Cf F *chaton* Ger *kat chen* both used in same sense and synon derivatives of *caulus* in most Rom dialects Earlier called *aglet* *ti*

kattens the catks cattails gl tlik bl tog
bloom ngs fnt trees in, [Cotg]

cating Fine cat gut (Troil & Cress iii 3) From *cat*

catonism Austerity From *Cato* the Censor or *Cato of Utica*

catoptric Of reflexion G *κατοπτρικός* from *kata* and *ὥρα* see Cf *optics*

catsup See *ketchup* For folk-etym per version cf *Belsh varebit* for rabbit

cattle ONT *cafel* L *capitale* stock capital from *caput* *capit* h ad In ME esp moveable property beasts (*chattle*) as opposed to lands et (*goods*) Cf *hust of fee* and *pecuniary* See *chisel* Used of farm beasts from 13 cent and of horses from 17 cent

With many world ly cath l i th ndows
to m 31a al, c. 1400

catty Weight (EInd) Ident with *caddy*
caubeen [Ir] Hiat Ir *caibin* dim of *cap* Cf *colleen squires*

Caucasian Formerly used (first by Blumenbach c 1800) for Indo-European white races from supposed place of origin

Is our cl d ation a f i l l ?
O the Caucas an played t? (Heathe Ch ec)

caucus US (18 cent) Private political meeting Applied opprobriously (18, 8) by Beaconsfield to the Birmingham Sx Hundred but used much earlier in E (v i) Prob an Algonkian word for counsellor found in Capt John Smith as *Caw-cauasough* Cf *saw-wou Tammany*

Asel xtion similar to th tw h or Transatlanti
be thren would call a cu
(Lo d Strangford, in H of L. 183)

caudal caudate From L *cauda* tail

Caudine Forks Pass near Capua where the Romans were defeated (321 B C) by the Samnites and were made to pass under the yoke Hence fig irremediable disaster
caudle ONF *caudel* (*chaudeau*), from *chaud*, hot, *L calidus*

chaudeau a caudle, or warme broth (Cotg)

cauk See *cawk*

caul Orig close-fitting cap or net *F cale*, cap, back-formation from *calotte* (q v)
For naut superstition connected with *caul* of its heel name *sigurcufl*, lit victory cowl With archaic *born with a caul* (i.e. lucky) cf *F né coiffé*

cauldron ONF *caudron* (*chauderon*), augment of *chaudière*, *L cal(i)daria*, also *cal(i)-darium*, from *calidus*, hot Cf It *calderone*, Sp *calderón* The -l- has been restored by learned influence See also *chaldron*, *chowder*

What shal comune the caudron to the pot?

(Wye *Ecclesiasticeus*, vii 3)

cauliflower For earlier *cole florie*, with first element latinized (*caulis*, cabbage) Cf *F chou-fleur*, earlier *chou-flori*, Sp *coliflor*, Ger *blumenkohl*, etc See *cole*

chou fleurs the collyfory, or Cyprus colewort

(Cotg)

caulk, calk Late *L calcase*, to stop up chunks with lime, *L calx* This replaced (c. 1500) earlier to *lime* Cf *F calafier*, Port *calafetar*, from *cal*, lime, *afetar*, to arrange, *L affecclare*, forms of which exist in this sense in almost every naut lang The earliest *caulkers* (Noah and the mother of Moses) used bitumen, still employed for the same purpose in the East (see *goussa*)
In MedL *bituminatus* is regularly used for caulked, and is rendered *i-glewed* by Trevisa Raleigh caulked his ships with "stone-pitch" from the pitch lake of Trinidad and caulking with lime is described in Haki (x 202)

Lyme it [the ark] with cleye and pitche within and without (Carton, 1483)

The shippe for to caulke and pyche (NED c. 1500)

In stead of pitch we made lime and did plaster the mortar into the seams (Haki)

cause *F*, *L causa*, which had the main senses found in *F* & *E* *Causerie*, *causeuse*, *F*, are from *causer*, in secondary sense of talking

causeway Folk-etym for earlier *causey* (still in dial use), ONF *caucree* (*chaussée*), Late *L calcinata* (*via*), which some connect with

L calx, lime, others with *calx*, heel (cf *hadden* way).

The causey to Hell-gate (*Par L.* v 417)

caustic *L*, *G* *καυστικός*, from *καίω*, to burn.

cautalous [*archaic*] *F cauteleux*, from *L cautela*, caution (q v).

The Jews, not undoubtedly resolved of the sciatica side of Jacob, do cautelously in their diet refrain from the sinew of both (Sir T Browne)

cauterize *F cauteriser*, Late *L cauterizare*, from *cauterium*, hot iron, *G* *καυτήριον*, from *καίω*, to burn

caution *F*, *L cautio-n-*, from *cavēre*, *caut-*, to beware Oldest sense, security, as still in *caution-money* (univ.) The US meaning of extraordinary person, circumstance, etc, perh springs from such use as that exemplified below Cf *example*

The way I'll heke you will be a caution to the balance of your family (Thornton, 1834)

Our appetite for dinner will be a caution to alligators (ib 1862)

cavalcade *F*, Prov. *cavalcada* or It. *cavalcata*, from p p fem of Late *L caballicare*, to ride, from *caballus*, horse Cf *F chevauchée*, mounted raid, the earliest sense of *cavalcade* in *E*

cavalier Orig horseman *F*, It *cavaliere*, from *cavallo*, horse, corresponding to *F chevalier* Earlier adopted as *cavaliero* from OSp *cavallero* (*caballero*) As applied to the partisans of Charles I it was orig reproachful (like *Roundhead*) In both *E* & *F* it has also the sense of off-hand, discourteous, e.g. *cavalier treatment* (*tone*, etc)

cavally Fish, "horse-mackerel" Synon It *cavallo*, lit horse

cavalry *F cavalerie*, It. *cavalleria* See *cavalier*, *chivalry*, for the latter of which it is often used in 16 cent

cavatina [*mus*] It, dim of *cavata*, prop a detached air, from *cavare*, to hollow out, remove, from *cavus*, hollow

cave *F*, *L cava*, neut pl of *L cavus*, hollow In ModF means cellar only For current pol sense see *Adullamite*.

cave in Chiefly US, also with trans sense Altered, on *cave*, from earlier *E* dial to *calve in*, with which cf WFlm *in-kalven*, to cave in, Du *af-kalven*, to break away, *uit-kalven*, to fall apart, all "navvy" words Perh introduced into EAngl by Du drainage experts So also we have

dial to *coll in* in same sense ground idea being app separation at birth

A dyche bank upon the same dyche the wh h colled in (*Covestry Lect Book* 1431)

The w v they hea d those foss^d in their nger was a sun

T H the skull of an old mammoth ca ed the h d of Thompson in (*B et Hart*)

caveat [f g] L let him beware from *cauēre* Init word of certain legal cautions Cf schoolboy *cave* (imper) and proverb *caveat emptor* let the purchaser look out for himself

cavendish (1) Tobacco ?From name of exporter (2) Treatise on wheat (1763) from pen name of author H Jones

cavern F *caverne* L *caverna* from *cavus* hollow

cavesson Anse band for a horse F *cavesson* It *cavazone* from *cavatus* halter prob connected with L *caput* in halter (see *capit*)

cavey See *caos*

caviare Earlier also *caviar* (16 cent) F *caviar* It *caviale* F *caviar* It *caviaro* Turk *كافيار* is prob from It Though from Russia it is app not a Russ word the native name being *ikra* The earlier L forms are numerous and varied Hence *cat are to the general* too subtle for the common herd (*flam* h 2)

Of *khar* or *caviary* a great quant it is made upon the r s of *Volcha* (H h i 36)

cavil F *caville* L *cavilla* to satirize argue scoffingly But dial *cavil* to squabble suggests rather synonym Norw dial *hja* is to quarrel ult cogn. with AS *caest* jaw

cavity F *cavit* Late L *cavitas* from *cavus* hollow Cf It *cavida* Sp. *cavidad*

cavort [US] To prance Prob cowboy per version of *curel* (q v)

Th ge cal sits hi avorting steed (O Henry)

cavy Rodent of guinea pig tribe *Cabris* native name in F Guiana Cf *capri* is a

caw Init Cf Du *kakaw* jackdaw

cawk [geol] Low name f r kin of par Northern form of *raik*

caxon [archaeol] Wig ?From surname Caron ? Cf *lushy*

caxton Book printed by Car' n (1472) Cf *claxir*

cay See *key*

cayenne Pepper Earlier *ayan* *kion* etc., as still pronounced Tupi (Brazil) *Ayunka* mistakenly associated with the town of *Cayenne* (F Guiana) Cf *guinea pig*

cayman *caiman* Sp Port *caiman* of Carib origin but described as a Congo word in 1598 Many early exotic names of animals plants et wandered from E to W and vice versa, often perh in connection with the slave trade (cf *bana* : *pa*, *az* : *zaz*)

A h h called by th *Spania* ds *la*, etc., and by the Indians *ama* which indeed crocod (H h i)

cease ME *cessen* F *cesser* L *cessare* frequent of *cedere* *cess* to give way

cecity L *caecitas* from *caecus* blind

Cecropian Of *Cecrops* founder of Athens

cedar F *cedre* L G *cedrus* Also Ab *ceder* direct from L

cede L *cedere* to yield

cedilla Sp *cedilla* It *ced glia* little z

cee spring C spring (*carria* *builder*) From shape Cf S *d a* : T square *3-bracket* etc

ceiling ceiling From verb to *ceel* prob from F *ciel* canopy L *caelum* heaven (cf *ter* *himmel* heaven ceiling) but influenced by OF *celer* L *cael* e to carve and by *seil* (q v) in its sen s of complete enclosure *Syll steel* are the usual earlier spellings

celadon [archaeol] Pale green F name of character in *drlés* *1st dr* (1610) Cf *isabel*

celandine Swallow wort Earlier *ce do* : OF *celidone* L *chelidonia* from G *χελιδων* from *χελιδω* a falcon

celarent [exoc] *Uhem nu* word See *la* *ba* a

cele [med] In *ta* *socele* etc G only swelling

celebrate From L *celebrare* to honour by assembling from *celebr* *celebr* populous renowned Earliest (1 cent.) in rel to Eucharist.

celenary App arbitrary *l* *mita* n from *celery* (q v)

celenty F *celér* L *celeritas* from *celer* swift

celery F *celer* It dial *chaz* pl *cl* is o (It. *sedano*) ult. from G *σέλινον* F r pl form of *celute*

celestial Of *celest* l from *cel* : L *caelestis* from *caelum* heaven *Cel sha* *Em* fire for China, L due to the bill F *ent* : son of hea en formerly *luna* by the Emperor

Celestine Branch of Benedictines, established by Pope *Celestine* I (13 cent)

celibate From *L caelibatus*, celibacy, from *caelebs, caelib-*, unmarried

cell ME & OF. *celle*, *L cella*, cogn with *cellare*, to hide. Earliest sense is monastic. Biol sense from 17 cent

cellar *L cellarium*, set of cells. But *salt-cellar* is for earlier *saler, seller*, *F saltère*, salt-cellar, whence ME *saler, seler*, so that *salt-* is pleon

sahere a salt-seller (Cotg)

cello For *violoncello* (q v)

celluloid Invented in US and patented here in 1871. Orig adj, cell-like, from *F cellule*, *L cellula*, which in *F* (and consequently in many *E* derivatives) has replaced OF *celle*, *L cella*

Celt, Kelt *F Celta*, *L Celta*, sing of *Cellae*, *G Κελτοί* (Herodotus), used by the Romans esp of the Gauls, but app not of the British. Mod usage in ethnology and philology began in *F* (c 1700). Hence *Celtomaniac*, philologist who finds Celt traces everywhere. See also *Brythonic, Goidelic*

celt [antq] Prehistoric implement. Prob a ghost-word, occurring only in some MSS of the Clementine text of the *Vulg*, where it may be a misprint for *celle*. Adopted (c 1700) by archaeologists, perh by a fanciful association with *Celt*

Stylo ferreo, et plumbi lumina, vel celte sculptantur in subit (*Vulg Job*, xiv 24)

cembalo Mus instrument. It, as *cymbal* (q v)

cement ME *cymment*, *F ciment*, *L caementum*, for *caedimentum*, from *caedere*, to cut, the earliest cement being made from small clippings of stone

cemetery *L, G κοιμητήριον*, dormitory, from *κοιμάν*, to put to sleep. Adopted in this sense by early Christians and applied at first to the catacombs. Earlier *cymetery* came via *F cimelière*

cénacle Literary coterie. *F cénacle*, name of first Romantic group (c 1820), *L cenaculum*, supper-room, esp in ref to Last Supper from *L cena*, supper

cenobite See *coenobite*

cenotaph Monument to person buried elsewhere. *G κενόταφος*, from *κενός*, empty, τάφος tomb. A household word from 1919

censor For *incensor* cf *F censore*. See *incense*

censor *L*, arbiter of morals from *censere*, to judge. *NED*. (1893) finds no example of verb to censor. Cf *censure*, *F, L censura*

census *L*, from *censere*, to estimate. Earlier used also of a poll-tax. The offic. census dates from 1790 (US), 1791 (France), 1801 (Great Britain), 1813 (Ireland)

cent *F, L centum*, hundred. *Per cent.* is from It *per cento* (cf *F pour cent*), our financ and bookkeeping terms being largely It. Adopted (1786) in US for one-hundredth of dollar. Cf *F centime*, one-hundredth of franc (First Republic). *A red cent* may refer to colour of copper (cf archaic *F rouge liard* and *E brass farthing*), or *red* may be a substitution for a more emphatic adj

cental Weight of 100 lbs introduced into Liverpool corn-market 1859, and legalized 1879. From *cent* after *quintal* (q v.)

centaur *L, G κένταυρος*. Hence the plant *centaury*, *G κενταύριον*, med qualities of which were fabled to have been discovered by Chiron the centaur.

centenary *L centenarius*, numbering a hundred. Cf *centennial*, formed after *biennial*, etc

centesimal From *L centesimus*, hundredth

centigrade Thermometer of Celsius (1744), with 100 degrees between freezing and boiling point. *F*, from *L centum*, hundred, *gradus*, degree

centipede *F centipède*, *L centipeda*, from *pes, ped-*, foot

cento Composition from scraps of other authors. *L*, patchwork, cf *G κάρπων*, patchwork

centre *F, L centrum*, *G κέντρον*, goad, stationary point of compasses, from *κατείν*, to prick. Several of the math. senses appear in Chauc, who also uses *centr* for later *centre* of gravity (17 cent.)

In *F* politics the *centre* is composed of moderates, the *left* being radical and the *right* reactionary. This is an inheritance from the National Assembly of 1789 in which the nobles took the place of honour on the president's right, while the representatives of the Third Estate (the Commons) were on his left. In Ger the *centre* is composed of the Catholics or Ultramontanes. *Centrifugal* (*L fugere*, to flee) and *centripetal* (*L petere*, to seek) were coined by Newton

centuple *F*, Late *L centuplus*, for *centuplex*, from *centum* hundred, *plus*, fold.

century *L centuria*, group of one hundred in various senses. Cf *centurion*, explained by Tynd. as *hunder-captain*. Usual mean-

ing peculiar to F is f earlier *century of years* (17 cent)

ceorl [hist] AS original of *cheer* (q v) Cf *ceol*

cephalic F *céphalique* L. C *cephalos* from *kephale* head Cf *cephalopod* cuttle fish etc from *kephale* head

ceramic C *a pami* *de* from *alpasmos* potter's earth

cerastes Horned viper L. C *κερασotes* from *keras* horn Cf *biol* terms in *cerato*

Cerberus L. C *K pβ* *pos* watch-dog of hell Hence *soph to Cerberus*

Cut rates, horrore viſens / m colla col bna
M B *soporat* m et in dic Ls frugib s oñ m
Oliet (Am et 4 9)

cereal L. *cerealis* from *Ceres* god/less of agriculture

cerebral From L. *cerebrum* brain (with dim *ce shellum*) cogn with G *pa* head U s *conscious cerebration* was coined (1853) by W B Carpenter

ceretloth (Merch of Ien ii 7) cerement (Hamlet i 4) From I *cero* to wax from L. *cera* wax G *keras* of obs to *cere* to wrap corpse in waxed cloth (Cymb i 1)

ceremony Also ME *ceremounne* OF *ceremonie* (cf *ceremonie*) L *ceremonia* With to stand on ceremony (Jal Coes ii 2) cf to insist L *insistere* to stand on

ceriph serif (typ) Fine horizontal hair line at termination of (esp capital) letter Du *schneef* line stroke Many early printing terms at Du but *serif* (q) is earlier

cerise I cf *erry* (q v)

cerium [chem] Named after the then (1801) recently discovered planet *Ceres*

cero From L. *cera* or G *keras* wax

cert Colloq alorment of certainty App mod (not in NFD)

certain F Late L *certanus* from *certus* orig pp of *cernere* to decide Sense-development follows that of L *certus* Indef meaning app the opposite of the original a *certain man* a *lady of a certain age* etc springs from the idea of an ascertained fact the details of which are not necessarily accessible to all

A *very* old h use perhaps as old as it is found to be and perhaps older who h will some times happen
ith bo es of an certain, a with ladies of a cert i ag (Mar aby Rudge ch 1)

certes [archaic] I prob L *certas* used as adv cf OSp *certas*

certify F *certifier* Late L *certifi* are from *certus* and *facere* Cf *certificate*

certiorari [leg] Writ from higher to lower court L. to be made more certain occr in writ Cf *habeas corpus certior* etc

cerbtude F Late L *certitudo* from *certus* cerulean caerulean From I *caeruleus* blue blue green etc prob by assim for **caeruleus* from *caelum* heaven sky

ceruse White lead F *ceruse* L *cerussa* perh from C *κερως* wax

cervical Fr m I *cervix* *cervic* neck

cervine L *cervinus* from *cervus* hart Cf *bovine ovine* etc

Cesarevitch witch Earlier *Cesarevitch* (a o *uice* etc son of *czar* (q v) was replaced as official titl by *Cesa evich* modelled on restored spelling (*Caesar*) The ending *tsar* Russ *tsar* *tsar* common in patronymics The race called the *Cesa evitch* (Newmarket 1833) was named in honour of the Russ prince afterwards Alexander II who was on a state visit to England

cespitose From I *caespis* *caespit* turf

cess (Sc & Int) Rate (and tax also as verb For *ess* *aphet* *tsa* *sets* (q) In Ir also of military exactness hence perh *tsa* *cess* to *go* (? or for *bird succ*) I *censu* tax etc has app had some influence on this word (cf *excise*)

cess valued, *cessed* to end (Coop)

The English *cession* *cessed* and *pillag* d th *farm* et of M th and Dublin (P o d)

cessation L *cessatio*-n See *cease*

cesser [leg] Termination F *cesser* to *er* o (q v) For use of infin cf *misnomer* *one* *at term* *ner* etc

cession F L *cessio*-n from *cedere* *cess* to yield

cesspool Earliest form *cepe alle* (16 cent) suggests perversion of obs *inspiral* F *soupiral* ventilator air shaft from L *inspirum* breath Further corrupt to *cesspool* (*inspool* *sesspool* *cesspool*) would be quite possible It *cesso* privy from L *secessus* has also been suggested but it does not seem likely that an It word would have been introduced to form a hybrid dual compd Skeat sugg *st. cess* and quotes (1764) two recesses or perls as reservoirs of dung and water but no other record is known of *recess* in this c is

Cestr Signature of bishop of Chester For MedL *Cestrensis*

cestus Girdle esp of Aphrodite L G *αστρος* lit stitched Iersh hence also the

gladiatorial *caestus*, *cestus*, glove, usu regarded as irreg formation from *caedere*, to strike

cesura See *caesura*

cetacea ModL from L *cetus*, whale, G κῆτος

chablis White wine from *Chablis* (Yonne)

chabouk See *syambok*

Chadband Sanctimonious humbug (*Bleak House*) Cf *Stiggins*, *Podsnap*, etc

Chadbands all over the country have shrieked over the soldier's rum ration

(*Referee*, June 24, 1917)

chafe Earlier *chaufe*, F *chauffer*, VL **calefare* for *calefacere*, to make hot, *calidus*

Cf *chafing-dish* For vowel cf *safe* Fig

senses via that of heat-producing friction

chafer Insect AS *ceafor*, cf Du *kever*, Ger *käfer* Prob gnawer (cf *beetle* and see *jowl*)

The more usual *cockchafer* is comparatively mod

The prefix may suggest size, but may be for *cach*, *stercus* Cf synon *dung-beetle*, and Ger *kotkäfer*, *mistkäfer*, also obs

kaakläfer

chaff AS *ceaf*, cf Du, Ger dial *kaf* In

AS Bible versions also for straw With

chaffinch cf Late L *furfurio*, *chaffinch*, from *furfur*, bran

The verb in its mod slang sense is a combination of *chafe*, to irritate, and of the noun *chaff* in its fig

sense of nonsense, worthless matter (which will not catch birds)

His reasons are two gruns of wheat hid in two bushels of chaff (*Merch of Ven* 1: 1)

chaffer Now equivalent to *barter*, *haggle*, but orig trade

First as noun, from AS *cēap*, price, *faru* journey, etc, cf ON *kaupför*, commercial journey, and Ger. *kauffahrt*

schiff, merchant ship *Cheapsave* occurs in ME

See also *chapman*, *cheap*, *cofer*, *cooper*²

To wite þou myche ech hadde wonne bi chaffaryng

(Wic Like, iv 15)

chagrin F., from Turk *şağır*, rump of a horse, whence *chagrien* (q v), a leather of granulated appearance, is prepared

For the metaphor of *gooseflesh* and F *chair de poule*

There are chronological difficulties in the list of the F word, but the quot below points clearly to association with the leather in F

Thoughts which had made their skin run into a chagrin (*MS D* 1713)

chain F *chaîne*, L *catena*

chair F *chaire*, L *catidra*, G. *καθῆδρα*, from *καθῆ*, down, *ἔδρα*, sit For F *chaise*,

which has superseded *chavre*, exc in spec senses (pulpit, professorial chair), see *chaise* Replaced native *stool* as name for seat suggesting added ease and dignity, traces of which survive in some mod. senses (e g in *chairman*).

chaise F, chair (q v), taking the sense of vehicle via that of sedan chair, *chaise à porteurs*. *Chari* was used in same sense in 18 cent. See also *chay*, *shay* F. *chaise* is due to an affected Parisian interchange of *r-s* (15-16 cents) often satirized by F writers

Les musaillies ont deroseilles (Marot)

chalcedony L *c(h)alcedonius* (Rev xxi 19), G *χαλκηδών* The ME form was *cassidone*, from OF Vars such as *carchedonius* occur in Pliny and Isidore Hence place of origin may have been *Chalcedon* (Asia Minor) or *Καρχηδών* (Carthage)

Calcedoine est pierre jaline

Entre iacant e beril meaine

De Sibth [Seythia] est enveree

E de culurs treis est trovee

(*Lapidaire de Marbod*, 12 cent.)

chalcography Copper engraving From G.

χαλός, copper

Chaldaic, Chaldean, Chaldee From G Χαλδαῖος, of *Chaldea*, i e Babylonia

Esp with ref to magical and astrological studies

The lang (Aramaic) was that of the Jews after the Captivity and is exemplified in the few reported sayings of Our Lord

(*ephphatha*, *talitha cumi*, etc)

Like the Chaldean, he could watch the stars

(*Guide Harold*, in 14).

chaldron Dry measure (32 bushels, or, if coal, 36, and, at Newcastle, 53 cwt) This and Sc *chalder* (32 to 64 bushels), earlier (1497) also *chelder*, are usu referred to F.

chaudron, cauldron (q v). But what a cauldron! The Sc forms, with corresponding MedL *celdra* (in early Sc statutes) and AF. *caltre de carbons* (1416), also do not favour the "cauldron" etym. 2 From Du *heltor*, cellar

A chaldron of coles for the merchants own house,

meanyng so many coles as 12 will open^r yearlyre

(*York Merch* 14th 1462).

chalet Swiss-F. Origin obscure ? A dim.

of L *castellum*; cf Languedoc *castum*, shepherd's hut

chalice OF (*calice*), L. *calix*, *calice*, cogn.

with G. *κάλυξ*, cup In eccl. sense appears earlier in AS. *calic*, and *cal-* forms are also found in ME.

See *main*^{1,2} For sense-development of *hazard*

Sevene is my chaunce, and thyn is cynk and treye
(Chauc. C. 653)

To set all on a maine chance (Holinshead)

chancel F *cancel*, *chancel*, L *cancellus*, for *cancelli*, lattice (see *cancel*) separating the choir from the nave, dim of *cancer*, grating, ? dissim of *carcer*, prison (see *incarcerate*) Hence *chancellor*, AF *chanceler*, F *chancelier*, orig keeper of the barrier, but introduced as office title into E by Edward the Confessor

chance-medley [leg] Orig homicide intermediate between manslaughter and accident Lit mixed chance

chancery For *chancellery*, *chancelry*, office of *chancellor* (see *chancel*). Hence pugil *in chancery*, i e not likely to get away without serious damage

chancre Venereal ulcer F, see *cancer*, *canker*

chandelier F, candle-stick, etc (v 1)

chandler F *chandelier*, candle-stick, candle-maker, from *chandelle*, L *candela* In first sense, common in ME, now replaced by ModF *chandelier* Second sense has been extended (*co.-n.-chandler*, *ship-chandler*), cf *costermonger*

change F *changer*, Late L *ambiarc*, for *ambiarc*, from *ambium*, exchange, of Celt. origin (cf *gombeen man*), cf It *ambiarc*, Sp *canbiar* (see *canbist*) Hence *change*, meeting-place of merchants, often erron 'change, as though for the later *exchange* To *ring the changes* was orig of bells In sense of swindling there is a punning allusion to *change*, money, i e the smaller coins for which a larger is changed *Changeling* is from OF *changeon*, with suffix altered on *suckling*, *nursing*.

channel¹ Water-course OF *chanel* (*chcnal*), L *canalis*, whence *canal* (cf *hennel*?) The *Channel* is first in Shaks (2 Hen VI, iv 1)

channel² [naut] For *chain-wale*, cf *gunwale*, and see *wale*

port-aubans chune-wales pieces of wood nailed on both the outsides of a ship, to keep them from being worn, or galled by the shrowdes (Cotg)

I took my station in the fore-channels

(Frank Mildmay, ch xi)

chanson F, song, VL *cantio-ni*-(v 1).

chant F *chanter*, L *cantare*, frequent of *cantare*, to sing Hence *chantry* (Chauc A 512), endowment for good of founder's soul, With *horse-chanter*, fraudulent horse-dealer,

of F *chantage*, blackmail Both are neologisms difficult of explanation

chantarelle; chanterelle Cup-shaped fungus. F, dim from L *cantharus*, drinking-cup, G *kántharos*

chanticleer OF *Chanticleer*, sing-clear, name of the cock in the *Roman de Renart* (13 cent) Cf *bruin*, *renard*

She hadde a cok, heet Chauntecleer

(Chauc B 4039)

chantry See *chant*

chanty Sailors' song. Earlier *shanty* ? F imper *chantez* (cf *revelly*) A very early example occurs in the *Complaynt of Scotlande* (1549)

chaos G *χάος*, abyss, empty space, etc, cf *χάσκω*, to yawn. Its earliest E use is with ref to *Luke*, xvi 26 Cf *cosmos*

chap¹ To crack Related to *chip*, *chop*¹ Cf. Du LG *kappen*, to chop

The ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth (Jer xiv 4)

chap² Jaw, esp lower Now usu *chop*, as in to *lick one's chops*, *chops* (jaws) of the *Channel*, *chopfallen* (Haml v 1) for *chapfallen*, orig of the dead Perh altered, by association with *chop*¹, from north dial *chast*, of Scand origin, cf Sw *käft*, Dan *kjæft*, cogn with Ger *kiefer*, jaw

chap³ Fellow Short for *chapman* (q.v.) Cf fig use of *customer*, and Sc *callant*, lad, Du *halant*, F *chaland*, customer So also *chap-book*, coined (19 cent) on *chapman*, to denote type of book formerly sold by itinerant vendors Dim *chappy* was orig Sc

chaparral Thicket Sp, from *chapana*, evergreen oak, Basque *zaparra*

chap-book See *chap*³

chape [hist] "Cap" of a seaboard F, cape, cope, used in same sense See *cape*¹ OF used also the dim *chapel* (*chapeau*, hat), e.g. *chapiaux d'outiaux et d'espees* are mentioned in 13 cent *ordonnances* for the sheath-makers, so perh *chape* in this sense is rather a back-formation from the dim.

chapel F *chapelle* Orig sanctuary where was deposited the *cappella*, or sacred cloak, of St Martin In most Europ langs See *cape*¹, *cap*, *chaplain* *Chapel of ease* is 16 cent Application to place of worship outside the state religion, e.g. *Roman Catholic* (*Nonconformist*, and, in Scotland, *Episcopal*) *chapel*, begins in 17 cent Sense of printers' workshop association is also 17 cent

chaperon *Γ* hood as in *Le petit Chaperon rouge* from *chape* (see *cape*¹) Mod sense is due to *chaperon* being regarded as a protection. Not orig always a female

chaperon an affected word of vry recent introduction to denot a gentle man attending a lady in a publick asen bly (Todd)

chapter [*arch*] *Γ* *chapitre* now replaced by *chapiteau* Etym ident with *chapter* (q.v.)

chaplain *F* *chapelain* The orig *capellanus* were the custodians of St Martin's cloak. See *chapel*

chaplet *F* *chapelet* dim of OF *chapel* (*chapeau*) hat, hood garland. See *cape*¹ For later sense string of beads cf *rosary*

chapman [*archaic*] Dealer AS *caþman* cf Du *koopman* Ger *kaufmann* Cf *chaffer cheap* (horse) *coper* etc. See also *chap*²

chapter *Γ* *chapitre* L *capitulum* dim of *caput* head. Earlier also *chapitr* *chapelle*. The *chapter* of a cathedral order of knights etc was orig the meeting at which a *chapter* was read a practice instituted (8 cent) by Bishop Chrodegang of Metz. Hence *chapter house* *Chaple of accidents* is 18 cent

char¹ chare Turn of work spell. Also *chore* (US) AS *cierr* time occasion from *cierran* to turn? cogn with Ger *kehren* to turn. Hence *charwoman* (14 cent.)

char Verb Also found as *charh* Back formation from *cha coal* (q.v.)

char² Fish. Perh Gael *ceara* blood red from *cear* blood Cf its Welsh name *lorgoch* red belly

char & bane *Γ* car with bench

character Restored from ME *caracter* *Γ* *caractere* L G *χαρακτῆρ* tool for stamping marking from *χαράσσειν* to cut grooves engrave. Earlier also *ca act* OI *caracte* VL *cha acts* Sense of fictitious personage (in play novel) whence in (out of) *character* is 18 cent

In all b's dressings, c acts titles forms
(*Men for Mess* v. 1)

charade *F* Prov *charrala* of obscure origin perh f on *charrare* to prattle cogn with It *carla* e which may be of imit origin. See *charlatan*

charcoal Perh from *char* to turn (see *char*) Cf *cole-turned wood* (Chapman's *Odyssey*) ? Or a mixed form from *coal* wht h in ME meant charcoal and *F* *charbon* Mod verb to *char* is a back formation

chard Of artichoke Cf *F* *carde* Sp *card* insame sense. Ult from I *carduus* thistle
chare See *char*¹

Th maid that milks a d does th meanest b
(*Ant. & Cleop* i. 5)

charge *F* *charger* to load burden VI *car* *rica* e from *carrus* (see *car*) From the sense of load evolved that of task responsibility office custody. In mil sense the idea is that of using weight but *char* or horse app meant orig one for carrying heavy loads pack horse eg *our chardger and horse* (*York Merck Advent* 1579) The Bibl *charger* bearer (*Matt* xiv 8) is in Wye *di ch* in Tynd *plattur*. Sense of price outlay etc is evolved from that of burden. For association with fire arms cf *load* (q.v.)

chargé d'affaires *F* entrusted with business

chariot I from *char* (as *car*) ModF *chariot* means waggon

charity *Γ* *charité* L *caritas* from *carus* dear *Caritas* in *Paig* usu renders G *ἀγάπη* love (eg 1 Cor xiii) perh in order to avoid sexual suggestion of *amor* For spec sense of *alm giving* cf sense history of *pit*. *Cold as cha* ity may be partly due to Wydli's rndering of *Matt* xxiv 12

charivari Recorded 1615 (William Browne's *Works* ii. 23 ed Hazlitt) *F* orig mock music expressing popular disapproval. At one time also the title of a Parisian satirical paper hence the sub-title of *Punch* OF also *calraie caribari* Orign unknown. The second element appears in *houreari* *bullababoo*

char *aris d poelle* the cart g f an f mo a person gra ed with th harmony of t n g b titles a d tryng pan mun cke (Colg)

chatlatan *F* It *cia latano* a mountibanke prattler babler (*Flor*) app alte ed by association with *cia la e* to chatter from *ciaralano* (*Flor*) for earlier *cerelano* (*Flor*) orig vendor of papal indulgences from *Ce reto* (Spoleto)

Charles & Wain Al o called *Ursa Major* or the Plough AS *Carles wagn* (see *wain*) the wain of *Arcturus* (q.v.) having first been understood as that of *Arthur* and then transferred to *Carl* re *Charlemagn* by the legendary associat on between the two heroes of ME *Chrl waynes wayne* *Charles* is Ger *Karl* l unized as *Ca olus* and ident with *churl* (q.v.) cf Ger *herl* fellow

- charley [*hist*] Watchman Conjecturally explained as due to reorganization of London watch temp *Charles I* (cf *bobby*), but chronology is against this
- charlock Wild mustard AS *cerlic*
- charlotte, charlotte russe F, from the female name
- charm F *charme*, L *carmen*, song, incantation, for **canimen*, from *canere*, to sing (cf *germ*) For sense-development cf *bewitching*, etc *Charmed life* is from *Macb* v 8
- Seeth to me a womman havynge a charmynge goost (Wt c 1 *Kings*, xxviii 7)
- charnel-house Explanatory for earlier *charnel*, burial place (*Piers Plowm*), OF, Late L *carnale*, from *caro*, *carn-*, flesh F has also *charmer*, Late L *carnarium*, both for larder and cemetery
- Charon Ferryman G *Χάρων*, ferryman of the Styx
- charpie Linen unravelled for dressing wounds F, p p fem of *charpin*, VL **carpire*, for *capere*, to pluck, unravel Cf *carpet*
- charpoy Indian bedstead Urdu *chärpāi*, Pers *chahärpäi*, four-footed, ult cogn with *quadru-ped*
- charqui Peruv for dried beef, early corrupted to *jerked beef*
- chart F *charte*, L *charta*, paper, G *χάρτης* Cf F *carte*, Ger *karte*, map, and see *card*
- Latest sense in *health-chart*
- charter OF *chartre* (*charte*), L *chartula*, dim of *charta*, paper Hence *Chartist*, from the *People's Charter* (1838) *Charter-party*, now only used in connection with ships, is F *charte partic*, divided document, half of which is retained by each party (cf. *indenture*). With *chartered libertine* (*Hen V*, 1 1) cf colloq use of F *fieffe*, lit *enfieffed*, e g *filou fieffe* (Mol)
- Charterhouse Carthusian monastery Folk-etym for F *chartreuse* (see *Carthusian* and cf Ger *Karthause*) The famous public school and hospital was founded (1611) on the site of a Carthusian monastery
- Children not yet come to, and old men already past, helping of themselves, have in this hospital their souls and bodies provided for (Fuller)
- Chartist See *charter*
- chartreuse Made by monks of *Chartreuse* See *Carthusian*, *Charterhouse*
- chartulary See *cartulary*.
- charwoman See *char*¹, *chare*
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- chase² To emboss, engrave Aphet for *en-chase*, F *enchâsser*, to enshrine, from *châsse*, shrine, L *capsa* (see *case*²)
- chase³ Hollow, groove, in various senses, esp cavity of gun-barrel Also frame in which type is locked F *châsse* in various senses, also in some cases from the masc form *chas* See *case*², *chase*².
- chaas the space and length between beame and beame, wall and wall, in building (Cotg)
- chasse d'un trebuchet* the shrine of a paire of gold weights, the hollow wherein the cock, tongue, or tryall playeth (*ib*)
- chasm G *χάσμα*, cogn with *chaos* (q v)
- chasse Liqueur after coffee. For F *chasse-café*, now usu *pousse-café*.
- chassé-croisé Dance-step F, see *chase*¹, *cross*
- chasse-marée Coasting-vessel F, *chase* tide
- chassepot Obs F rifle Inventor's name It means "pot hunter," in the sense of seeker after hospitality
- chasseur. F, lit hunter Cf *jäger*
- chassis[neol] Of a motor-car, etc F *châssis*, from *châsse* See *case*², *sash*²
- chaste F, L *castus*, pure.
- chastise Irreg from OF *chastier* (*châtier*), L *castigare*, to make pure, *castus* In ME we find also *chaste*, *chusty*, in this sense *Chasten* is later All orig to improve, correct
- Whom the Lorde loveth, him he chasteneth [W]c. *chastisth* (Tynd Heb vii 6)
- chasuble F, dubiously connected with L *casula*, little house (dim of *casa*), which in Church L also meant hooded vestment. ME & OF *chasuble*, *chesible*, suggest a form **casipula* (cf *manipulus*, from *manus*), cf It *caspola*, hut
- chat Shortened from *chatter* (q v) Also applied, owing to their cry, to various birds, e g *stone-chat*, *whin-chat*
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chiaus See *chouse*

chibouk, chibouque Long pipe Turk
chibūk, stick, pipe-stem

chic F, smartness Cf Ger *schick*, in same sense, found early (14 cent) in LG From *schicken*, to send, in secondary sense of arrange appropriately, etc

chicanery Pettifogging, quibbling F. *chicanerie*, from *chicane* The latter word was applied in Languedoc to a form of golf, and golfers will readily understand how the sense of taking advantage of petty accidents may have been evolved The F word is from MedG *τχικαρίζειν*, to play polo (q v), a game once known all over the Mohammedan world and in Christian Byzantium This is from Pers *chaugān*, a crooked stick The game has given rise to many metaphors in Pers

chicha Fermented drink from maize Native lang of Hayti

chick¹ Bird Shortened from *chicken* (q v)
Cf *oft* for *often*

it n a enfant nu bremant hee hatli nor childe, nor chicke to care for (Cotg)

chick² [Anglo-Ind] Cane blind Hind *chik*, perh a Mongol word

Old Chinn could no more pass that chick without fiddling with it than

(Kipling, *Tomb of his Ancestors*)

chick³ [Anglo-Ind] Short for *chicken* See *chicken-hazard*

chickabiddy From *chick¹* and *biddy*, obs child's name for bird (? *biddy*)

As, biddy, come with me (*Twelfth Night*, iii 4)

chicken AS *cicen*, cf Du *kicken*, Ger *kucheln*, ON *kjūklingr*, perh ult cogn with *cock* In *chicken-po*, app in sense of small, inconsiderable

Perrette à dessus saute aussi, transportée
Le lait tombe, adieu veau, vache, cochon, couvée
(La Fontaine, *Fables*, vii 10)

chicken-hazard For *chicken*, Anglo-Ind form of *sequin* (q v), *zecchin*

Billiards, short whist, chicken hazard, and punting (Ingoldsby)

chickery-pokery Var of *juggery-pokery* (q v)
chick-pea Earlier *ciche pease*, F *pois chiche* (earlier *ciche*), L *cicer*, pea Also called *chichling*, earlier *cichling*

chickweed For earlier *chicken-weed*, as still in Sc

chicory Earlier *cicory*, OF *cichoree* (*chicorée*), L *cichorium*, from G *κίχора*, endive, snecory (q v)

chide AS *cīdan*, not known in other Teut langs Orig intrans, to brawl, rail, with dat of person (now disguised as acc) Construction with prep *with*, against is intermediate

The people did chide with Moses (Ex viii 2).

chief ME *chefc*, F. *chef*, L *caput*, head Correct OF spelling is *chief*, which may have affected mod form In *chief* in oldest sense (feud) represents L *in capite*. With adj use of native *head* as in *head-master*, or Ger *haupt* in *hauptmann*, captain Hence *chiefstain*, ME & OF *chevelain*; remodelled on *chief* See *captain*

chiff-chaff Bird Imit of note.

chiffer-chaffer Nonce-word, redupl on *chaffer* (q v)

Let the Labour party cease chiffer-chaffing over things it does not understand, like the disposal of Africa, or the state of Russia

(Daily Chron Sep 27, 1918)

chiffon F, lit rag, dim of F *chiffe*, perh for OF *chipc*, rag, ? from E *chip* Hence *chiffonnier*, orig with drawers for putting away sewing materials, etc ModF, sense is ragpicker

chignon OF *eschignon*, nape of the neck, from *eschinc* (*échine*), backbone (see *chine²*), confused with F *chainon*, dim of *chaîne*, also used of the nape of the neck

chamon du col the nape, or (more properly) the chine-bone of the neck (Cotg)

chigoe Wind, burrowing flea, jigger² (q v)
Prob negro corrupt of Sp *chico*, small, whence also synon F *chique*

chilblain From *chill* and *blain* (q v.)

child AS *cild* (neut); ? cf Goth *hilthei*, womb In E only, in other WGer langs represented by *kind* AS pl was *cild*, ME *child* and *childe*, the latter surviving in dial *childer*, replaced in south by double pl *children*, after *biethren* Earliest sense esp in connection with birth (*childbed*, with *child*) In ME and later also spec youth of gentle birth (cf *Childs Harold*), also servant, page In 16 cent esp girl My *child* in Shaks never refers to son, and mod usage shows traces of this With *Childrenmas*, Feast of the Holy Innocents (Dec 28), cf AS *cyldamæsse* (see *mass¹*).

By the mouth of our fadir Davith, the child

(Wyc Act, iv 25)

A very pretty burne, a boy or a child, I wonder?

(Winter's Tale, iii 3)

chiliad Thousand L, G *χίλις*, *χίλιάδ*, from *χίλιοι*, thousand

chill AS *cele ciele* cold (noun) in gen sense 'noun gave way in ME to cold and in its mod senso (*take a chill* etc) is from the adj or verb derived from orig. noun See also *cold cool*

chilli Capsicum pod used in pickles etc Sp Mex *chilli* native name

Chiltern Hundreds Former crown manor (Oxford and Bucks) of which stewardship (a sinecure or fictitious office) is taken by M P s as a way of resigning an office under the crown being (since 1701) a disqualification for membership of Parliament See *hundred*

chime Of bells ME & OF *chimbe* I cymbalum G κυμβαλο from κυβη hollow of a vessel (cf L *cymba*) Cymbal (qv) was orig sen c of L *chime*

Lu 1 km in *chymys* vel suwand (Hampol 2 P 2 15)

chime *chimb* Rim of a cask In Johns Cf Du *him* the same Ger *him* e edge

AS *cinbing* joining Also incorr *chine*

chimer *chimar* [hi:] Bishops robe OF *chimarre* (*simarre*) cf It *zimarra* Sp *zamorra* Origin unknown

chimera *chumaera* Fabulous composite monster L C χυμαιρα she goat

chimney F *cheminée* Late L *caminala* from *caminus* furnace oven G κμσ Orig fire-place as in *chimney corner* *chimney piece* the latter orig a picture But earliest sense of Late L *caminala* was room provided with a stove (qv)

The *chim y*
I so th the *chambe* and the *chim y piec*
Cha i D b th g (Cymb II 4)

chimpanzee Bantu (Angola) *kampenzi*

chin AS *cin* WGer cf Du *kin* Ger *kinn* cogn with C yoww lower jaw I gena cheek

China Sanskrit *China* perh from *Chin* or *Tsin* dynasty (3 cent BC) *Chin* in Marco Polo Hence porcelain from *Chin* pronounced *cheeny* well into 19 cent with the consequence that *Cheyne Walk* Chelsea was sometimes spelt *China Walk* With *China* orange cf Ger *apfels n* orange It apple of China the fruit having been introduced from China by the Portuguese in 16 cent The OED quotes a hundred pounds to a China orange on Eclipse (1771) A *Chinai* was before the 19 cent a dealer in Chinese ware (I Ind a na i) Chinese OF *Chiness* (*Chinois*)

was formerly used as noun For lang *Chinee* cf Portuguese *ma gue* but etc

See a wb Chl eses dn
With sa ls and w d th r c y waggon l zhl
(P Lot i 439)

Sh [lady of rank who d ed 1 1 4 18
always p k e of h h n and of the tal'ony
th d y t i (From correspo i nt)

church Bug (US) Sp *hinche* L *cur ecumia*

chunchilla Small rodent (S Amer) Sp perh from *chunch* (qv) from er on belief that it smelt badly Cf OF *cuncle* *chuel* bug

chun chun [Anglo Chin] Chin *chin tsing* please please

To mandarin went f n h g h l e say g bl
hin as h depart d w i h th v m m s al t
tion (H ck 3 M m o r i t)

chunchona See *cinchona*

chine Ravine (Hants and I of W ht) AS *cinu* fissure Cf Du *keen* chap A common ME word no superseded by *chink* (qv) Cogn with Ger *ke m* bud (at its opening)

In the chye of sto w l
(W) 5 g of down i 141

chine Backbone etc F *chine* OIG *eno* (*schiena*) sinter shinsbone (cf history of spine) whence also It *schiena* Sp *quena* See *shin*

chine See *chi ne*

Chinese Chinese See *Ch na*

chink Figure Replaces (from *sin cent*) *chine* from which it is app de ved For abnormal format on cf *Chink*

chink Sound limit. cf F *tinger* Ce *king in* Hence money earliest sen e recorded in AED

T b t the heape h e ch kes in thy p r n
(T se 1573)

Chink [Autal & US] Chinese For formation of *chink*

Chinook Pid. n language of Columbia and Oregon also warm ocean wind Name of native tribe on Columbia river with which Hudson Bay traders came in contact

chintz For *chints* pl of *chint* Hind *chint* I ar h also *chite* Mahrati *chit* from Sanskrit *chitra* variegat d Cf *cheetah* *hit* an I for pl form *hai e* So also Du *its* earlier *chits* *chit en* *chints* (Dewell)
Bought my wife a h i that is p ted Ind an
call w (P p) Sep 3 643

chip, Prob thinned form of *chop*¹ (cf *drup*, *drop*) Cf *hippen* in various LG dialects To *chip in* may be a variation on to *cut in* (orig at cards) or come from *chip* in slang sense of counter used in card-playing, whence *chips*, money, cf Du *splint*, splinter, *spaan*, chip, both used for money *Chip of the old block* is used by Milton (*Smeectym-nus*)

chipmuck, chipmunk Squirrel (US) The alternative name *hackle* (J G Wood) suggests an E formation from *chip* and *mink* (q v)

chippendale Name of cabinet-maker (†1779) Cf *sheeraton*

chippy Dry as a *chip*, hence, suffering from after-effects of alcohol

chiro- Latinized form of *cheiro-* (q v), adopted in F Hence *chirography*, handwriting, *chiromancy*, palmistry, *chiro-podist*, from G *χρῶς*, *ποδ-*, foot.

chirp, chirrup Imit For obs *chirk*, *chirt* (= *cheep*) With later *chirrup* cf *alarum* Earliest is AS *cearcian*, whence ME *chark*, to creak To *feel chirpy*, *chirrupy* is coloured by *cheer-up*

[He] *churkith* [ar *chirtith*] as a sparwe (Chauc D 1801)

chirurgion [archaic] Restored spelling of OF *cirurgien* (whence ME *sirurgen*, *surgeon*) corresponding to Sp *cirujano*, Port. *cirurgião* From G *χειρουργός*, surgeon, from *χείρ*, hand, *ἔργον*, work

chisel ONF *chisel* (*ciseau*), VL **cisellus*, for **caesellus* (whence It *cesello*), from *caedere*, *caes-*, to cut See *scissors* With *chiselled* features cf *pencilled eyebrows*

chit¹ Brat App var of *kit* (*kitten*), cf dial *chit*, kitten, *Se cheet*, puss Cf use of *kid*, *eub*, *whelp*, etc But associated in sense with dial *chit*, sprout Cf *imp*, *scion*, and Ger *sprossling* Wyc has *chittes*, var. *uhelpis* (Is xxxiv 15) for Vulg *catuli*.

murelegus, *catulus*, *catulus* *catte*, idem est *chytte* (Voe).

chit², chitty [Anglo-Ind]. Document Mahrati *chitti*, Sanskrit *chitra*, "black and white." See *cheelah*, *chintz* and cf *pie*¹

At first I got his cheet for some [of his debt] (Purch 1608)

chit-chat Redupl on *chat* (q v) Cf *chitter* for *chatter*, and *tittle-tattle*

chitin Substance forming integuments of insects, etc F *chitine*, ureg from G *χρῶν*, tunic

chiton Tunic G *χιτών*.

chittagong Breed of fowls, from *Chittagong*, Bengal

chitterling Mostly dial, with numerous vars With secondary (slang) sense of shirt-frill cf F *fraise*, mesentery, ruff, and see *tripe* Origin obscure; ? cf Ger *kutlein*, chitterlings, Goth *qithus*, belly, cogn with LG *kint*, intestine, Du *kint*, fish-roc, from a Teut root applied to soft parts of the body

andouille a linke, or chitterling, a big hogges gut stuffed with small guts (Cotg)

fraise a ruffe, also, a calves chaldern (ib)

chitty See *chit*²

chivalry F. *chevalerie*, collect from *chevalier* (q v) Doublet of *cavalry*, with which it was sometimes synon, though earliest E sense is bravery, prowess, e.g. *flower of chivalry* (1297)

chive Herb ONF *cive*, L *cepa*, onion Cf AS *cīpe*, onion, from L

chivy See *chivy*

chlamys G *χλαμῦς*, cloak.

chloral Coined by Liebig from *chlorine* (*alcohol*)

chlorine Named (1810) by Davy from its colour G *χλωρός*, yellowish green

chlorodyne Artificial trade-name from *chloro-* form (q v) and *anodyne* (q v)

chloroform F *chloroforme*, coined (1834) by Dumas See *chlorine* Used as anaesthetic by Simpson (1847)

This new anæsthetic agent was used most successfully last Monday (Ill Lond News, Dec 4, 1847)

chlorophyll Green colouring matter of plants G *χλωρός*, green, *φύλλον*, leaf

chlorosis "Green sickness" Mod, from G *χλωρός*, green

choek, chuck Block of wood, wedge (elucly naut) ONF *choque*, *chouque* (*souche*, stump) *Chockfull*, *chokefull*, though now to some extent associated with *chock*, is a much older word (c 1400) and prob comes from ME *choke*, jaw-bone, "chops," ON- *hjalhi*, jaw-bone (cf Sc *chowh*); thus "full to the chops," with which cf F *gorger*, to be choek-full, from *gorge*, throat.

chocolate F *chocolat*, Sp *chocolate*, Mex. *chocolatl* Orig (c 1600) a drink, made from cacao seeds, but, according to some, distinct from *cacao* (q v.)

To a coffee house, to drink *jocolatte*, very good (Pepys, Nov 24, 1664)

choctaw Name of Red Indian tribe used as fancy skating term Cf *mohawk*

choice ME & OF *chois* (*choix*) from *choisir* OFc *kuusjan* (*kiesen*) See *choose* As adj *choice* replaced ME *chis* (AS *etis* fastidious perh from *chosan* to choose) partly under influence of F adj *de choix* (cf a fj is of prize) *Choice spirit* is from Shaks (i Hen VI 3 Jul Caes iii 1)

choir quire ME *quer* OF *quer* (*chorus*) L *chorus* G *choros* company of dancers or singers *Quire* (still in PB) was replaced c 1700 by *choir* on assimilation to F & L forms

choke ʌphet for a hoke AS *deðwæn* prob cogn with *cheek* (cf throat *þr the* L *jugulum* *juguare* F *gorge* *choeger*) To *choke off* is orig of dogs With *choke fear* also fig cf synon F *poire d'angoisse* (*d'étranglement*) A *choke-bore* diminishes towards the muzzle

chokee See *chaky*

chokidar [*Anglo-Ind*] Watchman Urdu *chakīdār* from Hind *chakūl* watching (vi) Pers *-dar* possessing master as in *sardar* etc

choky chokee [*slang*] Prison quod Orig Anglo-Ind from *chakūl* station watch house etc Cf *chokidar*

choler ME & OF *colre* (*colere*) L G *cholera* bilious disorder from *cholē* bile *Choler* assumed the meaning of *cholē* and became the name of one of the four humours (*sanguis cholera melancholia phlegma*) Certes this dream which ye has met to sight Cometh of the greet superfluyte Of yowre rede col a [our colere colre colour] (Chaucer B 4116)

cholera In ME ident with *choler* (q v) from 16 cent used of English cholera and from c 1800 of Asiatic cholera

choliambic [*metr*] Variation on iambic metre G *choliambos* lame and *αμπίος*

chondro From G *χωνδρος* cartilage

choose AS *ēdan* Com Teut cf Du *kiesen* Ger *kiesen* Goth *kisjan* also ON *kōr* choice cogn with L *gustare* to taste Usu *choose* till Johns F *choisir* is fr m Teut (see *choice*)

chop¹ To cut ME also *chap* corresponding to Du *kappen* (see *chap¹*) Its parallelism in use with *cut* suggests influence of OF *coper* (*couper*) which had a Picard var *chofer* A mutton *chop* is chopped off In some colloq sen es *chop¹* runs together with *chop²*

Medina Roblers *ebopa la code d'her t li fist grant plai en la tieste* (La Ron Flore i la Bell Jehu ne)

chop² [*archaic*] To barter AS *chapian* See *chap¹* *chap* survives in to *chop and chat* ge orig to barter and exchan e but now associated partly with *chop¹* and applied to sudden movements e p of wind Ss also to *chop logic* to exchan e arguments is perh now understood in a minor hair splitting sense

i k pp mercant negotiator (Cath t gl)

changer to e has g interchange trucks scores barter *chop with* (Ctg)

Ma v which ch ppe d l i g l i dull cantos, with th worde fē d (Tynd t r)

chop³ Jaw etc e g *chops of the Channel* See *chop¹* Once literary

Th some ers sweet d l i g d rips

Upon the meadows th rste rawnng hops (Sylve 4 h)

chop⁴ As in *first chop* Hind *chāp* seal impression stamp Common in Purch in sense of authorizing a signature Taken by Europ traders from India to China

The American (wh m th Ch ese d t i g h by th till i second h p E glabon i b loo d g (H ckey s Vemo s)

The hop mark of th friend or fē m y e t r ye rs to com in conservati Ch n

(F i H G Gar March 3 1857)

chop⁵ [H 4 f 1 Food to eat 2 Suggested by *chop-sticks* 3 or from obs *chop* to devour from *chop¹*

chopsticks Sailors rendering, of Chin *chān* i i ze nimble ones *chop* being pidgin for quick In Dampier (1 cent)

choragus Chorus leader Master of musical Praxis (Orf) L G *χορηγος* from *χῶρος* chorus ay v to lead

choral e In spec sense of stately hymn sung in unison adapted from Ger *choral* (*gesa g*)

chord Restored spelling on G *χορδή* of cord (i) in pec sense So also (*math*) *chord* of a arc lit string of a bow In sense of combination of notes it is f r ob. co d aphet for a cord (q v)

In pswarty i ten cords

(H in pole Pader c lu 1)

chore [US] See *chā chore*

chorea [æl] St Vitus Dance *chorea Sancti* i th G *χορεία*, dance (see *choreus*)

chorembus [*metr*] C from *χορηγος* be longing to dancing *αμβος* iambus

chorister Altered on *chorus* (see *cho*) from ME *querister* Af *cuoriste* *cuc* *sic* Med L

chorista CL chorister

chorography Intermediate between geography and topography F *chorographie*

L, G χωρογραφία, from χώρα, land Cf *choiology*, science of distribution of fauna and flora

chortle Coined by Lewis Carroll (*Through the Looking-Glass*) Cf *galumph*, *jabberwock*

chorus L, G χορός, dance, etc See *choir* Earliest E use is in drama (16 cent)

chouan [hist] Irregular fighter in West of France on behalf of Bourbons (c 1793 and 1832) F, screech owl (by folk-etym *chat huant*), cry of which was used as signal, Late L *cavannus*, prob imit of cry

chough Bird of crow tribe, now esp red-legged crow, Cornish *chough* Cf *Du hauw*, Dan *kaa*, OHG *chāha*, etc, also ME *co*, *coo*, *jackdaw* Prob imit of cry Cf also F *choucas*, *jack-daw*, and see *chouan*

choquan a chough, or, Cornish *chough* (Cotg)

chouse Orig swindler Earlier (17 cent) also *chians*, etc, Turk *chāush* (cf Pers *chāwush*), messenger Used several times by Ben Jonson with the implied meaning of swindler (cf *cozen*) Gifford's story about an individual *chiaus* who did some swindling in London in 1609 dates from 1756 only, and is not mentioned by 17 cent etymologists who recognized the etym of *choisc*

The governor [of Aden] sent a chouse of his owne, which was one of his chief men

(Jourdain's *Journ*, 1608)

Chiaus'd by a scholar (Shirley, c 1659)

chow [Austral] Chinaman, dog of Chinese breed App from "pidgin" word for food See *chow-chow*

chow-chow [pidgin] Mixed pickles or preserves

A small jar of sacred and imperial chow-chow (Kipling, *Bread upon the Waters*).

chowder [Canada & US] Stew, including fish or clams F *chaudière*, cauldron (q v), introduced into Newfoundland, etc by Breton fishermen

chowry [Anglo-Ind] Fly-whisk, prop tail of Tibetan yak elaborately mounted In 17-18 cent E usu called *cow-tail* Hind *chauri*

A confidential servant waved the great chowry, or cow tail (*Surgeon's Daughter*, ch xiv)

chrematistic Concerning money G *χρηματιστικός*, from *χρῆμα*, money, lit the "needful"

chrestomathy Choice of extracts G *χρηστομᾶθεια*, from *χρηστός*, useful, -*μαθεια*, learning

chrism, chrisom Consecrated oil in various rites ME *crisme*, *crisum*, *cieme*, etc., AS. *crisma*, L, G *χρίσμα*, anointing, from *χρίω*, to anoint Hence OF *crisme*, (*crême*); see *crème* *Chrisom* is for *chrisom-cloth*, -*robe*, etc, white robe of baptism, orig perh a head-cloth used to avoid the rubbing away of the *chrism*

crisme the crisme, or oyle wherewith a baptized child is anointed (Cotg)

Christ L *Christus*, G *Χριστός*, anointed (v s), translating *Messiah* (q v) Hence *christen*, AS *criscman*, and *Christian*, restored spelling for earlier *cristen* *Christendom* orig meant Christianity. In all these words *ch-* is a restored spelling *Christian science* was established (1866) in US by Mary B Eddy

Et docuerunt turbam multam, ita ut cognomina rentur primum Antiochae discipuli, Christiani (P'ulg Acts, xi 26).

Christadelphian Sect founded (1847) in US From G *Χριστός*, Christ, *ἀδελφός*, brother

He appealed for the certificate [of exemption] granted to a Christadelphian to be cancelled. The latter had been fined for knocking a horse's eye out (*Daily Chron* Jan 23, 1918)

christ-cross-row, criss- [dichate] Child's horn-book (q v) with cross preceding alphabet

Infant-conning of the Christ-cross row

(*L'ecursier*, viii 419).

Christmas AS *Crīstmæsse* (see *mass*). The *Christmas tree* is a Ger institution, popularized by its introduction into the royal household temp Queen Victoria The institution is not old in Germany, being app of local origin See also *boi*.

tree *tree* a Christmas box, a box having a cleft on the lid, or on the side, for money to enter it, used in France by begging friars, and here by butlers, and prentices, etc (Cotg).

Christy Minstrels Original troupe of "negro" entertainers, organized (c 1860) by George Christy of New York

chromatic G *χρωματικός*, from *χρῶμα*, colour Earliest, and most usu, in mus sense

chrome F, G *χρῶμα*, colour, cogn with *χρῶς*, skin Orig name given (1797) to metal *chromium* by its discoverer, Vauquelin With *chromograph* cf *oleograph*.

chronic F *chronique*, L, G *χρονικός*, from *χρόνος*, time Mod slang sense is evolved from that of *chronic complaint*

chronicle ME also *cronique*, F *chronique*, Late L, G *χροινιά*, annals, from *χρόιος*, time For ending cf *participle*, *principle*,

yllable Cf *chronos* *ra n chronol y chro is meter*

chrys *chryso* From G χρυσος gold

chrysalis G χρυσάλλης from χρυσος gold
o ving to usual colour Cf Late L *aurelia*
in same sen e

chrysanthemum G χρυσανθεμον lit gold
flower ωθ μιν

chryselephantine Of gold and ivory See
elephant

chrysolite MF & OF *crisolite* G χρυσολίθος from λίθος stone

chrysoprase MF & OF *crisopraxe* G χρυσοπράσινος from πράσιν leaf from its colour
The tenth *crisoprasus* (W; Rev x 1)

chub Fish Also dial block of wood dolt
Origin obscure ? cf Norw *kubbe* log
kubben stumpy Hence *chubby*

acow e *chubby* tru tup short and strong
(Colg)

chubb Lock From *Charles* *Chubb* lock
smith (1843)

chubby See *chub*

chuck¹ Call to fowl Imit. and partly sug-
gested by *chick¹* Cf *chū h* archaic term of
endearment for *chick*

chuck² To throw Earlier *chokk* F *choquer*
of doubtful origin Earliest E sense is
connected with *chū*

ma low ur a choke or bob der th bi
(Colg)

chuck³ [dial] Lump of wood See *chokk*
chuckle Orig of noisy now of somewhat
suppressed lau hter Cf obs *checkle* also
cachle and *chuck¹*

chuckle head From *chuck³* Cf *block head*

chum A chamber fellow a term used in
the universities (Johns) Clipped form
of *cha ber fellow* It is recorded for 1634
and explained thus c. 1690 This was the
age of clipped words (nob est dam etc.)
and the vowel change is like that of *com-
rade* [jv] b *ngallow* p *ndit* etc See
Pickwick ch xlii

Cous my Bro Richard from ach l to [be] my
chambe fellow 1th n erity (E cl v 64)

T riv ch m Mr Hody f Walban Col ge
(V&D 1634)

Where b w of W th m bei g chambe f bow
f H mth. Hody (Hearn 1700)

chump Log thick end vulg head Of mod-
ern formation perh suggested by *chun² in up*
chunk Chiefly US App var of *chuck²* Cf
dial *junk*

chupatty [hist] Hind *chapatt* unleavened
cake U ed as fiery cross in Ind Mutiny
(1857)

chuprassy [Anglo Ind] Attendant hench-
man Hind *chaprasi* from *chapra* official
badge

church AS *cirice* C παρο (sc δωμα)
from *επις* lord cf Du *kerk* Ger *kirch*
ON *A rha* See also *kirk* Not found in
Rom & Celt langs which have deriva-
tes of *eccles a* (see *eccles astic*) nor in
Goth though most Teut Church words
came through that lang The *Church* is
is the Church on earth as contrasted with
the invisible mystical Church *Church of*
En land is used in L form by Becket
(see *Anacletus*) Holy Church is Ab Mother
Church is in Wye Churchward n is for
olter *chu church* (till a surname) AS
ciriceard W th poor as a *church mou e*
cf I *je suis comme un rat d'égile* and with
churchyard co sh of T *lous gr sent to*
sapin (coffin wood)

churl AS *ceort* man used for husband
(John n 17) later countryman peasant
etc. W Ger cf Du *kerel* Ger *herl* fellow.
Hence name *Charles* See *carl* For de-
generation of sense cf *beer villain*

churn AS *cyrin* Com Teut cf Du *ha n*
Ger dial *kirn* ON *kirna* From a Teut
root meaning cream (cf G r dial *hern*
cream) prob cogn with *corn¹ kernel* from
granular appearance assumed by churned
cream

chute Fall esp of water F VL *caduta*
from *cad re* to fall (for *cadere*) Confuse d
with *shoot* as in to *shoot the rap ds* partly
due to adoption of *chute* from Canad F
But cf to *shoot cold* (166 sh) with some-
what similar mental picture and see also
shoot²

chutney Hind *chatni*

chyle *chyme* [phys ol] G χυλος χυμος
juice from χυ to pour Differentiated
by Galen

chymist See *chemi t*

ciborium MedL C κύβινον cup-shaped
seed ves el cup Eccl sense receptacle
for Eucharist, due to fancied connection
with L *cibus* food

cicada *cicala* Insert L *cicada* With second
form from It cf F *cigale* from Pro

cicatrice F L *cicatriz* *ti se scar*

cicerone It lit *Cicero* L *Cicero* n a name
prob derived from *cic* small pease. Cf
Gabinus Lentulus P o

Cicestr. Signature of bishop of Chichester
Cf *Cestr*

cicisbeo Recognized gallant of married lady
It, of unknown origin

The widow's eye glass turned from her cicisbeo's
whiskers to the mantling ivy (*Ingoldsby*)

Cid Sp, hero, Arab *sayyid*, lord, title given
by the Arabs of Spain to the champion of
Christianity, Ruy Diaz, Count of Bivar
(11 cent)

Puisque Cid en leur langue est autant que seigneur,
Je ne t'enverrai pas ce beau titre d'honneur
(*Corneille*)

-cide As in *homicide*, *regicide* F, L *-cidium*,
of act, *-cida*, of agent, from *cadere*, to kill.

cider ME *sider*, OF *sivre* (*cidre*), MedL
sicera, G *σίκερα*, used in *Vulg* and LXX
for Heb. *shikār*, strong drink

He schal not drynke wyn and sydir [*AS transl*
bCor] (*Wye Luke*, 1 15)

ci-devant [*hist*] Nickname (French Revolution)
for former nobles F *ci-devant*, hereto-
fore, formerly, as in *le cloyen Blanc*,
ci-devant marquis de Cf *sans-culotte*
Cf 15 for 101, VL *cccc-hic*, *devant* is VL
de-ab-ante

cicling See *ceiling*

cierge F, wax candle, L *cercus*, waxen,
from *cera*, wax

cigar Earlier *segar* Sp *cigarro* ? Explained
as from *cigarra*, cicada (q.v.), from shape
resembling body of insect, or from puffing
suggesting cicada's chirp *Cigarette* is F

With one of those bits of white card in your mouth
Which gentlemen smoke who have been in the
South (*Trevelyan*, 1866)

ciliary From L *cilium*, eyelash

cilice [*archaic*] Hair-shirt. F, L *cilicium*,
G *κίλικιον*, cloth made from Cilician goat's
hair Also AS *cilic* (*Matt* 11 21).

Cimmerian From L, G *Κυμῆριοι*, a people
fabled to live in perpetual darkness
(*Odyssey*, 21)

cinch [US.] Sp *cincha*, girth, from L *cin-
gulum* A cow-boy word occurring in the
fig to get a cinch on

cinchona Peruvian bark Named (1742) by
Linnaeus in honour of Countess of Chinchon
(in Castile) who introduced it from Peru
(1640)

Cincinnatus Great man in retirement
Roman general, called from the plough to
Dictatorship when Rome was threatened
by the Volscians

cincture L *cinctura*, from *cingere*, *cinct-*, to
gird

cinder AS *sinder*, dross, slag, cf Ger *sinter*,
ON *sinth*. Later associated with, and
affected in sense by, F *cendre*, L *cinis*,
ciner-, ash

Cinderella Adapted from F *Cendrillon*, from
cendre (v.s.), cf Ger *Aschenbrödel*, *-puttel*,
etc Hence *Cinderella dance*, over at mid
night

Artillery had been made the German military
hobby, the German infantry in the mass was the
Cinderella of the force (*Westm Gaz*, Aug 30, 1917)

cinematograph F *cinématographe*, invented
and named by MM Lumière, of Paris
Hence *cin-* for E *kin-* (*kinetics*, etc) From
G *κίνημα*, motion, from *κινεῖν*, to move The
shortened *cinema* is also F (*cinéma*).

An exhibition of the "cinématographe" .. yesterday
afternoon (*Daily News*, Feb 21, 1896)

The Church and the Press combined do not possess
nearly so much power (*Cinema*, July 3, 1919).

cineraria Genus of plants ModL, from
cinis, *ciner-*, ashes, from ashy down on
leaves Cf *cinerary urn*, for ashes of the
cinematod

cinet Mod var of *senmit* (q.v)

Cingalese, Singhalese, Sinhalese Sanskrit
siñhalās, people of Ceylon (*Siñhalam*)

cinnabar Red mercuric sulphide OF *ci-
nabare*, L, G *κιννάβαρι*, of Oriental origin,
cf Pers *zanyjsiah*.

cinnamon F *cinnamome*, L, G *κιννάμωμον*,
Heb *qinnāmōn*

cinqcentist It artist of 16 cent (*mil
cinque cento*)

Cinque Ports Orig (12 cent) Hastings,
Sandwich, Dover, Romney, Hythe F
cinq, L *quinque*, five (sec *gunnary*) Cf
cinquefoil (bot & hei).

cipher, cypher. Arab *cifr*, nil, lit empty,
rendering Sanskrit *śūnya*, empty The
word penetrated into Europe with the
Arab. notation (cf F *chiffre*, It *cifra*, Sp
Port *cifra*, Du *cijfer*, Ger *ziffer*) and kept
sense of nil till 16-17 cents (still in Port),
orig sense (surviving in mere *cypher*) being
supplied by Sp *cero*, a contracted form,
whence *zero* Sense of secret writing is
found in F & It

cipolin Marble F, It *cipolino*, from *ci-
polo*, onion, from its foliated formation
See *chive*

Circassian circle Fancy name for dance
(19 cent) Cf *Lancers*, *Caledonians*.

Circe G. *Κίρκη*, myth enchantress (*Odyssey*)
whose cup changed those who drank into
swine

It *città*, Sp *ciudad* *Civitas* app replaced *urbs* as Rome lost its prestige. In medieval practice ident with cathedral town, but now extended. With *the City*, i.e. that part of London within the old boundaries, cf F *cité* used of the orig *ville de Paris* on the two islands

cive See *chive*

civet Cat F *civette*, It *zibetto*, Arab *zabād*

civie L *civicus*, of a citizen (v1), esp in *corona civica*, won by saving a Roman citizen's life

civil F, L *civilis*, from *civis*, citizen, ult cogn with AS *lūwan* (pl), household Cf L *bellum civile*. For sense of polite cf *urbane*. *Civil Service* was orig the non-military service of the E India Company. The *Civil List*, orig of all administrative charges, is now limited to those representing the royal expenditure and bounty

Our first task is to teach them that militarism does not pay and that civilism does

(*Shoe and Leather Gazette*, Apr 1918)

civism F *civisme* (vs), a Revolution word *civies* [mil slang] Mufti. Perh suggested by similar sense of F, Ger *civil*

clachan [Sc] Highland village. Gael, village, burial place, app from *clach*, stone. Orig set of monastic cells

clack Imit Cf F *claque*, Du *klak*

clad AS *clāthod*, pp of *clāthian*, to clothe, surviving in stereotyped uses, e.g. *iron-clad*, after poet *mailleclad*

clam Tonic stem of OF *clamor*, L *clamare*, to shout. Leg term *claimant* was long associated with the notorious Tiehborne impostor (1873). The miner's *clann* is Austral (19 cent)

clairvoyant F, seeing clearly, adopted c 1850 in spec sense

clam Bivalve. Earlier *clamshell*, as worn by pilgrims, from archaic *clam*, bond, clutch, etc., AS *clamn*, grasp, bond. Cf dial *clen*, to pinch, starve, and see *clamp*

Mustels, wilks, oysters, clamps, periwink clis
(Capt John Smith, 1624)

clamant Urgent. Pedantic for crying (*need*, etc.) From pres part of L *clamare*, to shout

clamber Ger *sich klammern*, in similar sense, from *klammer*, hook, etc., points to *claw*, cf F *s'accrocher* and hist of *crawl*

clamjamprine [Sc] Heterogeneous collection, rubble. By Scott and Galt spelt *clan-*,

as though a derisive parody of *Clan Chattan*, etc

clammy. Earliest *claymy*. Cf dial *clam*, *clcam*, to smear, daub, AS *clāman*, from *clām*, mud, cloam. Prob associated also in meaning with *clap* (qv), with which it may be etym ident. (changing idea) Cf Du *klam*

klam, *klamp* tenax, humidus, lentus, viscosus, ang *klammv* (Kil)

clamour F *clameur*, L *clamor-em*. See *clam*

clamp¹ Fastening. Du *klamp*, cogn with Ger *klammer* and Ger dial *klampfe*. See *clam*, *clammy*

clamp² [dial] Heap, esp rick (Ir.). Cf Du *klamp*, heap, not connected with *clamp*¹. > Cf *clump*

Allowing for the usual storage [of potatoes] in clamps on the farms
(Capt Bathurst, M P, in H of C, June 5, 1917)

clan Gael *clann*. Prob from L *planta*, in sense of *stirps*, stock, cf Welsh *plant*, OIr *cland*, the latter revived in *Clan-na-Gael*, a pol society.

clandestine L *clandestinus*, from *clam*, secretly, cogn with *celare*, to hide

clang L *clangere*, to resound. Imit, cf G *κλάζω*

clank Combined from earlier *clink* (qv) and *clang*. Or from Du *klank*. In any case imit

clap¹ Imit of sharp sound, cf Du Ger *klappen*, ON *klappa*; also AS *clæppellan*, to throb. Later applied to quick action, e.g. to *clap eyes on*, *clap into gaol*, etc

That anxious exertion at the close of a speech which is called by the comedians a clap-trap
(Davies, *Life of Garrick*, 1780)

elap² Gonorrhoea. Shortened from OF *clapoir*, perh from *clapier*, brothel

clapboard Overlapping board used in building. Partial transl of Ger *klapholz*, LG *klapholl*, Du *klaphout*, clap wood, cf Ger *klappen*, to fit together. Now chiefly US

clapperclaw App from idea of combined noise and scratching, or *clapper* may have sense of hand (cf *smeller*, *peeper*, etc.) From c 1600 (see *Merry Wives*, II 3)

claque F, organized applause at theatre, from *claque*, to clap, of imit origin

clarence Four-wheeled cab. From *Duke of Clarence*, afterwards William IV. NED has no example after 1864, but an old cabbly used the word in giving evidence in

a London Police Court (1914) The Duke of Clarence was created for Lionel second son of Edward III when he married the heiress of Clare (Suff.) Hence *Clareaux King of Arms* an office still existing clarendon [klɛp] Thick type Named by 19 cent printer

claret OF *vin cla et (claret)* prop applied to light-coloured red wine intermediate between red and white

level *cla d az wy e semiclaris (Promt P re)*

clarify F *clarifier* L *clarificare* to make clear (v t)

clarion I *clarion* OF *claron* or rather the L word being app of earlier date Late L *clarion* from *clarus* cl v Dim *clarionet* also *clarinet* the latter from F *clarinette*

clarity Restored spelling of MF *clartee* F *clarité* L *claritas* lat from *clarus* clear Th [th enemy s fire] in no w y lat rered with th clarity of their reports

(Sir D Beatty J 19 1916)

clary Herb Cf MedL *selarica* F *selarde* Earlier is AS *slarige* Origin unknown

clash From c 1500 Immit of *clack splash* etc also Du *klessen* earlier *kletsen* Fig to *clash with* is from the n use of conflict weapons

clasp First as noun earlier also *clapss* Prob imit of sound of *snap* (of a bracelet) Ger *schnalle* clasp buckle from *schullen* to snap crack Has nearly replaced *clasp* pe h partly from similarity of imit

class F *classe* L *classis* one of the six divisions of the Roman people G *klasse* from *kallos* to call summon The evidence for the F word begins with Blount (NFD) Hence *classic* L *classicus* as in *serptor classicus* opposed by Gellius to *proletarius* but associated in F with works read in univ *classes*

las a sh p or a vv an rd tord tnt hom f peopl accord g to their sever degree = tosch of (where n th word i most used) a form of feet e restrained t eria n comp y fash las

(Bl unit)

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(Add wot)

clatter Cf AS *clattrung* noise Immit of Du *klateren* Ger dual *klattern*

Claude Lorraine glass. For viewing landscape From *Claude of Lorraine* F painter (1600-82)

clause F L *clausa* used in MedL for *clausula* end of a period from *claudere* *claus* to close

claustral Of the cloister (q v) Cf *clau* from *mama* (neol) morbid fear of being shut in *clavate* [biol] Club shaped from L *clava* club *clavichord* [mus] F harpsichord MedL *lati cymbalum* key cymbal

clavi From L *clavis* key and *clava* club *clavichord* [i harc] Rudimentary piano MedL *clavacho* drum key string Corruptly *clavichord*

clavicle L *clavicula* collar bone lit little key *clavis* co n with *claudere* to shut

clavier [mus] key board piano F from L *clavis* key Hence Ger *klavier* piano

claw AS *clawu* Com Teut cf Du *klauw* Ger *klau* ON *klia*

clay AS *clæ* cf Du *kle* Ger *klei* (from LG) Dan *klæ* Norw dual *klæ* c gn with G *γλᾶ* a *γλῶα* glue L *glus* and ult with D *al cke* gaddy from sticking to object H w sho ld h cet m to do t Who dady w t his cl y? (F cliding)

claymore Gael *claidhean* sword u or great (see *glute*) An antiquarian word earlier *glaymore* familiarized by Scott Ult cogn with L *caes* slaughter

clean AS *clæne* Com Teut cf Du Ger *klein* ON *kleinn* all meaning small but orig Teut a nse surviving in E appears also in Ger *klein* jewel Largely replaced by *clear* *pure* in the higher senses Wyc still has *clean* where Tind uses *pure* With adv *sen e* (lean crazy) cf *pu e* folly etc and singular use of Ger *rein* clean As verb now usual for older *cleane* AS *clænian* with v huch cf Du *kleinsien* to strain filter

Th ctes t if wa t l a gold lyk to cleen glass (Wyc Rev a i 28)

clear ME *clere* OF *cler* (clur) L *claus* cf *clia* o Sp *claro* In the sense of free from encumbrance (from c 1500) it occurs in several naut metaph rs (to *steer cle of stand cle r coast is clear clear the decks etc*) For *clear st ry* see *clerestory*

cleat [cheffynat] Wedge block AS *cle t* WGer cf Du *kleet* Ger *kliss* cogn with *clod* *clat*

cleave¹ To split AS *clifan* Com Teut cf Du *kleven* Ger *klieben* ON *klufa* cogn with L *glubere* to flay G *γλυφ* to hollow cut Archa c past *clave* survives in *Al* (cf *le ke sua e*) while new weak pp *cleft* (cf *clead*) exists s lo by side with orig strong *clorven* (cf *st cl ch clorven* *hoof*) Hence *cleave* s now much used of pol opinions etc a metaphor from geol

cleave² To adhere AS *clifian* Com Teut, cf Du *kleven*, Ger *kleben*, ON *klifa*, to clamber Weak forms much confused with those of strong *cleave*¹ Both verbs are obsolescent, replaced by *split*, *stick* With *cleavers*, goose-grass cf Ger *klebekraut*
cleek [Sc] Orig hook, from obs verb *cleek*, to clutch, for past tense of which (*claught*) see quot s v *carl* ? Cogn with *clutch*¹

cleyme, staff *cambusca* (Prompt Parv)

clef [mus] F, L *clavis*, key

cleft ME *clift*, from *cleave*¹ Cf Du Ger *kluft* See *kloof*

clem [dial] To endure privations, orig to pinch with hunger Cf Du Ger *klemmen*, to pinch See *clam*¹

clematis L, G *κληματίς*, from *κλήμα*, vine-branch

clement L *clemens*, *clement*-, cogn with *-clinare*, to lean

Clementine Of *Clement*, esp edition of *Vulgate* to Pope *Clement V* (1309-14)

clench, clunch AS *-clencan*, in *beclencan*, to make to "cling" Cf Du *klínk*, latch, rivet, Ger *klínke*, latch The two mod forms are to some extent differentiated in use, e g to *clench one's fist, teeth*, to *clinch the matter* See also *clínch*, *clínker-buill*, and *clínch*

clepsydra Water-clock G *κλεψύδρα*, from *κλέπτειν*, to steal, *ἕδωρ*, water

clerestory [arch] App *clear story*, but found much earlier than the simple *story*²

clergy Combines F *cleigé*, clergy, Church L *clericatus*, from *clericus* (see *clerk*), and archaic F *clergie*, clerkly knowledge, formed in F from *clerc*

Grmaire is the fondement and the begynnyng of clergie (Caxton, *Mirror of World*)

clerical See *clerk* *Clericalism*, in hostile sense, is a ncol Cf *militarism*, *sacerdotalism*, etc

clerk AS *cleric*, *clerc*, and F *clerc*, L *clericus*, G *κληρικός*, from *κληρος*, allotment, heritage, used in 2 cent of the sacerdotal order Orig clergyman, then one who could read and write, and (from c 1500), official account-keeper, etc Usu spelt *clark* in 15-18 cents, as still in surname The imaginary *Clerk of the Weather* is imitated from the numerous official titles of the same type

For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry [ὁν κληρον τῆς διακονίας τῶν κηρ] (1st, 1 17)

clerk, a clerk, a scholar, or learned person, hence,

also, a churchman (who should be learned), also, a clerk in an office, a lawyer's clerk, and generally any penman (Cotg)

cleugh [dial] Sc form of *clough* (q v), e.g.

Clym o' the Cleugh, hero of famous ballad
cleve Var of *cliff*, common in place-names
clever Recorded once (*cliver*) c 1220, then not till 16 cent, when it replaces earlier *deliver* Orig expert at seizing (cf *nimble*, *handy*) Described by Sir T Browne as EAngl and as a dial word by Ray (1674) Prob EFrns. *cluser*, cf Dan. dial *klever*, ? cogn with ME *cliver*, claw But analogy of *skill*, *discerning*, Ger *geschetlt*, clever, all containing idea of separation, suggests ult connection with *cleave*¹

deliver, *redy*, *quicke* to do any thing agile, *delivre* (Palsg)

clew, clue AS *clīwen*, *cleowen*, ball of thread WGer, cf Du *kluwen*, Ger *knäuel*, the latter by dissim from MHG *kluwel*, dim of OHG *kluwu*, cogn with L *glomus* Mod scense, usu *clue*, from legend of Theseus and the Cretan Labyrinth *Clew* is usual in naut lang

By a clewe of twyne, as he hath gon,
The same way he may retorne anon,
Folwyng the threde, as he hath come
(Chauc *Leg of Good Women*, 2016)

cliché Hackneyed phrase Orig stereotype From p p of *clicher*, to "click," from sound made in process

He indulges in invective against the stale phrases and topical allusions which infest our journalism and our oratory But on the very next page our mentor himself indulges in "the unspeakable Turk," "the mailed fist," "bloated armaments," and "the silver sea" (*Sunday Times*, Aug 3, 1919)

click Imit, representing a thinner sound than *clack* Cf *clink*, *clank*, also F *cliquer*, Du *klikken* A *clicher* in the boot trade, now a foreman cutter-out, was orig a tout (cf *clique*, *claque*), ? or for *clecker*, from obs *cleek*, to clutch

clieker the shoe maker's journeyman or servant, that cuts out all the work, and stands at or walks before the door, and says, "What d'ye lack, sir? What d'ye buy, madam?" (*Dict Carling Crew*)

client F., L *cliens*, *client*-, earlier *cliens*, pres part of *cliuere*, to listen to, G. *κλένν*, to hear Orig a dependent, in F a customer Some regard *cliens* as earlier form and connect it with *-clinare*, to incline Cf *cherièle*, L *clientela*, common in 16-17 cents, now readopted from F AF. *client* occurs in 1306 (*Year-books of Ed. I*)

cliff AS *clif* cf Du *klip* Ger *klippe* (LG.)

ON *klif* See also *cleve*

climacteric Critical period esp 63rd year (*grand climacteric*) product of 9 and 7 the two critical numbers From G *κλιμακτῆρ* rung of a ladder See *climax*

climate Γ *climat* Late L *clima cli nat* C *κλίμα κλιγ* ar slope (from the equator to the poles) Orig sense of region zone sur vives in poet *clime*

L *ma* p ti n of the arth cont n d t t w e two circles parallel to th qu i (th l i p)

climax L G *λμαξ* ladder and (rhet) series of propositions rising in effective ness cf *anti climax* bathos Current sense due to popular ignorance (VED) is not recognized by Todd

climb AS *climban* WGer cf Du Cer *klommen* cogn with *cleave* (cf ON *klifa* ME *climen* to climb and see *clamber*) A strong verb in AS but weak by 16 cent poet *clomb* being a Spenserian archaism imitated by mod poets

clime See *climate*

clinch See *clench* *Clinch* is v p common in techn applications (rivet etc) and has a northern form *clink* Hence *clinker* built of boats orig contrasted with *carvel* built (see *carvel*) Fig a clincher is an argument that rivets hits the right nail on the head

cling AS *clingan* of which *clench* *clinch* is the causal Orig to adhere together in a stiff mass cf synon Norw *klenga* ON *klengjask* (r flex cf *bask*) to pick a quarrel lit to fasten (oneself) on

clime L G *λμος* from *κλινω* a bed from *κλιν* to make to lie

clink¹ sound Imit of a thinner sound than *clang* *clank* Cf Du *klinken* C r *klingen* Sw *klunga* Dan *klunge* etc With intens *clinking* cf *rattling*

clink² [*slan* & *uid*] Prison Orig prison at Southwark Prob related to *clench* *clinet* cf Du *klink* door latch and under lock and key

Th art th u cl p p d la th Fl te or Cl ke (VED 33)

clinker Orig hard brick hence hard mass slag etc Du *klinker* earlier *klinker* from *klinken* to clink First in Fvelyn (*clinciar klincea*) in ref to aqueduct at Amsterdam

kl *ka d lat* *coctus et duru i p m s q d* l n ns si e ti ul s, dum p b lv (kl1)

clinker built. See *clench* *carvel*

clinometer Math instrument From G *κλιν* sloping (see *clime*)

clip To shear Northern ML ON *klippa* whence also Dan *klippe* Sw *klippa* cf LG *klippen* Irob snit and representing a thinner sound than *clap* (cf snip snap)

clip [archaic] To embrace clutch AS *clip* pan cf ON *klippa* to pinch OFris *kleppa* to embrace Hen e noun *cl p* in mech senses e g *clip of cartrid es* *paper clip*

clipper Fast sailing ship swift horse In first sense from *clip* (cf *cut* *er*) In second from Cer or Du *klepper* now sorry nag but 11 16 cent swift trotter from I G *klepp* to resound with ref to the hoof beat

clique Γ set of backers from *clique* to make a noise cf *clique* The F word occurs n sense of ban crew in 14 cent

clitell [tool] From L *clitellae* pack saddle clitoris [anat] G *λερως* from *λε* to sheathe

cloaca L sewer for *clot ca* from *cluere* to cleanse

cloak Earlier *clake* ON *clagi* (*loche*) from its bell shape (see *clock*) For fig sense cf *pathos*

Of d ble worst I was h sem)oop
Th rounded a b il (Ch A 402)

clod [dia] Earthenware Ad clam mud clay Cf *clamm*

clock ONF *cloque* (*cloche*) Late L *clocca* cf AS *cl ega* Du *kl k* Ger *glock* Fell Also Ir *clug* Gael *clag* Welsh *cloel* Orig bell in which sen e it spread was due to the early Iri h missaries This sense is not strongly evidenced n ME which already had *bell* Prob of imit orig n and found as Church ord in Teut & Celt langs from 8 cent Not in Southern Rom langs which pre served L *campana* Hence prob also *clock* of a stocking from shape It v called in F *co n* wedge and in It *staffa* stirrup the latt r being an object of very much the same shape as the conventional bells of heraldry

clod clot No v differentiated (*clod of earth* *clot of blood*) but synon up to 18 cent AS *clod* (only 11 compds) WGer f Du *kloot* Ger *klot* *clod* also in fig sense of F word With *clockhopper* rustic cf *hog trotter* Irishman *mo sl oop* r

H s h c k with lods v blood a d du t bedlight
(F ul x Tasso)

Wh e y clothes of th arth g li
(Co ord Job viii 6)

clockhopper a ploughman (Diet Cant C row)

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close Noun and adj F *clos*, p.p. of archaic *clōre*, to close, L *claudere* Verb from *clos-*, stem of *clōre* Participial origin of the adj is still apparent in *close-fisted*, opposite of *open-handed* Secondary sense of "near" arises from that of having all intervals "closed", cf mil to *close up* The double sense appears in *close quarters*, now understood of proximity, but orig "closed" space on ship-board where last stand could be made against boarders

closet OF, dim of *clos* (v.s.) In *Matt* vi 6 renders L *cubiculum*, G *ταμειον*

closure F, L *clausura*, from *claudere*, *claus-*, to close Found in several archaic senses in E Since 1882 esp in H of C, at first in competition with F *clōture*, VL **clausituna*

clot See *clod*

cloth AS *clāth* WGer, cf Du *kleet*, Ger *kleid*, garment The AS word is not applied to the material, but to a "cloth" (cf *loin-cloth*) to wrap round one (see *Mark*, xiv 51), and the pl is used for "clothes" This is the only sense of the Du & Ger words Earlier hist obscure From 17 cent used as symbol of profession, esp the Church The double sense appears in *clothier*, in ME a cloth-worker, now a tailor

clōture See *closure*

clod AS *clūd*, rock, mass, cogn with *clod*, and assuming (c 13 cent) sense of mass of cloud, *cumulus* Under a *clod* is recorded c 1500 Something of orig sense survives in *clod of sail* (*canvas*)

clough [north] Ravine with river, AS *clōh* (in place-names), cf OHG, *clāh*, Sc *cleugh* Not related to Du *kloof*.

The valley of the Ancres is a steep and narrow clough
(*March Guard* Nov 15, 1916)

clout Picce, patch AS *clūt*; cf. ON *klūtr*, cogn with *clod*, *clot* In sense of blow from c 1400, though the metaphor is not clear (but cf *clump*) With archaic *clouted cream* cf *clotted*

I wasted them and so clouted [Vulg. confringere] them that they could not arise

(Tynd 2 Sam. xxv 30)

clove¹ Of garlic, etc AS *clufu*, cogn with *cleave*¹ Cf Ger *Knoblauch*, by dissim from MHG *klobelouch*, corresponding to ME. *clove-leek* See *onion*

clove² Spice, flower ME. *clou* (later influenced by *clove*¹) F *clou* (*de girofle*), from shape of bud, L *clavus*, nail Cf Ger *nelke*, pink (little nail), South Ger *nägelc*, clove spice See *gillyflower*

Ther spyngyn herbe grete and smale,
The lycorys and ceterale,

And many a clove girofle (Chauc B 1950)

clove³ Obs weight (cheese, wool) F *clou*, L *clavus*, nail, MedL *clavus lanæ* (Duc) Cf *clove*².

clove-hitch [naut] From divided appearance From *cleave*¹

cloven See *cleave*¹. Satan prob inherited the *cloven hoof* from Pan

clover AS *clāfre*, *clāfre*; cf Du *klaver*, LG *klee*, Sw *klöfver*, Norw Dan. *kløver* (these from LG) Prob an old compd of which first element appears in Ger *blee* Hence *in clover*, i.e. especially good pasture

clown From 16 cent, also *clown* App related to several Scand dial and LG words meaning log, lump, and hence lout, boorish fellow. Cf fig use of *clod*, *bumpkin* The pantomime *clown* represents a blend of the Shaks. rustic with one of the stock types of the It comedy

cloy For obs *accloy*, from F *enclouer* (from *clou*, nail), to prick a horse's hoof in shoeing, to spike a gun Both F senses are found in 16 cent E Mod meaning is supposed to have developed from the gen idea of clogging, stopping, but cf. Norw. *klue*, Dan dial *kløge*, to feel nausea, ON *kligja*

[They] stopped and cloyed the touch holes of three peeces of the artillene (Hollinshed)

Our generall would not suffer any man to carry much away, because they should not cloy themselves with burthens (Purch.).

club ON *klubba* for *klumba* clump cl
 ON *klubba* *klubbs fot* club-foot With
club-law cl Cer *faustrecht* lit fist right
 The club at carls translates Sp *basto* or
 It *bastine* but we have adopted the F
 pattern *trèfle* trefoul (cf *spale*) In sense
 of assembly club appears first as verb to
 collect in a bunch etc Cf clump of trees
 spectators knot of lookers-on etc But
 the much older ON *hukolfr* club house
 of which the second element means club
 cudgel (see golf) has given rise to the
 theory that a club was orig. called to-
 gether by a club bearer F *club* from E
 is usu. pol (dating from Revolution) or
 of sporting clubs also of E origin (Jockey
 Racing Touring) Chubbable was coined
 by Dr Johnson

We went to Woods t th Fell it is four old hou e
 for elub g (Pepys July 26 1660)

f ur'cht b chen to got cl b-l w with on
 (Ludw)

cluck Earlier clock AS *clorican* limit cl
 Cer *glucken* F *glotz* er Ol *glus* er to
 cluck or clock as a henno (Cotg)

clue See *clue*

clumber Spinel From *Clumber* Duke of
 Newcastle's estate (Votts) Cf *blenken*
 clump From end of 16 cent Du *klomp* or
 LG *klump* esp in sense of wooden clow
 cf AS *clumpe* hence dial clumper
 lump clod See club With clump on the
 head cf clut

d boer d vee houten klompen th el wa wore
 wooden clogs (Cowell)

clumsy Orig. benumbed or stiff with cold
 Not in Shaks or A1 Earlier *clumsed* p p
 of ME *clumisen* to benumb become numb
 App AS *clamsian* (cf *clawse* from
clamsian) from a base *clum* cogn with
clam (q v) which appears in many Scand
 & LC words of similar meaning

When thou clumstest for cold or thy gest to
 drye (Fis s Flouet B 30)

clunch [ar h] Kind of limestone A dial
 word lump lumpy app related to clump
 (cf *lump* h *ach* *lump* lu ch)

Cluniac Clunist Monk of order established
 at Cluny (Droine-et Loire) which separated
 (11 cent) from Benedictines

cluster AS *clyster* prob com with *clot* a-u
 clutch¹ Grassy MF *cloue* claw later c *clie*
 influenced by verb c *ick* for earlier cl *ick*
 AS *cliecan* to cl *ick* curve the fingers
 cogn with noun Orig sense survives in
 in one s *clie* hes

clutch² Of chickens eggs etc Var of dial
clech from obs verb *clech* ON *klekja* to
 hatch

clutter Coagulation confu ed mac et
 Var of cl *ther* from clot In sense of noise
 confusion prob associated with *clater*
gram a *dis* g a clot, or clut of cong a ed
 blood (Cotg)

clydesdale Dray horse from *cald* of *Clyde*

clypeo [ool] From L *clypeus* sh old

clyster F *chist* e L G *chist* from
 kl *z* v to wash out

co Shortened form of L *com* for ci n wi

coacervation Heap From L *coacervi*

from *acervi* heap

coach F *coche* Ger *kutsche* (16 cent *kuts* h
u + en) Hung *k sz* adj from *Kosa*
 place between Raab and Buda Said t
 date from the reign of Matthias Corvius
 (15 cent) Montan n in his essay Des
 Coches gives an account of a battl n
 which the Hungarians with their coa hes
 anticipated the tanks. Forms are found
 in most Europ langs Up to early 19 cent
 also for *hakeney coach* the predecessor of
 the cab The railway *coach* is an inherit
 ance from the stage-coach (cf *d* *ie* *guard*
booking-office) In usu *cl* ng a help to
 progress (at Oxf since c 1830) To drive
 a coach and six through an Act of Parl a
 ment is recorded c 100 the coach and six
 being used also by Otway as a kind of
 contrast to the cat that is swung round
 The earliest NED record for *slow-coach*
 (Pickers ck) is already fig

coadjutor L from *adjuva* *ajut* to help
 coagulate From L *coagulare* from a *re* to
 drive

coats Monkey Tups (Brazil)

coal AS *col* Com Teut of Du *kol* Ger
kohle ON *kil* In ME both charcoal and
 earth coal (see *cler*) To heap *coa* s off *e*
 is lit from G (v i) To call (*haul*) or the
coals was earlier (16 cent) to *felch* *re* the
 coals orig with reference to treatment of
 heretics There is no evidence for the
 statement periodically repeated from
 Brewer that it comes from medieval cer-
 ture of Jews Salt to Dyserit (Dysart in
 Fife) or *coals* to Newca te 1 recorded
 (c 1600) as rendering of G *gla* w e e
 Above owls to Athens

delphic s *ruph* *superv* s *del* *re* s *delphic* *ruph*
 (K m i v)

Th falseba *na*—the false friend from *ferch* —
 Out of du *Proton* too! a beche

f ha G 11 91

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close Noun and adj. F *clos*, p p of archaic *clore*, to close, L *claudere*. Verb from *clos-*, stem of *clore*. Participial origin of the adj is still apparent in *close-fisted*, opposite of *open-handed*. Secondary sense of "near" arises from that of having all intervals "closed", cf mil to *close up*. The double sense appears in *close quarters*, now understood of proximity, but orig "closed" space on ship-board where last stand could be made against boarders.

closet OF, dim of *clos* (v s). In Matt vi 6 renders L *cubiculum*, G *raquētor*.

closure F, L *clausura*, from *claudere*, *claus-*, to close. Found in several archaic senses in E. Since 1882 esp in H of C, at first in competition with F *clôture*, VL **clausitura*.

clot See *clod*.

cloth AS *clāth* WGer, cf Du *kleet*, Ger *kleid*, garment. The AS word is not applied to the material, but to a "cloth" (cf *loin-cloth*) to wrap round one (see *Mark*, xiv 51), and the pl is used for "clothes". This is the only sense of the Du & Ger words. Earlier hist obscure. From 17 cent used as symbol of profession, esp the Church. The double sense appears in *clothier*, in ME a cloth-worker, now a tailor.

clôture See *closure*.

cloud AS *clūd*, rock, mass, cogn with *clod*, and assuming (c 13 cent) sense of mass of cloud, *cumulus*. Under a cloud is recorded c 1500. Something of orig sense survives in *cloud of sail* (*canvas*).

clough [north]. Ravine with river AS *clōh* (in place-names), cf OHG *clāh*, Sc *cleugh*. Not related to Du *hloof*.

The valley of the Ancres is a steep and narrow clough
(*Manch Guard* Nov 15, 1916)

clout Piece, patch AS *clūt*; cf ON *klútr*; cogn. with *clod*, *clot*. In sense of blow from c 1400, though the metaphor is not clear (but cf *clump*). With archaic *clouted cream* cf *clotted*.

I wasted them and so clouted [Vulg *confringere*]
them that they could not arise
(Tynd 2 Sam xxii 39)

clove¹ Of garlic, etc AS *clufu*, cogn with *cleave*¹. Cf Ger *knoblauch*, by dissim from MHG *klobelouch*, corresponding to ME *clove-leek*. See *onion*.

clove² Spice, flower ME *clou* (later influenced by *clove*¹), F *clou* (*de grofle*), from shape of bud, L *clavus*, nail. Cf Ger *nelke*, pink (little nail), South Ger *nägele*, clove spice. See *gillyflower*.

Ther spryngen herbes grete and smale,
The lycorys and ceteuale,

And many a clove-gylotre (Chauc B 1950)

clove³ Obs weight (cheese, wool). F *clou*, L *clavus*, nail, MedL *clavus lance* (Duc). Cf *clove*².

clove-hitch [naut] From divided appearance. From *cleave*¹.

cloven See *cleave*¹. Satan prob inherited the cloven hoof from Pan.

clover AS *clāfre*, *clāfre*, cf Du *klover*, LG *klever*, Sw *klöfver*, Norw. Dan *kløver* (these from LG). Prob an old compd of which first element appears in Ger *klee*. Hence in *clover*, i e especially good pasture.

clown From 16 cent, also *clown*. App related to several Scand dial and LG words meaning log, lump, and hence lout, boorish fellow. Cf fig use of *clod*, *bumpkin*. The pantomime *clown* represents a blend of the Shaks rustic with one of the stock types of the It comedy.

cloy For obs *accloy*, from F *enclouer* (from *clou*, nail), to prick a horse's hoof in shoeing, to spike a gun. Both F senses are found in 16 cent E. Mod meaning is supposed to have developed from the gen idea of clogging, stopping, but cf Norw *klue*, Dan dial *kløge*, to feel nausea, ON *hlǫga*.

[They] stopped and cloyed the touch holes of three
pieces of the artillery (Holmes),
Our generall would not suffer any man to carry
much away, because they should not cloy them-
selves with burthens (Purch)

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And what does th boy m added Mr W II after he h i stared at him f a l t t l time in species f tupef t by ock u h s h t o soul a ext nt? Ar y u g ng to kill the i sir? (B m by R d, ch)

cock Of hay ON *h ktr* lump when e Norw *kok* heap

cockabondy [angling] Fly Welsh *oeh a bond* red with black trunk Cf names *Cough Gough* (red) and *Poder h Dh* (black)

cockade Earlier *cocard* F *c yards* *Natur* of connect on with *coq* (*cock*) uncertain *bon et de la coque de* Sp *h cap o f shion* *t* *bon* t used by th most sistant all room f y (i ar ed so pr h ps bee use those th t w of th m g ew th r hv th p o d r and presumed th most f th msel es) also y bon t or e p worn pro dly or pe rily th or aid (Colg)

cock-a-doodle-doo Imit Cf F *cocor ec* Ger *kikeris* L *cuc* 1770

cock a hoop Earliest (Sir T More 15 a) in *to set the cock on the hoop* ? the sp got on the hoop of the cask as a preliminary to vigorous drinking But the existence of such tavern signs as the *Cock* (Swan Falcon Crown Bell etc) on the *Hoop* from 15 cent points to much earlier allusion The meaning of the phrase has varied according to fancied origins

u g e r t be out f ob k bly blith crank merry t t k o b p l a u r e p o t t e r e m k good beer s t cocke- hoopes throw th bon out twi d w (Colg)

Cockaigne Cockayne [ar haic] Imaginary land of ease and luxury F *coca ne* (OF *qoguz ne* 12 cent) cf *It ucca* a lubberland (Flor) Sp *cuca a* So also Ger *schlaraffenland* ? from MHG *lu off* lazy ape Use supposed to mean cake land MedL *Cocania* being modelled on *Athemania* etc from OHG *huocha* (*huchen*) with which cf Sc *cooky* This agrees with the earliest accounts (in F c 1300) which describe *Cockaigne* as a land where the roofs and walls are of cake Often no applied to London by mistaken association with *cocknes* (q v)

coalesce L *coalescere*, to grow together, from incept of *alere*, to nourish Hence *coalition*, first used in pol sense in 1715 Cf *coalitioneer*, coined (Dec 1918) on *electioneer* by H H Asquith

coalmouse, colemouse Dark coloured bird AS *colmāse* from *coal* and second element as in *tilmouse* (q v), cf Ger *kohlmeise*

coalport China From *Coalport* (Salop) coaming [naut] Erection round hatchway Origin unknown Cotg and Capt John Smith make it synon with *carling*

coarse ME *cors*, later *course* Earliest of cloth Metath of AF *crose*, as in *crosparis*, for *grampus* (q v), F *gros* (see *gross*) Cf also *Le Cros* as E surname (13 cent) Lit and fig senses of *coarse* run exactly parallel to those of *gross* and of F *gros*, cf also Ger *grob* for sense-development

coast OF *coste* (côte), L *costa*, rib, side, whence It Sp *costa*, as in *Costa Rica* In ref to tobogganning, and hence, letting cycle run down hill, it is the same word in F sense of hill-side, toboggan track, taken from Canad F

coste a rib, also, a little hill, or descent of land, also, a coast, or land by the sea-side (Cotg)

coat F *colle* (now, petticoat, overall), cf It *cotta*, Prov Sp Port *cola*, MedL *cotta* Prob of Teut origin, cf OHG *chozzo* (*holze*), shaggy mantle *Coat of arms* (*mail*) represent F *colle d'armes*, orig coat with her device worn over armour, and *colle de mailles* (see *mail*) *To trail one's coat*, i.e. invite anyone who wants trouble to tread on the tail of it, is a reminiscence of Donnybrook Fair *To turn coat* (16 cent) was orig to put one's coat on inside out so as to hide badge

Mr Ginnell was agrin trashing his coat in the House of Commons yesterday

(Daily Chron Feb. 23, 1917).

coat Animal of racoon tribe Tupi (Brazil), from *cua*, cincture, *imi*, nose, from appearance of snout

coax A "low word" (Jolins) First as noun (16 cent) *cohes*, *cox*, etc., a fool, cf verbs to *fool*, to *gull*, etc Of obscure origin, perh connected with obs *princeps*, *princeps* (*Rom & Jul* 15) Both prob belong to *cock* Or, it may be F *cocasse*, ridiculous (cf *hoax* from *hocus*), which occurs in E in 1546

coquard a proud gull, peart goose, quaint top, saucy dolt, malapert coxcomb, rasc or forward coxes (Cotg)

cob¹ Noun The NED recognizes eight nouns *cob*, with numerous sub-groups Like other monosyllables common in dial, its hist. is inextricable In some senses it may be ident with *cop*, rounded top, AS *copp*, summit (cf *Spion Kop*) The idea of roundness appears in *cob-loaf*, and perh in *cob* (horse), said to be orig for horse with *cobs*, testicles *Cob*, mixture of clay, straw, etc for building, may go with *cob*, little round heap *Cob-nut* is prob from sense of cluster

He was one oth' cobbe-knights in the throng,

When they were dubb in clusters

(Brome, *Damoiselle*, l. 1).

cob² [slang] To beat, in various senses, in ME. to fight Perh imit of blow

The rough discipline used by the crew, Who, before they let one of the set see the back of them,

"Cobb'd" the whole party,—ay, "every man Jack of them" (Ingoldsby)

cobalt Ger *kobalt*, earlier *kobold*, goblin Named by miners because regarded as useless and harmful (cf *nichel*, *blende*) *Kobold* is a spec application of a common Ger. name, from OHG *Godbold*, lit God bold (cf our *Cobbold*, *Godbold*), conferred in the same way as *Old Nick*, *Will o' the wisp*, etc (see *goblin*) Another Ger name for goblin is *Oppold*, formed in the same way from OHG name *Olwald*, ident with the common AS *Eadbeald* Like other Ger. mining terms *cobalt* has passed into most Europ langs

cobble¹ Stone Prob from *cob*¹, cf. synon Norw dial *koppul*

cobble² To mend clumsily Prob also from *cob*¹, ? doing up in rough lumps, etc ? Hence *cobbler*, US drunk (before 1919), as patching up the constitution

"This wonderful invention, Sir," said Mark, tenderly patting the empty glass, "is called a cobbler" (Martin Chuzzlewit, ch. xvi).

Cobdenism Economic and pol teaching of Richard Cobden (†1865). See *Manchester School*

coble Fishing boat Welsh *ceubal*, ferry-boat, skiff, prob meaning "hollow" (*dug-out*), cf Bret *caubal*. Hence prob. Late L *caupulus* (Isidore), whence AS (Northumb) *cuopel* (*Malt* viii 23)

cobra. Short for *cobra de capello*, Port, hood snake. L *colubra*, snake. *Capello* is Port. equivalent of F. *chapeau*, Late L *capellum* (see *cap*) The word came to us via

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cockle ows g at *Sh over* Is *gall eidi* m (Robtson 68)

And wh t does th *dog me* diled M W lit after he h d at red t h m for a litt t e, in species *fatup* fa ton by *cock gh* hat to s h an extent? Are y u *go g* to k ll the winin *ue* (Barnaby Rudge ch xii)

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Whoso dwilth derth secret thing and help of the Lord shal be cocksure forevermore (Foxe)

cocktail [US] ? Obs. Recorded c 1800. Origin unknown. ? From inspiration effect cf to *hate one's tail up* feel confidence.

Those record these beverages, cock tail, storc-f'n e d sh try-cobbler (W Irving)

cocky See *cock*¹

cocky leeky [Sc] Cock boiled with leeks

coco cocos coker nut Sp *coco* baby word for ugly face boggy man from marks at one end of shell. Erron form *cocos* dates from mistake in Johns. Coker is of old standing and is used in Port of London to avoid confusion with *cocoa*.

Cok a t nd b rles (Capt John Dan th)

coco th word u d to fright children as w say th Bulbeggar (Stev)

cocoa Incorr (since 18 cent) for *cacao* (q v). *Cocoon* is the cotyledon of the seed (e mib). Quot below allusive to the anti-national tone of newspapers financed by wealthy cocoa merchants may one day, p1 ale historians.

Si ce I have thrown myself i t th vigorous prosecution f th war I ha been drenched with cocoa slops (D Lloyd George M y 9 1918)

cocoon F *cocoon* ModProv *cocroun* from *coco* shell. See *cockle*²

cocotte F orig ben of baby formation from *cog* cock

cocus Jamaica ebony used for flutes and police truncheons. App from Ger *kohos* *cocos* (nut)

cod¹ Bag in various archaic senses e.g. *frease cod* AS *codd* cf ON *hoddle* pillow. Du *kodde* bag.

The coddia which the hoggs eat n (Wye L h x 6)

cod² Fish. Perh from *cod*¹ cf Du *boik* cod prob cogn with *bi lge* (see *bu lge*). Earliest record in *NED* is AF (1357) but *codfish* was in use as a surname earlier (Hund R 1273). It is even possible that E fishermen understood obs Du *bolich* as bullock testicle cod. The med use of *cod liver oil* is mentioned in 1783 in *Lent M d Jon n al* but it was not adopted in F till 1846. The manufacture of the oil is alluded to as early

a c 1600 (*Stiffkey Papers*) *Cod* fool i st ort for earlier *cods head* in same sen e sometimes elaborated into *cod's head and shoulders*. Hence to *cod* to deceive cf to *gull* (q v).

cod² [mus] It lit tail L *cauda*

coddle To bail gently etc. Prob for *caudle* (q v). Hence perh by association with *cuddle* mod sense of pampering etc.

Will th old brook

Cuddled with c uddle thy morn g 1 1

To ure thy o night's s t fell (T mo 1 3)

code F I *codex* earl er *codex* tree trunk. ? from *cude* to strike (cf *tri usus tri i ca e*) hence wooden tablet book manuscript Cf *book Bible library*.

codex See *code*

codger A miser one ho rakes together all he can (Todd). Var of *cadge* (q v).

For sense-development of a *rum begga* etc. But cf dial *codger* cobbler for obs *coser* from OF *cœur* sewer from *coudre* cons L *consuere* to sew together.

codicil L *codicillus* (usu in pl) d m of *codex*

codling codlin Apple. The earlier forms *quodlin*, *quadr ng* (16-17 cents) *querdlin* *querdel*, g (15 cent) correspond exactly with those of the surname *Codlin*. Hence the origin is *cœur de lion* a fancy name for an esteemed apple. Cf L *reine clude* greengage from the wife of Francis I and the pear called *bo ch elion* from St Francis of Paula. *Quodling* *Quadling* are exting FAn₁ surnames. John *Querdling* *Querdel* *lyn* lived in Norw b in 15 cent and *Querdel* *lyn* is fairly common in 14 and 15 cents *quer* being the usual AF form of *cœur*.

co education Orig US (c 18 4)

coefficient L *coefficient* pres part of *co efficere* (see *eff* cf) was first used in math sen e by Viete (1603)

coehorn [hist] Mortar From *Coehorn* Du mil en-voer (1704). The name means cow horn

coeliac [gnat] Abdominal From G *koili* belly

coenobite Contrasted with *anchor* L From G *κοινόβιον* from *κοινός* common *βίος* life

coerce L *coercere* from *co-* an *ica* cf *e* to restrain. Pol sense of *coercion* is esp associated with Ireland (Corr ion *Arts* of 1833 and later)

coeval From L *coaeuus* from *co* an *aeu* in age

cockaleekie See *cocky-leeky*

cockalorum From *cock*¹ Perli Du and of same type as *cock-a-doodle-doo*. ? Or mock-Latin of the type common in 15 cent

cockloeren, to crow like a cock, or a cockril (Hexham).

cock-and-bull See *cock*¹

cock-and-pie [*archaic*] Oath *Cock*, enph for *God*, *pie*¹ (q v), the ordinal of the Cath. Church *Cokkesbones* is in Chaunc

cockatoo Du *kakketoc*, Malay *kakatiā*; cf F *cacatoès* Prob imit of ery

cockatrice OF *cocatrix*, corrupted (on *cog*) from *calcatris*, Prov *calcatriz*, It *calatrice*, Late L **calcatris*, *calcatric-* (*caucatris* in Duc), from *calcare*, to tread (*cal*, heel), as transl of G *ἰχναῖον* (see *ichneumon*) The fabulous *cockatrice* is identified also in E with the basilisk (q v) and sometimes with the crocodile

cockboat Also (15 cent) *cogboat*, and, from 16 cent, *cock* (*Lear*, iv 6) Boat towed behind ship Often as emblem of smallest craft The oldest form (1420) is *coh* or *cohbot* ? Cf OF *coque*, vessel, ModF hull, ident with *coque*, shell of egg, walnut, etc

cockchafer See *chafes*

cocker¹ Spaniel Trained to start *wood-cock*

cocker² Verb Also *cock* (only in Tusser) and *cockle* Cf Du *kokelen*, "nutrire sive fovere culina" (Kil), with a (possibly forced) association with *kokene*, kitchen, also OF *coqueliner*, "to dandle, cocker, fiddle, pamper, make a wanton of, a child" (Cotg) Tusser appears to bring it into connection with *cocknery* (q v)

Some cockneles with cocking are *verre foolles* (Good Husbandry)

Cocker, according to *Edward Cocker*, penman and arithmetician (1631-75) Pepys employed him (*Diary*, Aug 10, 1664)

cockerel Dim of *cock*¹, cf *puckerel*

cocket Seal (? or certificate) of Custom House Quot below suggests that it was orig of the "score and tally" description, in which case it would be a dim of F *coche*, "a nock, notch, nick" (Cotg)

Item, pyd to the kirke and to the lountroller for taling [i.e. cutting] out of the kokett at Hull, xjs viid [10s] Merch Advent feels 1467

cockle¹ Weed AS *coccel*, perli dim from L *coccum* (see *cochineal*) Commonly used in ME for the tares of the Bible

His ennye came, and sew above dernel, or cohil [1388 trans] in the midil of whete

(Wyc Matt. xlii 25)

cockle². Shell F. *coquille*, from VL **coquelum*, L *conchylium*, G *κογχύλιον*, from *κόγχη*, whence L *concha*, VL *corca*, orig of F *coque*, shell (of egg). For *cockle-shell* emblem of pilgrim, see *scallop* The *cockles of the heart* are explained (1669) as for the related *cochlea* (q v), winding cavity He *cockles*, a game in which a blindfolded person has to guess who slaps him, occurs in Sidney's *Arcadia* It is app adapted from F *jeu de la main chaude*, but *cockle* is unexplained

cockle³ Pucker F *coquille*, blister on bread spec use of *coquille*, shell (see *cockle*²) Perli through Du

kol elen (*kreukelen als dunne zj de stoffen*) to cockle (Sewel)

cockloft "The room over the garret" (Johns). Perli orig where fowls were kept, but used as contemptuous term for poor dwelling (cf naut use of *cockpit*) Ger *hahnebalcken*, roost, Du *haanebalken*, "the cockloft" (Sewel), suggest that it was orig the roosting-place for fowls. Cf orig sense of *roost*

cockney. ME *cohenay* It is difficult to reconcile the different uses of the word. In *Piers Plowm*, and occ. up to c 1600, it appears to mean something to eat (see *collop*), explained by NED. as "cock's egg." In the sense of milkshop, later townsmen, and eventually (c 1600) Londoner, it is from an Eastern form (OF *-ei*) of F *acoquiné*, made into a *coquin*, a word of unknown origin The *Cockney School* (Leigh Hunt, etc) was christened by Lockhart (1817) Associated with *cockers*² and *Cockaigne* (q v)

And when this jape is told another day,

I sal been halde a daf, a cohenay (Chaunc A 4207)

I coker je mignotte (Palsg).

I bring up lyke a cocknay je mignotte (ib).

delicias facere to dally, to wanton, to ply the cockney (Coop)

acoquiné made tame, inward, familiar, also, grown as lazy, sloathful, idle, as a beggar (Cotg).

cockpit Place for cock-fights. Hence *cockpit of Europe* (Belgium). Also (naut), since c. 1700, midshipmen's quarters, used as hospital when in action.

cockroach. Earlier *cacarootch*, etc. Sp. *cucaracha*; cf. Port *caroucha*, a chafer, or beetle, Creole F. *roguerache*

A certain Indian bugge called by the Spaniards a *cacarootch* (Capt John Smith)

coin *T* wedge (-re *quoins*) corner die for stamping *L. cuneus* cf *It. conio* *Sp. cuño* Mod sense appears in *MT* (Chaucer) almost as soon as that of *c* (*Piers Plowm.*) coincide *F. coïncider* *MedL. co incidere* to fall tog ther

coir Coco nut fibre for ropes Earlier (17 cent) *cayro* Port *cayro* Malayalam *kāyār* rope

coit See *quoit*

coition *L. coition* *n.* from *coi* *e* from *co* and *ire* *it* to go

coke First found (17 cent) as northern dial word and often in *Jl* (*coaks*) Isth ident with northern dial *colh* core

Coke upon Littleton Statutes of the law Allusion to the *Justices of the Law of Enlan* (1623-47) based by *S & Ed* and *Coke* on the *Tenu* *es* of *Sir Thomas Littleton* (15 cent)

coker nut See *soco* nut

col Mountain pass *F* neck *L. collum* Cf *S Afr nek*

cola kola Nut Native W Afr name (Sierra Leone)

colander From *L. colare* to strain cf *MedL. colator* *Sp. colador* *ModProv. colation* Immediate source of *C* word unknown Cf obs *cullis* clew broth

colander to strain with *col* *ress* (Pal g)

colchicum Meadowsaffron *L. G. colchicum* from *Colchis* (E of Black Sea) with im *J* lied allusion to *Medea* of *Colchis* skilled in poisons

colcothar Red peroxide of iron *F. Sp. colcotha* Arab *qalqash* prob from *C. qal* and *c* from *χαλκός* copper *arbores* flower

cold AS *ceald* Com Teut cf *Dn kold* Ger *kalt* ON *kald* Goth *kalls* *coyn* with *I. gelidus* cf *chill* *cool* *Colt comfort* is recorded c 1375 A cold chisel is used on cold iron and is all metal while the smith's chisel has a wooden grip to prevent conduction from the hot iron cf *cold-drawn* A cold (in the head etc) replaced (16 cent) earlier *rhē* in (q v) Cold cream is recorded c 1500 The AED sees in to throw cold water on an allusion to the shock thus given to the naked body but cf *met blanket*

coldshort (*tehn*) Brittle (of iron in the cold state) Corrupt of Norw Dan *kallskjær* or Sw *kallskör* in which second element means timid

cole Cabbage Now *u u* in compds (*cole*

wort *sea kale*) AS *cawel* *cal* *L. caulis* whence also *Dn Acol* Ger *k hl* ON *kål* OI *chol* (*chou*) also in Celt langs A characteristic example of the Roman culture in Europe See also *kale* *colza*

colemouse See *coln* ouse

coleoptera Beetles From *C. κ* *λεος* sheath *ερ* *pu* wing Cf *lepidoptera*

colibri Humming bird *I Sp.* from Carib

colic Orig adj *F. colique* *I. G. κολικός* belonging to the *κολον* lower intestine

colic sickness *colic* *passio* (*P mpt P re*)

coliseum After *Pom* & *MedL* forms of *L. colosseum* amphitheatre of *Vespasian* at Rome neut of adj *colosseus* gigantic See *colossus*

collaborate From *L. c* *llab* are from *co* and *laborare* to work

collapse From *L. collab* from *co* and *labi laps* to slip fall

collar *ML & AF. coler* *F. collier* necklace *I. colla* *s* from *coll* *im* neck (whence *F. col* collar) with mod spelling assimilated to *L.* Earliest of armour jewelled collar etc as still in *cola* of the *Galer* etc To slip the collar against the collar collar work refer to collar of horse Earliest sense of verb is in wrestling (16 cent) Collared head (bram) is so called (17 cent) from being rolled up like a collar

collard Cabbage that does not heart Said to be corrupt of *colerwort*

collata OF *collater* from *L. collatus* p p of *conferre* to bring together confer *U* ed for confer in spec sense (eccl)

collateral *MedL. collate* *alis* from *L. lateralis* from *latus* *later* side In *Piers Plowm* an *I* *Chruc*

collation Light meal esp *coll* *collation* a treat less than a feast (John) Father light evening meal in monastery orig after the reading aloud of *collations* or *Lives of the Fathers* esp the *Collationes Patrum* *s. i. Scetica* *Frano* *Commo* *antium* by *John Cassian* (c 400 A D) Cf *hist* of *chapter* (eccl)

colleague *F. collègue* *L. collega* partner in office from *legere* to choose (see *college*) Distinct from archaic to *colleaque* co operate conspire OF *colliguer* from *L. ligare* to bind though sometimes wrongly associated as in quot 1 From the latter word comes mod *en-c* of *colloquie* (now *Mud & Ir* dialects) orig to cajole prob from *F. colloque* dialogue debate It is

coffee Adopted by most Europ langs (c 1600) from Turk *kahveh*, Arab *qahwah*, app first as name of drink. Early forms are very numerous. *Coffee* was soon followed by the *coffee-house* (cf F *café*)

Coho, a blacke biternish drinke, made of a berry like a bay berry, brought from Mercr (Purch 1607)

He [a Greek student at Oxford, 1637] was the first I ever saw drink coffee, which custom came not into England till thirty years after (Evelyn)

cauphe louse a tavern or inn where they sell *cauphe* (Blount).

coffer F *coffie*, L *cophinus* (see *coffin*) For ending of *order*. Among ME meanings are strong-box, coffin, ark of bulrushes

coffin OF *cofin*, L *cophinus*, G *κόφινος*, basket. Mod sense from c 1500. In ME and later, basket (Wyc *Matt* xiv 20), pier-erust, etc

Why, thou say'st true, it is a paltry cap,
A custard coffin, a bauble, a silken pie

(*Shrew*, II 3)

cog¹ [*hist*] Vessel. It is uncertain whether the word is Teut (OHG *coccho*, Du *cogge*, Icel *kuggi*, etc) or Rom (OF. *coguc*, *coque*, ident with *coguc*, shell, hull, for which see *cockle*). In E it has become mixed up with *cockboat* (q v) and is used by Chaucer of a skiff

cogbole, scapha (*Prompt Parv*).

cog² On a wheel. ME *cogge*, of Scand origin, cf Sw *kugge*, Norw *kug*

cog³ To cheat with dice (16 cent). Orig to control their fall, or substitute false dice. Hence *cogged dice*, now wrongly understood as loaded dice. ? From cog², with idea of mech. device

cogent From pres part of L *cogere*, to constrain, from *co-* and *agere*, to drive

cogitate From L *cogitare*, from *co-* and *agitare*, frequent of *agere*

cognac Orig distilled from wine of *Cognac* (Charente)

cognate L *cognatus*, from *co-* and *gnatus*, old form of *natus*, born. Words that are *cognate* have the cousinly, not the parental or filial, relation

cognition L *cognitio-n-*, from *cognoscere*, *cognit-*, to know, from *co-* and *gnosce*

cognizance Half-latinized from ME *comsaunce*, OF *comsaunce*, var of *consaunce* (*connaissance*), from *conoscere* (*connaître*), L *cognoscere* (vs). Now chiefly leg., in to take cognizance of, etc., and in her badge, mark, by which bearer is known

cognoscere d'une cause to take notice of, deale in,

or intermeddle with, a suit, or cause, depending in law (Cotgr.)

cognomen L, *co-* and *gnomen*, old form of *nomen*. See *agnomen*.

cognoscente Connoisseur (art). Latinized from It *conoscente*, from pres part of L *cognoscere*

cognovit [leg.]. L *cognovit actionem*, he has acknowledged the action. Orig of withdrawing defence

You gave them a cognovit for the amount of your costs (*Pickwick*, ch. xlii)

cohabit Late L *cohabitare*, from *habitare*, to dwell, frequent of *habere*

cohere L *cohaerere*, from *haerere*, *haes-*, to stick. Hence *incoherent*, not hanging together. Cf *cohesion*.

colhorn See *coehorn*

cohort L *cohors*, *cohors-*, from *hortus*, garden, enclosure, cogn with G *χόρος*, E *yard*, *garth*, garden. See *court*

coif F *coiffe*, Late L *cofea*, whence It *cuffia*, Sp. *cofia*, Port *coifa*, etc. Oldest F. sense is inner part of helmet. Late L *cofea* is prob OHG *chupphū* (MHG *hupfe*), from L *cuppa*, eup, vessel (cf *bascinet*). Orig sense of *coiffeur* appears in *coiffure*, head-dress

Trenchet la coife entresques a la carn
(*Roland*, 3436)

[He cleaves the coif (of the helmet) right to the flesh]

coign Archaic spelling of *coin*, *quoin*, preserved in *coign of vantage* (*Macb* I 6), mod currency of which dates from Scott

coil¹ Verb. OF *coidre*, *coillir* (*cueillir*), L *colligere*, to collect, gather, from *co-* and *legere*, to gather (cf *cull*). ME sense survives in northern dial to *coil hay*, put it in cocks

coil² Disturbance, fuss, etc. Archaic, exc in *this mortal coil* (*Hamlet* III 1). OF *accueil* (*accueil*), encounter, collision. The earliest E examples (from 1567) are all such (*what*) a *coil*, prob for *accail* (cf *rouse*), although this hypothesis is not necessary in accounting for the normal loss of init *a-* (see *cater*). The OF meanings of *accueillir* are very numerous and varied. Spenser uses *accail*, to crowd, throng. For origin of F *accueillir* see *coil*¹

About the caudron many cookes accoyled
With hookes and ladles, as need did requyre
(*Faerie Queene*, II ix 30)

colophon Inscription or device at end of book G *ολοφων* summit finishing stroke

colophony Resin From *Colophon* town in Lydia prob ident in etym with preceding

colouquintida It for *colocynthis* (q v)

color See *colour*

Colorado beetle Fatal to potatoes (scare of 1877) From state of *Colorado* (US) named from *Rio Colorado* coloured river (Sp) Cf *colorado* dark *claro* light on cigar boxes

colosseum See *coliseum*

colossus I G *κολοσσος* orig applied by Herodotus to gigantic Egypt statues but usu connected with bronze statue of Apollo at entrance to harbour of Rhodes Punningly applied to Cecil Rhodes (†1902)

colour F *couleur* L *color-em* cogn with *celare* to hide replacing, as gen term AS *līw* (see *live*) Man of colour now usu negro was orig mixed breed intermediate between black and white As mil and nav term *colour* dates back to age of chivalry (*colours* of a knight) Hence many fig uses some naut (*false colour* = *naul colours* to the mast) others rather mil (*with flying colours stick to one's colours*) In sense of semblance (*under colour of*) it is recorded c 1300 this use perh springing from the badge sense (see quot 1) Cf *colourable* specious (Wyc) and prob *colour of one's money* as inspiring confidence Later are the art metaphors (*true colours* = *realy colour* s) *Colour blindness* (19 cent.) was earlier *Daltonism* (q v) *Local colour* (s) is in Bailey (1721) The rank of *colour sergeant* was created (1813) by George IV when Re_{gn}ant in recognition of the part played by non-commissioned officers in Penin ular War

Brybers that wold a robbed a ship undyr color of my Lord of Warwyk (*Paston Lett*)

They should dep rt with flying colours, with b g and baggage (Sydenham Poynte 16 4-36)

colporteur In E book (e 1 Bible) pedlar F pedlar (in gen sense) from *colporteur* to carry (*porter*) on the neck (*col*) but this is a late substitution due to folk etym for OF *comporter* to carry with one

colt AS *coll* orig young ass or camel (Gen xxxiv 15) Origin unknown Also in ME for novice etc as now in cri ket In sense of "rope's end perh for *colt's tail* cf cat (v *wine tail*)

Colt's revolver See *revolver*

colubrine Of the snake L *colubra* (cf *colera culicem*)

columbarium L dove cot from *colu ba* dove hence catacomb with cin rary urns in pigeon holes

Columbia Poet for US From *Columbu* cf origin of *America* Hence *columbiad* heavy gun in Amer Civil War

columbine Flower F L *columbina* from *columba* dove shape suggesting cluster of pinnons

columbine In pantomime It proper name *Columbina* (dove like) mistre s of Harlequin in it comedy

column Restored spelling of *colompane* OF L *column(p)na* cogn with *culmen* summit Earliest E sense in ref to column of manuscript

colure [astron] I *colurus* G *κολπος* from *kolos* docked (*pus tul* because lower part of circle is never in view)

colza F earlier *colsat* Du *koolzaad* c 1 seed

com L archaic form of *cum* with but sense is sometimes merely intens Also *col con cor*

coma [med] G *ωμα* cogn with *ομαρ* to put to sleep (cf *cenetery*)

coma [bot & astron] L G *ομη* hair of the head See *comet*

comb AS *cam* Com Teut cf Du *ham* Ger *hamm* Oñ *kaindr* cogn with Sanskrit *ghamḍr* tooth In many fig senses e g *honeycomb* (AS *humi cam*) *cuck s* 1 4 (see *cockcomb*) whence to *st* one's *comb* (16 cent.) make one less cocky As verb replaces earlier *kemb* (AS *cemban*) which sur vives in *kemst* (q v) and sur name *kempster* To *comb out* (neol) is a somewhat wry wry metaphor from the use of a small toothed comb for certain toilet purposes

comb(e) See *comb(e)*

combat Earlier also *conbaie* (cf *debate*) F *combate* VL *com-battere* from *ba tuere* In all Rom lang

combine Late L *combina* to put two and two L *dini* together *Combis* (garment) is recorded for 1824 *Comb* at on room (Camb) in sense of *common-room* (Oxf) 11 cent

combustion F Late L *combustus* n from *comburem* from *comb-* (for *cum*) and *ure* ust to burn

come AS *comman* Com Teut. cf Du

given by Cotg s v. *flater*, and is called a 'low word' by Johns

These howets ther usualle call colleges, because they are ther colliged in fellowship and ministratione
(*Transl of Polydore Vergil*, c 1534)

How long have you been so thick with Dunsey that you must "collogue" with him to emberzle my money? (Silas Marner)

collect Prayer This is oldest sense (*Ancient Rite*), but Wye also uses it for offertory (1 Cor xvi 1) and congregation (*Neh viii 18*) Vrb to *collect* is much more recent (16 cent.) Church sense comes from MedL *collectio* or *collecta*, used in Gallican liturgies of a summary of ideas suggested by the chapters for the day From L *colligere*, *collect-*, to gather together (see *coll*) To *collect oneself* is to "pull oneself together" *Collectivism*, -ist arc from F (c 1880)

colleen Ir *caillín*, girl, dim of *caile*, wench Said to be ult cogn with L *pellex*, G *παλλακή*, concubine Cf *boreen*, *squween*, etc

college F *collège*, L *collegium* (see *colleague*) Earliest E sense, community, or in ref to Oxf. and Camb A *collegiate* church has a chapter (*college*) of canons *College pudding* ? for earlier *New College* (Oxf) *pudding* (Londor)

Crist and his colage [the apostles] (Wye)

collet Part of ring in which stone is set F, dim of *col*, neck, which has given E *collet* in various techn senses Prob confused also with *collet*, base of cut diamond, also *culet*, dim of F *cul*, bottom, L *culus* In F this is *culasse*

collide L *collidere*, from *co-* and *laedere*, to hurt Hence *collision*

collie, *colly* Usu explained as from dial adj *colly*, coaly, coal-black, which is also a dial name for the blackbird Much more prob from common Sc name *Colin Collic*, as proper name for a dog, occurs in Chauc (v 1) With *collic dog* cf *robin redbreast*

Ran Colle, oure dogge, and Talbot, and Gerland, And Malkyn, with a dystaf in hir hand (B 4573)

collier Orig charcoal-burner, which accounts for its frequency as a surname in parts of England where no coal exists From *coal* (q v)

colligate From L *colligare*, to bind together **collimate** To adjust line of sight, etc From ghost-word *collimare*, wrong reading in some editions of Cicero for *collineare*, to bring into line Adopted by earlier as-

tronomers who wrote in L, e.g. Kepler Cf *syllabus*.

collision See *collide*.

collodion From G *κολλώδης*, glue-like, from *κόλλα*, glue

collogue [dial]. See *colleague*.

collop. Orig bacon and eggs Earliest form *coloppe*, *colhoppe* (*Piers Plowm*). But found a century earlier as (still existing) surname, e.g. *Colop* (*Close R.* temp Henry III), *Colhoppe* (*Feet of Fines*). First element is *coal*, second obscure Cf OSn *kol-huppadhet*, roasted on coals, Sw *gläd-hoppad*, from *gläd*, glowing coal, "glede"

I have no salt bacon,
Ne no cokeneys, bi Crist, colopus [lar *colopis*,
colhoppes] to maken (*Piers Plowm* A vii 272)
colloppe, meate &uf au laud (Palsz)

colloquy. L *colloquium*, from *colloqui*, to speak together Cf. *colloquial*.

collotype From G *κόλλα*, glue

collusion. F, L. *collusio* -i-, from *colludere*, *collus-*, to play together, i.e. into one another's hands.

collyrium Eye-wash, etc From G *κόλλυριον*, poultice, from *κόλλα*, roll of coarse bread

collywobbles Jocular formation ? on *colic* and *wobble*

colocynth Drug Earlier *coloquint* G *κολοκυνθίς*, -θιδ-

As bitter as coloquintida (*Old* 1.3)

Cologne F form of Ger. *Köln*, L *colonia* (*Agrippina*), whence *eau de Cologne* The *Three Kings of Cologne* were the three Wise Men from the East, Gaspar, Melchior, Balthazar, fabled to be buried there

colon G *κόλον*, limb, member of sentence **colonel** Up to c 1650 usu *coronel*, Sp, by dissim from It *colonnello*, from *colonna*, column, for dissim of Prov *coronel*, doorpost This form persisted in speech and accounts for mod pronunc The *colonel*, for *colonel* *Bogey* (golf), is mod

colonell a colonell, or coronell, the commander of a regiment (Cotg).

colonnade F, from *colonne*, L *columna*, after It *colonnato*

colony F *colome*, L *colonia*, from *colonus*, tiller, from *colere*, to till. Current sense from c 1600.

Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony (*Acts*, xvi 12)

Get a map of the world and show me where the d--d places are (Early Victorian statesman)

homen, Ger *kommen*, ON *koma*, Goth *guman*, cogn. with Sanskrit *gam*
 comeatable Recorded by NED for 1687,
 but must be older (v 1)

urcomeatable quod parare quis vel consequi non
 possit (Litt)

comedy F *comédie*, L, G *κωμῳδία*, > from
κῶμος, revel (whence Milton's *Comus*), > or
κῶμη, village, and *αἰδεῖν*, to sing (cf *ode*)
 First E sense (Chauc), narrative poem,
 from It, as in Dante's *Commedia* Cf
tragedy

comely AS *cynlic*, beautiful, splendid, re-
 lated to *come*, cf L *conveniens*, F *avenant*,
 MHG *komlich*, archaic Du *komelick*, all
 in similar sense, cf also *becoming*

comely as a garment or atyer is to a person advenant
 (Palsg)

advenant handsome, proper, comely, decent, neat,
 gracefull, well fashioned, well behaved (Cotg)

komelick conveniens, congruens, commodus, aptus
 (Kil)

comestible F, Late L *comestibilis*, from L
comedere, *comes-*, from *com-* and *edere*, to
 eat

comet AS *comēla* and F *comete*, L, G
κομήτης, from *κῶμη*, head of hair, tail of
 comet

I stood beside the grave of him who blazed
 The comet of a season (Byron, *Churchill's Grave*)

comether [Anglo-Ir] To put the comether on,
 cajole Come hither, in coaxing horse, etc
 He cud put the comether on any woman that trod
 the green earth av God (Kipling, *Loce o' Worren*)

comfit ME *confit*, F, pp of *confire*, to
 pickle, etc, L *conficere*, to put together
 Learned form is *confect* Cf *disconfit*, to
 undo

comfort. Archaic F *conforter*, Late L *con-*
fortare, to strengthen, from *fortis*, strong
 ModF *comfort* is borrowed back from E
 in sense of well-being, etc As title of Holy
 Ghost, *comforter* (Wyc) is for L *consolator*,
 rendering G *-αἰνέτης* (John, xiv 16)
 See *paraclete* *Comforter*, scarf, is 19 cent,
 in US it means thick quilt

And the child waxide, and was coumfortid [Vulg
comfortabatur] (Wyc *Luke*, i 60)

comfrey. OF *confrie* (whence MedL *cum-*
fira), from *firie*, liver (ModF. *foie*), a word
 derived in a complicated manner from L
(j)ecur *ficatum*, goose-liver stuffed with figs,
 a bit of Roman slang (cf ModG *σικώτι*,
 liver, from *σίκωρ*, fig). The plant was so

called because of its congealing properties
 esp in case of wounds (hence bot name
sympphytum officinale). Cf its Late L names
consolida (whence F. *consoude*, It *con-*
solida, Sp *consuelida*), *conserua*, also MedL
confirma, *conserva* The usual F. for con-
 geal is *figer*, from *ficatum* (v s), with which
 cf MHG *liberen*, to congeal, lit to assume
 a "liver-like" aspect Cf also Norw
vallsaks, lit weld-sedge, Ger. *bernwelt*, lit
 bone-weld, and other foreign names of the
 plant.

comic Orig belonging to *comedy* (q v). L,
 G. *κωμικός*
 comitadj Member of a "committee" i.e.,
 in the Balkans, a gang of patriotic cut-
 throats The Turk suffix makes it likely
 that the word originated in Greece It
 translates Serb *chetnik*, from *cheta*, band,
 number

His name is Teodor, and he is a Bulgar comitadjus,
 or whatever is the singular of comitadj
 (Punch, Jan 24, 1917).

comitia L, general assembly, pl of *comi-*
tium, from *com-* and *ire*, *it-*, to go

comity L *comitas*, from *comis*, courteous
 Esp in *comity* (courteous understanding)
 of nations, now often misused as though
 from *comes*, *comit-*, companion

comma L, G *κόμμα*, piece cut off, short
 clause, from *κόττειν*, to cut

command F. *commander*, VL **commandare*,
 from *mandare*, partly replacing L *com-*
mandare, which is of same origin (*manus*
 and *dare*) *Commandeer*, SAfrDu *kom-*
manderen, is F *commander* (cf *cashier*),
 and *commando*, party called out for mil
 service, is adopted from Port (cf *kraal*,
sjambok) *Commander of the Faithful* trans-
 lates title assumed by Caliph Omar I
 (c. 640) *Ten commandments*, for finger-
 nails of angry woman, is used by mod
 writers after 2 Hen VI, i 3 Also called
ten talents (*talons*)

commemorate From L *commemorare*. See
memory

commence F. *commencer*, VL **com-initiare*
 from *initium*, beginning, cf It *cominciare*
 Sp *comenzar*. In univ lang translates L
incipere, used in same sense in MedL

commend L *commendare* See *command*
 Sense of praising springs from that of pre-
 senting as worthy of favourable regard
 commendam Acc of MedL *commendam*
 trust, in phrase *in commendam*, used of
 provisional occupation of office

gether (cf *L. complex* etc) In Late L and in OF & ME physiology the combination of supposed humours in man hence physical and moral character later the colour of face (and hair) supposed to be indicative of temperament Traces of orig sense survive e.g. to *put a fresh complexion on the matter*

Of his complex un b was sangwyn
(Chauc. A 313)

Something of a jealous complexion (*Much Ado* II 1)
My l ther w s of a angune compl on m ad
with a dash of hol (Evlyn)

compliant See *comply*

complicate From *L. complicare* to fold together Cf Ger *verwickeln*

complicity From archaic *complice* now usu *accomplice* (qv)

compliment F It *complimento* Sp *cumplimento* the fulfilling of an act (cf courtesy) Ident with *compliment* (qv) which occurs earlier in same sense the two forms being for some time used in differently

compline Earlier *complin* Last service of canonical hours MF *complie* OF *complie* (no *v* *complies* by analogy with *herres vespres*) pp fem of OF *complir* coined on Church L *completis* (sc hora) Ending in from 13 cent perh by analogy with *nativ* *complot* [archaic] F orig dense crowd (12 cent) also OF *complot* crowd mêlée Perh from *pelote* ball bunch VL *pi lotta* dim of *pila* See *plot*

Des autres mesieu (lepers) li onpl t
Tot droit vont ers leud schement (Tut n)

compluvium [antig] Opening in roof of atrium L from *pluere* to rain

comply It *complier* borrowed from Sp *cumplir* (cf *compliment*) which had the spec sense of satisfying requirements (true it form from L *compli* = *compi*) Adopted in E c 1600 Influenced in form by *supply* (qv) and in meaning by *pliable* *compliant* is often understood as pliable flexible

compo Short for *composition* esp in sense of staccato

composant Corrupt of *corposant* (qv)

component From pres part of L *componere* to put together

comport L *comportare* to bear together carry with one

compose See *pose* But much influenced in F & E by L *compos* from *componere*

to put together whence *compos* *compositio* *compositor* e.g. a *composition* with *creditors* is also called *compound* n (see *compound*) For fig us of *composed* cf collected *Composito* (typ) is 16 cent *compos* non (sc mentis) L *compos* from *pos* capable whence also L *posse* (*potestas*)

compost OF (*compost* *composita*) L *compositum* from *componere* *compos* to put together

compute F see *compost*

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(Lord I her Tmes Sep 9 90)

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compingere, to join together, from *pangere*, *pac-*

compact² Agreement From p p of L *compacisci*, to agree together

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companion¹, company. F *compagnon*, VL **companiono-n*-, from *panis*, bread, whence also It *compagnone*, cf OHG *gilcibo*, "messmate," from *leib* (*laib*), loaf. Company is F *compagnic*, formed (like It *compagnia*, Sp *compañía*, etc) on same stem. Companion was formerly used, as F *compagnon* still is, contemptuously for fellow.

Scurvy companion! saucy tarpaulin! impertinent fellow (Roderick Randor)

companion² [naut] Du *kampanje*, quarter-deck, earlier *kompanye* (Kil, Sewel), OF *compagne*, steward's room in galley. It *compagna*, for camera della *compagna*, store-room, caboose, OCatalan *companya*, provision store, from L *panis*, bread (see companion¹). Meaning has changed and varied between the time of the medieval galley and E use (first in Falc). There may also have been confusion with MedL *capanna* (see cabin), in fact some regard this as the true origin.

companion capot d'échelle dans les bâtiments marchands, dans les yachts, &c (Lesc)

compare F *comparer*, from L *comparare*, from *par* equal. To compare notes is recorded from c 1700. See also *compeer*.

compartment F *compartment*, It *compartimento*, from Late L *compartiri*, to divide, from *pars*, *part-*, part. Cf *apartment*.

compass F *compas*, from *compasser*, to go round, VL **compassare*, from *passus*, step. Cf MedL *compassus*, It *compasso*, Sp *compas*, pair of compasses, Ger. *Kompass*, Du *kompas*, mariner's compass. In most Europ langs, math in Rom and naut. in Teut. E having both senses. Fig senses (*wellin compass*, to fetch a compass) are usu from the math., and earlier, sense. So also in verb to *compass one's ends* (an enemy's destruction, etc) the idea of design is predominant.

compassion F, Late L *compassio-n*-, from *pati*, *pass-*, to suffer. Cf fellow-feeling, sympathy, Ger *mitgefuhl*.

compatible F MedL *compatibilis* (from

pati, to suffer), sharing in suffering, hence mutually tolerant, etc.

compatriot. F *compatriote*, Late L *compatriola*. See *patriol*.

compeer OF *comper*, *-pair*, equal, L *compar*, prob confused, in sense of companion, with F *compère*, Church L *compater*, fellow godfather, hence crony, "gossip." Hence *without compare*, associated mentally with cogn. *compare* (q.v.); cf *peerless* and F. *sans pair*. See *peer*.

compel OF *compeller*, L *compellere*, *-puls-*, to drive together. Hence *compulsion*.

compendium L, what is weighed together. Cf *compensate*.

compensate From L *compensare*, to weigh together, from *pensare*, frequent of *pender*, *pens-*, to weigh.

compete L *competere*, to seek in common. Rare before 19 cent. *Competition wallah* (Anglo-Ind), member of Indian Civil Service under competitive system (from 1856), is known in E chiefly by Trevelyan's *Letters of a Competition-wallah* (1861). See *wallah*. *Competent*, *competence*, *competency* come, through F, from L *competere* in intrans sense of coinciding, being convenient.

From the use of the Scotticisms "succumb," "compete," he ought to be a Scotchman (De Quincey, 1821).

compile F *compiler*, L *compilare*, to plunder, orig in literary sense (see *pillage*). Later sense influenced by *pile*, as though to heap up. Some regard the latter as the orig sense.

complacent See *complaisant*.

complain. Archaic F *complaindre*, to lament, Late L *complangere*, from *plangere*, to beat the breast. Hence *complaint*, (chronic) ailment (c 1700), because regarded as a cause of complaint. *Complainant* 19 Al pres part.

complaisant F, pres part of *complaire*, from L *complacere* (see *please*, *pleasure*). *Complacent*, from L, has acquired pres part sense.

complement L *complementum*, filling up (v1).

complete L *completus*, p.p. of *complere*, to fill up, from *plere*, to fill.

complex L *complexus*, from *complectere*, to plait together.

complexion. F., L *complexio-n*-, from *complectus*, from *complecti*, to embrace, *comprise*, analysed as "twining, weaving" to

gether (cf L. *complex* etc.) In Late L. and in OF & ME physiology the combination of supposed humours in man hence physical and moral character later the colour of face (and hair) supposed to be indicative of temperament. Traces of orig. sense survive e.g. to *put a fresh complexion* on the mother.

Of his complexion h. w. s. s. ogwyn
(Ch. A. 333)

Som. thing of a jeal. us compl. n. (11 ch. d. d. 117)

My fath. r. w. of sa. g. e. n. p. l. i. x. i. o. n. m. i. x. e. d.
w. th. a. dash of ch. l. r. (Evelyn)

compliant See *comply*

complicate From L. *complicare* to fold together Cf Ger. *verwickeln*

complicity From archaic *complice* now usu. *accomplice* (q.v.)

compliment F. It *complimento* Sp. *complimen* into the fulfilling of an act of courtesy. Ident. with *compliment* (q.v.) which occurs earlier in same sense the two forms being for some time used indifferently.

compline Earlier *complin*. Last service of canonical hours. ME *cumplis* OF *compli* e. (now *complies* by analogy with *heures* *offices*) p.p. fem. of OF *complier* coined on Church L. *completis* (sc. *hora*). Ending -in from 13 cent. perh. by analogy with *matin*. *complot* [archaic] F. orig. dense crowd (12 cent.) also OF *complot* crowd mêlée. Perh. from *pelote* ball bunch VL *pl. kollos* dim. of *pila*. See *plot*.

Des autres mesme us [i. pers.] li. capt. t.
T. t. deoit vout vers l. buschem. t. (Froissart)

compluvium [ant. q.] Opening in roof of atrium L. from *pluere* to rain

comply It *complier* borrowed from Sp. *complier* (cf *compliant*) which had the spec. sense of satisfying requirements (true). It form from L. *compli* e. is *compiere*. Adopted in F. c. 1600. Influenced in form by *simplify* (q.v.) and in meaning by *pliable* *compliant* is often understood as pliable flexible.

compo Short for *composition* esp. in sense of stucco.

composant Corrupt of *corposant* (q.v.)

component From *compos* part of L. *componere* to put together.

comport L. *comportare* to bear together carry with one.

compose See *pose*. But much influenced in F. & E. by L. *compos* from *componere*

to put together whence *composite composition* *composit* r. e.g. a *composition* with *editors* is also called *composition* (see *compound*). For fig. use of *composed* cf collected *Composito* (typ.) is 16 cent.

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Hence *conchology* science of shells
conchy [neol] For *conscientious* or *actor*

The majority of the conchs is in reality composed of the "g-shells"

(A Quaker Descendant, Times Nov 30, 191)

concierge Doorkeeper F earlier also
sige sierge VL *conserians* for *conserians* pres part of *conseriare* to keep
keps of a lynes or a great lodes place con sierge (P 2)

concliate From L. *con* ha e to bring together convolve See *convolve*

concinuity Harmony L. *concinuus* as from *concinuus* skillfully adjusted

concase From I *concedere* *concas* to cut (*caedere*) up

conclamation L. *conclamatio* n general cry from *clamare* to shout.

conclave F L. *conclave* from *clavis* key Earliest in ref to *conclaves* of cardinals

conclude L. *concludere* from *claudere* to close With to *in* conclusions (Haml in 4) cf to be at issue

concoct. From pp of L. *concoquere* -coct to boil together With fig senses of those of brew

concomitant. From pres part of L. *concomitari* to go with as companion comes comit Thus pleon (see count)

concord F *concorde* L. *concordia* See accord Hence *concordance* in Bibl sense from 14 cent Cf *concordat* F L. *concordatum* from *concordare* to agree esp in ref to agreements between Papal See and French monarchy e.g. between Pius VIII and Napoleon I (1802)

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concrete L. *concretus* pp of *concretere* to grow together The 19 cent meaning conglomeration of stone and cement is thus fairly logical. As opposite to *abstract* it was applied by early logicians to a quality adherent as opposed to one detached

concubine F L. *concubina* from *con* to gether *cubare* to lie

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concur L. *concurrere* to run together In 16-17 cents often replaced by *condo* a somewhat feeble witticism

concurrere to con u to condog (Lit.)

concussio L. *concussio* n from *concute* e cuss to strike together from *qua* e e to shake

condemn L. *condem(p)mare* from *dam(p)nar* to damage

condense F *condenser* L. *condensa* e to make dense concentrate

condescend F *condescend* e Late L. *condescendere* to come down from one position cf *ter si herablassen* lit to let oneself down Not orig with any idea of as usual superiority (Rom xu 16)

condgn L. *condgnis* Now only of making the punishment fit the crime but earlier in etym sense of equally worthy

Without g ng e la re to yield him andig thanks if any thanks could be orig for so great and so noble b net

(In Anth Sh 1 y in Parth.)

condiment F L. *condimentum* m from *condire* to pickle

condition L. *condicio* n incorr *condit* lit discussion from *dicere* to speak ME sense of temperament evolved from that of essential circumstance survives in ill conditioned and more aguely in gen sense of state fettle

condole L. *condolere* to suffer with cf *compassion* sympathy

condominium jointsovereignty L. *co* and *domini* m rule App a Ger coinage (c 1700)

condone L. *condonare* to give up remit cf *fardon* Chrl current sense dates from Divorce Act (185)

condor Sp Fern *concolor* F *confore* is in Cot

condottiere Mercenary leader It lit conductor cf ModL *condictarius* mercenary (12 cent) for *conductarius*

conduce L. *conducere* (v 1)

conduct Both noun and verb were in ME also *conduct* *condute* etc from F *conducte* pp of *condu* e L. *conducere* from *ducere* duct to lead Cf *safe-conduct* from F *sauv-condu* t With sense of behaviour cf to lead a good (bad) life

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confect Restored spelling of *confit* (q v).

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confederate L *confœderatus*, from *foedus, foeder-*, treaty, league In US of the eleven southern states which seceded in 1860 Cf *federal*

confer L *conferre*, to bring together Sense of taking counsel, whence *conference*, arises from that of comparing opinions See also *collate*

confess OF *confesser*, L *confitēri, confess-*, to acknowledge (*fatēri*) together Hence *confession*, first in rel sense, and later used by early Reformed Churches of their spec tenets Also *confessor*, orig one who avows his religion in spite of persecution, but does not suffer martyrdom Hence *Edward the Confessor* (†1066), whose title is often misunderstood as though implying a comparison with the priest who hears confessions, a much later sense of the word in E

confetti It, pl. of *confetto*, sweetmeat As *confit* (q v)

confide L *confidere*, from *fidere*, to trust Cf *confidante*, app meant to represent pronunc of F *confident-c*, It *confidente*, a stage type introduced (16 cent) into F. from It drama The *confidence trick* was orig US

confine F *confiner*, from *confinis*, bounds, L *confinis*, having common frontier (*finis*) Hence *confinement*, 18 cent euph for child-bed, from earlier *confined to one's bed* (by the gout, etc) ME said, much more poetically, *Our Lady's bands* (*bonds*)

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confiscate For earlier *confisk*, F *confisquer*, L *confiscare*, orig to appropriate for the treasury, *fiscus* See *fiscal*

confit L, I confess

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confute L *confutare*, orig a cooking term, cogn with *fundere*, to pour Cf *refute* *confutare* properly to cool or keel the pot by stirring it when it boils (Litt)

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congeal, congé F *congé*, L *conneatus*, leave to go, furlough, etc, from *meare*, to pass through Fully naturalized, also as *congy*, in 14-17 cents, now made F again Hence eccl *congé d'élire*, leave to elect, granted by Crown The *congee*, or low bow, was orig at leave-taking

congee" See *conjee*

congener L, of the same genus, *gener-* congenial ModL *congenialis*, suiting one's genus

congenital From L *congenitus*, born with, from *gignere, genui-*, to beget

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conglomerate See *agglomerate*

congou Tea For Chin *kung-fu-ch'a*, work tea, tea on which labour has been expended This is *kang-hu-lé* in Amoy dial

congratulate From L *congratulari*, from *gratus*, pleasing

congregation F, L *congregatio*-n-, from *gregare*, to herd together, from *grex, greg-*, herd Hence *congregationalism*, system of the Independents, the word *congregation* being much used by the Reformers, after Tynd, as a substitute for *church*, owing to

the sacerdotal associations of the latter word

Upon this rock I will build my congregation
(Tynd Matt. xvi 18)

congress L *congressus* from *congregi* *gress*
to go together from *grad* to step The
US *Con gress* as now constituted first met
March 4 1789

Congreve rocket Invented (1808) by Sir William Congreve

congruent From pres part of *L. congruere*
to agree from *currere* to rush

conic sections (math) So called because each of the curves may be regarded as a section of a cone

conifer See *conus* and *fer(ous)*

conjecture *I. conject* a from *conceive*
conject to cast (*jacere*) together

congee congee [Anglo-Ind] Rice water
Tamil *kann*i boilings in Urdu *ganji*. Hence
congee house mil lock up

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jug spouse lit joined together Cf *con*
*juga*tion lit joining or yoking together
See *join* *yoke*

conjunctive [grai] *Modus conjunctus* and *subjunctus* are used by L. grammarians of 4 cent. See *subjunctive*.

conjunctions Γ *conjunctions* from L. *conjungere juncti* App an astrological metaphor (*favourable critical fatal*) for earlier *conjunction* proximity of planets in same sense The latter word is in Chauc and Wyc uses it in the gram sense

conjure *ʔ* conjurer *L* conjura *s* to swear together Mod sense of producing rabbits from a hat is evolved from ME meaning of constraint ng by a spell a demon to do one *s* budding *Usu* accented on first syll in all senses in MC

conk Nose Sting c 1500 71 tongue
shell conch

Est-ce [vo] e p } conq êtes vous un irton?
(l'ostand Cyr e de Bergerac } a)

connate L *connatus* born together from
nasca nat to be born

Connection with var connect on is a late word (not in AV or Shaks) Its rel sense is due to Wesley

connive L *conni* *re* to wink
connaisseur OF (*connaissance*) from *conna* *st* a

connote. *Noti.* *connota* as term in logic.

Mod use contrasted with *denote* dates from Mill. See note.

conubial L. conubialis from conubium
marriage from n here to wed

conquer OF *conquerre* (*conquērrē*) VI
conquerere from *quaerere* *quaesit* to
 seek. *Conquest* represents OF *conquest*
 (*conquēst*) what is acquired and *conquest*
 (*conquēst*) the act of acquiring. Traces of
 the former are found in Sc. law.

conquistador [kɪst] Sp conqueror from *conquistar* to conquer (see *conquest*) Applied to Sp conquerors of Mexico and Peru

consanguinity *F* consanguinitas *L* consanguinitas blood relationship from sanguis blood

consciousness F I conscientia kno l dg
within oneself superseding L i ut once
1 sc l to render it eg in 1520 b to of Inu i
1 sc remove of conscience (cf Ger h
wissen likewise due to the L word) I
all conscience orig meant in all fairness
justice Conscienceable unconscienceable are
11 reg Conscience man y is recorded f r
1860 and the practice of paying it for the
18 cent (but see quot 1)

Of Bayler [D ch lo] of M syn Coll a f
ther m whoys oncy na dyd grug hym fur
h p l y tythes 3d
(A d f 4456 45 Ch ch O f 1311)

I ne heard a mny t begi to prate i his c
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(like a d f f a i ch)

A co-scientist who g... address t
A. utford was fined \$4.1 Warm to for d
fawding th railway company
(Dwyer) An #4 1918)

conscript The now common verbal use for correct *conscript* de L. *conscript* here co script to write together originated in Civil War in US. *Conscript* pt on in sense of compulsory enlistment appears in F o 178; for sense development of *enroll* enlist

Every atom of person-hity is conscripted into the task (D. & Ch. 9, I, 15, 9.)

consecrate From L. *co* is *crave* to make
holy, *sacer*

consecutive Γ consecutis from I consequor
sec ut to follow

consensus *I.* consent

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consubstantiation (*the* *l*) Formed (16 cent.) on *transubstantiation* (q.v.) to designate controversy the Lutheran conception of the Eucharist but not accepted by Lutherans. L. *consubstantiatio* (Tertullian) was used to translate G. *κοινωνία* of common substance.

consuetudinary From L. *consuetudo* custom (*l*).

consul L. ult. cogn. with *counsel* and *consul*. Mod. diplomat. sense was evolved (16 cent.) from the earlier meaning of a representative chosen by any society of merchants established in a foreign country. In Med. & Mod. the title was vaguely used as equivalent to *envoy*. The Roman method of dating the years by consuls survives in the familiar *Consule* *Pompeii* (H. R.) which Byron (*Don Juan* i. 212) renders: "When George the Third was king."

consult L. *consultare* frequent of *consuere* to take counsel.

consume L. *consumere* to use up from *sumere* to take hold of. Hence *consumed* at first as expression of dislike (cf. *consummately*) but now app. felt as *consummately*.

consummate From L. *consummare* from *summus* highest *summa* total for **super* from *super*.

consumption See *consumm*. Med. sense is common in M.

contact From L. *contingere* *contact* compd. of *tangere* to touch. Hence also *contingent* L. *contingens*.

contadino It. peasant from *con* *id* county.

contagion See *contact*.

contain F. *con* *nir* VL. *con* *nir* for *con* *tenere* from *tenere* to hold.

contaminate From L. *contaminare* from *contamen* contagion for *contamen*.

contango [Stock Ex. lang.] Percentage paid to postpone transfer opposite of *backwardation*. ? Sp. *con* *engo* I hold back.

"contain" ? or arbitrary perversion of *contain*.

contemn L. *contemere* (*proter* *contemere*) Hence *contempt* *con* *temptible* the latter used (since Den. 1014) to render Ger. *verachten* an epithet oddly applied by Wilhelm II of Germany to the first army that entered the field Cf. *fr.* *h* *fulness*.

It makes me actually lo. a scoldier and hon. those said red and contempr. arguments that will d. t. th. m. and f. *verg.* ant. (R. 1900 *Medic.* 1).

contemplate From L. *contemplari* orig. used of augurs "viewing a *templum* in the sky." Cf. *contemner*.

contemporary In sense of Late L. *contemporarius* (whence F. *contemporain*) from *con* and *tempus* *tempus* + *time*.

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contend L. *contendere* intens. of *tendere* to stretch.

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Such as the *ball* *m* (*my* *heart* *content*) (R. 1900 *Medic.* 1).

contemuous From L. *terminus* with common boundary.

contes F. *contestare* L. *con* *testari* to call to witness (*testis*) esp. as in *contes* *d* *lium* to open proceedings.

context L. *contextus* from *co* *nectere* to weave together.

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continue F. *continuer* L. *continuuus* from *continuum* from *continere* (see *contemner*).

conto Mil. on reis. Port. Late L. *compitus*.

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That I suffer no riotous, come to us as congregeous of lewd people among you

(*Canterbury Tales* 1451)

convention F L. *conventio* n meeting agreement from *convenire* to come together. Hence *conventional* applied (19 cent.) to lang art etc

converge Late L. *convergere* to incline together from *vergere* to bend

conversation Orig association frequentation behaviour as still in *crim con* From L. *conversari* to dwell (lit turn about) with cf *conversant*. Current sense from 16 cent

Our conversation [Angl con versatio G & life pos, Rf citizenship] is in heaven (Plat. ut. 20)

conversazione It social gathering at home lit conversation. From 18 cent

converse Opposite L. *conversus* p p of *convertere* to turn about

convert Anonym substituted under influence of verb *convert* (v s) for earlier *converso*

Conversus tro b thence to the laws of Israel (Wye. & Chro. 1202.)

convex L. *convexus* from *convexus* to bring together (two surfaces). Cf *convex*

convey OF *convoier* (*convoier*) VL. **convia* e from *via* way. Orig to escort as company (cf *convoy*). In 15-17 c nts euph for *steal* (cf current *exprop. s. te*). Hence l g *conveyance* transfer of property. For vehicle sense cf *carria* e. Dr Thompson Master of Trinity once suggested that a dispute as to a distinguished contemporary being the son of a lawyer or of a cabman might be settled by the com promise *conveyance*

Con y th wise t call. Steal foh! s too for the phrase (Werry H. s. 13)

convict convince L. *convincere* *convict* from *sincere* to vanquish. *Convict* as noun dates from 16 cent. Use of *convincing* in intellectual jargon is mod (not in VED)

H that complies agal t b will
l of his own opinion. ful (H. 184. ut. 517)

Th three-q art r, tho gh more convi ling tha those of the other s d were in res v y litt scope (Daily Tel. A. 1. 1911)

convivial Late L. *convivialis* from *convivere* to live
lea t from *con* and *vivere* to live

convoke F *convocuer* I *convocare* to call together. *Convocation* in eccl sense dates from temp Ed I in univ sense from 15 cent

convolution From L. *convolvere* *convolut* to roll together cf *convolutus* I bindweed

convoy F *convoyer* (see *contes*) keeping more of one's sense e p mil and naut

Th sinking of the great galasse the 16 of th ic convoy which in th E t parts is alled a carvan (*caravan*) (Camden 1602)

convulse From L. *convellere* to pull violently

convulsionnaire (A. 11) F fanatic indulging in convulsions at tomb of François de Paris in graveyard of St Médard Paris where miracles were reported to take place. The prohibition of these performances led some humorist to fix to the church door the following—

De par l roi d'effeue s th u

De faire tirad en c li u

cony First in AF pl. *conys* from OF *conis* L. *coniculus* cf It *conicchio* Sp *conjo*. Orig rined with honey mon y. Now usu replaced by *rabbit* (q v). The animal is of southern ori in as no Celt or Teut names for it exist cf Ger *hainichen* MHG *kunichin* etc also from L. The L word is supposed to be Iberian. The *cony* of the Bible is really the *hyrax* *Syriacus* a small pachyderm resembling the marmot.

coo Earlier *croo* limit. cf F *croi* *croier*. With double form cf. F *croasser* (of r. en) *croas* (of frog)

coo-coo-coo the cooing of doves (Loig)

cooee *cooeey* [Austral] Adopted from native signal-cry. Cf *yodel*

cook First as noun AS *cōc* L. *coquus* whence also Du *kok* Ger *koch* Arab. F *querr*. It *cuoco* etc. Verb from noun in MF. Teut lang had *bate* *roast* *rethe* but no gen term (cf *kut hen*). With to *cook* one's goose cf to *set* one's *ha* to *cook* (*accot* *stet* *m* *nis* etc.) 13 17 cent (cf *co* *coch*)

cooky (Sc) Cake Du *koekje* dim of *koek* cake com with Ger *kuch* n. For LC origin cf *score*

cool AS *cōl* WGer *cōl* Du *koe* Ger *käl* *co* n with L. *gelidus*. See *cold*. The verb earlier *kāle* (whence Shaks to *kāle* the *jet* for *h* h see also quot s v *confuse*) has been assimilated to the adj. In application to sums of money peris from *dea* of

contraband Sp *contrabanda*, It *contrabando*, against law (sec *ban*¹) Dates in E from illicit trade (c 1600) with Sp possessions in SAmcr

contract L *contractus*, a drawing together, from *contrahere*, from *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw The same idea is seen in to *contract* a disease (*matrimonial alliance*, etc) For current limited sense of *contractor*, as in *Builders and Contractors*, cf *undertaker*

contradict From L *contradicere*, -*dict-*, to speak against *Contradiction in terms* is mod for earlier *contradiction* (*Par* L 2 799)

contralto It, "a counter treble in musicke" (*Flor*) From L *contra* and *altus*, high Not orig limited to female voice Cf obs *contratenor*

contraption [*dial* & US] App formed irreg from *contrive*, on *deceive*, *deception*, etc

contrapuntal From It form of *counterpoint* (q v)

contrary OF *contrarie* (*contraire*), L *contrarius*, from *contra*, against "The accent is invariably placed on the first syllable by all correct speakers, and as constantly removed to the second by the illiterate and vulgar" (*Walker*) The vulgar pronunc is, as usual, the older

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?

contrast F *contraster*, Latc L *contrastare*, to stand against

contravallation [*fort*] See *circumvallation*

contravene F *contrevénir*, L *contravenire*, to come against

contre-danse F corrupt of *country-dance* (q v)

contretemps F, out of time In E first as fencing term

contribute From L *contribuere*, *contribut-* See *tribute*

contrite From L *contrerere*, *contrit-*, to bruise, crush Cf *attrition*

contrive ME *contreve*, to invent, etc, esp of evil devices, OF *contruev-*, -*treuv-*, tonic stem of OF *controver* (*controuwer*), from *trouwer*, of doubtful origin (see *trouver*) OF *ue*, *em*, regularly become E *ē*, cf *retrieve*, *beef*, *people*

Guy Fawkes, Guy!

He and his companions did contrive
To blow all England up alive

control F *contrôle*, OF *contre-rolle*, register kept in duplicate for checking purposes, a

sense not preserved in E Cf *counterfoil* and see *roll* Much older than *control* is *controller*, whence corruptly *comptroller* Now (1918) esp in *Food Controller*. De *control* is a neol (1919)

contrerolle a controlement, or contrarolement; the copy of a role (of accounts &c), a parallel of the same quality and content, with the original (Cotg)

controvert Back-formation, by analogy with *convert*, *divert*, etc, from *controversy* (Wyc), from L *controversus*, turned against.

contumacy L *contumacia*, from *contumax*, -*linax*-, prob from *tumēre*, to swell

contumely L *contumelia*, cogn with above

confuse From L *confundere*, -*fus-*, from *tundere*, to beat

conundrum "A cant word" (*Johns*) Earliest sense (c 1600) seems to have been whimsy, oddity, either in speech or appearance Later, a play on words, "a low jest, a quibble, a mean conceit" (*Johns*), and finally (late 18 cent), a riddle Prob univ slang (associated with Oxf, 1645) originating in a parody of some L scholastic phrase Cf *panjandrum*, *hocus-poers*. See quot sv *bec*

Others wear a dead ratt tyed by the taile and such like conundrums

(*Travels into Virginia*, c 1612)

I begin to have strange conundrums in my head
(*Massinger*)

convalescent From pres part. of L *convalescere*, to grow strong, from incept of *valēre*, to be strong.

convection [*phys*] L *convectio-n-*, from *convellere*, from *velere*, *vect-*, to carry

convenience Usu pl F, from *convenir*, to agree, bc fitting Cf *comely*

convene. F *convénir*, L *convenerē*, to come together Mod trans sense, to summon, is due to double function of other E vcrbs (*assemble*, *gather*, *disperse*, etc)

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convent ME usually *convent*, *covent* (as in *Covent Garden*) F *convent*, Church L *conventus*, assembly Restored spelling *convent* is also found in OF, but now rejected for *convent* In ModE esp nunnery *convent* a covent, cloister, or abbey of monks, or nunes (Cotg)

conventicle L *conventiculum*, meeting, place of meeting, from *convénire*, *convent-*, to come together, applied by Roman Christians (4 cent) to their places of worship

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coquito Palm Sp dim of *cocho* (q v)
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deliberate counting To *cool one's heels*, now iron, was orig used of a rest on the march A *cool hand* appears to be suggested by such expressions as *skilled (cunning) hand*

"A cool four thousand, Pip!" I never discovered from whom Joe derived the conventional temperature of the four thousand pounds, but it appeared to make the sum of money more to him, and he had a manifest relish in insisting on its being cool

(*Great Expectations*, ch lvi)

coolie, cooly Prob from *Kulī*, *Kolī*, name of aboriginal tribe of Guzerat So used in 16 cent Port Cf hist of *slave*

coomb¹, combe Hollow, valley, esp in S W of England AS *cumb*, prob of Celt origin Very common in place-names Cf F *combe*

coomb² Obs dry measure AS *cumb*, vessel, cf Ger *kumpf*

coon [US] Aphet for *raccoon* (qv) Fig and prov uses appear to come esp from negro pastime of coon-hunting

coop ME *cupe*, L *cupa*, vat, cask, etc., whence F *cuv*, vat Existence of Ger *kufe*, tub, suggests that the word may have been adopted also in AS For changed E sense cf *basket*

cooper¹ Maker of casks Du *cuper*, MedL *cuparius*, from L *cupa*, cask (vs) Not immediately from *coop*, which has never meant cask in E Earlier forms *couper*, *cowper* survive as surnames Hence *cooper*, stout and porter mixed, favourite tap of brewery cooper (cf *porter*²)

cooper², coper Chiefly in *horse-co(o)per* From Du *koop*en to buy, cf Ger *kaufen* and see *cheap*, *chapman*. Cf also *co(o)per*, Du ship trading with North Sea fishermen, "floating grog-shop"

cooperate From Late L *cooperari*, to work together, from *opus*, *oper*-, work Hence *cooperation*, in econ sense app introduced (1817) by Owen

co-opt L *copulare*, to choose together Earlier *cooplate* (Blount)

coordinate From MedL *coordinare*, to arrange together, from *ordo*, *ordin*-, order

coot Applied in ME to various water-fowl MF *cole*, *coete*, cf Du *koot* A LG word of unknown origin

What though she be toothless and bald as a coot? (Heswood, 1562)

cop [ˈtɹæ] To seize ? Northern pronunc of obs *cap*, OF *capr*, L *capere* Hence a fair cop, *copper*, policeman No cop is a variation on *no catch*.

copaiba [med] Balsam Sp Port., Brazil *cupaiba*

copal Resin Sp, Mex *copalh*, incense coparcener [leg] From obs *parcener*, partner, OF *parçonier*, from *parçon*, share, L *partio-n-*

cope¹ Garment ME *cope*, earlier *cape*, Late L *capa* (see *cap*, *cape*¹) Hence verb to *cope*, cover (a wall), as in *coping* Fig in *cope* (i.e. mantle) of night, of heaven Halfe so trewe a man ther nas of love Under the cope of hevne, that is above (Chauc *Leg Good Women*, 1526)

cope² Verb OF *coper* (*couper*), to strike, from *coup*, blow, VL **colapus*, for *colaphus*, G *κόλαφος*, buffet Influenced in sense by obs *cope*, to traffic (see *cooper*²), occurring commonly in to *cope with* (cf fig sense of to deal with) Nor can F *coupler*, "to couple, joyné, yoake, also, to coape, or grapple together" (Cotg), be left out of account (cf *buff*, for *buffle*)

copeck Small Russ coin Russ *копейка*, dim of *копѣ*, lance Effigy of Ivan IV with lance was substituted (1535) for that of his predecessor with sword Cf *tester*²

coper See *cooper*²

Copernican Astron system of *Copernicus*, latinized form of *Kopernik*, Pruss astronomer (1473-1543)

coping See *cope*¹

copious F *copieux*, L *copiosus*, from *copia*, plenty, from *co-* and *ops*, wealth See *copy*

copper¹ Metal AS *coper*, VL *cuprum*, for *Cyprium aes*, Cyprian bronze, from *Cyprus*, G *Κύπρος* In most Europ langs, e.g. Du. *kobber*, Ger *kupfer*, ON *kopar*, F *cuivre*, etc In hot *coppers* there is prob the metaphor of the over-heated vessel, the *itching copper* dating from 17 cent. Sense of coin is in Steele, who uses it collect. (cf *silver*)

copper² [slang] Policeman See *cop*

copperas MF *copereuse*; cf F *couperose*, It *copparosa*, Ger *kupferrose* Origin uncertain, ? from Late L adj. *cuprosa*, of copper, (cf *tuberose*), ? or an imitation of synonym G *χάλκαρος*, flower (rose) of brass copperhead [US *k-sd*]. Venomous snake Fig. northern sympathizer with Secession (1862)

coppice, copse OF. *copeis*, from *coper* (*couper*), to cut (see *cope*²), with suffix *-is*, L *-aticus* Cf synonym F *taillis*, from *tailler*, to cut With dial *copy* cf *cherrie*, *per*, etc.

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(Flor)

corf [techn & dial] Basket Du or LG
korf, L *corbis*, early adopted in WGer, cf
 Ger *korb*

coriaceous Leathery From L *coriaceus*,
 from *corium*, hide, cogn with *cortex*, bark
 coriander Plant F *coriandre*, L *coriandrum*,
 from G *κορίαννον*, prob not of G origin
 Corinthian [archaic] Dandy, "toff" (18-19
 cents), earlier, profligate, dissipated, from
 proverbially licentious manners of Corinth
 Cf similar use of *Ephesian* (*Merry Wives*,
 iv 5)

A Corinthian, a lad of mettle (1 Hen IV, ii 4)

cork Earliest sense (14 cent) is shoe, slipper,
 Sp *alcorque*, "a cork shoe, a pantofle"
 (Minsh), of Arab origin (cf Sp *alcorcuque*,
 cork tree) This was also the earliest sense
 of Ger *korck*, and the substance was called
pantoffelholz, slipper-wood The above
 words are connected by some with L
quercus, oak, which seems unlikely Their
 relation to Sp *corcha*, cork, and of the
 latter to L *cortex*, *coriæ*, bark, is a
 mystery With *corcker* (app US) cf to
put the lid on

cork, bark *cortex* (*Prompt Parv*)

corking-pin [archaic] "A pin of the largest
 size" (Johns) Earlier *calkin*, *cawking*,
 but relation to *calkin* (q v) is obscure

cormorant F *cormoran*, earlier *cormarian*,
 -*ein*, -*in*, from OF **marenc*, of the sea,
 from L *mare* with Ger suffix -*ing*, of which
 fem survives in F dial *pie mareng*, cor-
 morant Cf MedL *corvus marinus*, sea
 raven, whence Port *corvo marinho* For
 E -*l* of *pheasant*, *tyrant*, etc

corn¹ Grain AS *corn* Com Teut, cf Du
koren, Ger ON *korn*, Goth *kaurn*, cogn
 with L *gramm* For double sense (single
 seed, as in *peppercorn*, and collect) cf
grain In US esp maize, whence *corn-cob*,
corn-flour *Constalk*, native-born Austra-
 lian (esp NSW), alludes to height and
 slimmness *Corned beef* is so called because
 preserved with "corns" (grams) of salt
 corn² On foot OF *corn* (*cor*), horn, horny
 substance L *cornu* See *core*
 cornbrash Sandstone From *corn*¹ and *brash*
 (q v)

cornea [anat]. Of the eye For L *cornea tela*,
 horny web

cornel Tree In 16 cent *cornel-tree*, for Ger
cornel-baum, from MedL *cornolus*, from
 L *cornus*, cornel tree, named, like the horn-

bcam, from horny nature Cf F *cornouiller*,
 cornel tree

cornelian Stone ME *corneline*, F *cornaline*,
 cf It *cornalina*, Prov *cornehua* ? From
 L *cornu*, horn (cf *onyx*), or from resem-
 bling fruit of *cornel tree* (v s.) The form
cornelian (cf Ger *karneol*) is due to mis-
 taken association with L *caro*, *caru*, flesh
 (v i)

cornaline the cornix, or cornaline, a flesh coloured
 stone (Cotg)

corner ME & AF *corner*, F *corner*, VL
**cornarium*, from *cornu*, horn The verb
 to *corner* (commodities) arises from earlier
 sense (also US) of driving into a corner
The Corner, Tattersall's, was formerly at
 Hyde Park Corner *Corner-stone* is in Wyc
 (*Vulg lapis angularis*)

cornet¹ Instrument OF., It *coinetto*, dim
 of *cornu*, horn, L *cornu*

cornet² Head-dress, standard of troop of
 cavalry F *coinnette*, dim of *corne*, horn,
 L *cornu*(*u*)*a*, neut pl taken as fem sing
 With obs *cornet* (of horse) cf *cusign* (of
 foot)

cornice Earlier also *cornish*, F *corniche*, It
cornice App ident with It *cornice*, crow,
 L *cornix*, *cornic*- Cf *corbel*

Cornish [ling] Celt lang which became ex-
 tinct in 18 cent

corneoan Cornet à piston ? Arbitrary
 formation (19 cent)

cornucopia For L *cornu copiae*, horn of
 plenty Orig horn of the she-goat Amal-
 thea which suckled infant Zeus

corody See *corrody*

corolla L, dim of *corona*, crown, garland

corollary L *corollarium*, gratuity, orig one
 given for garland (v s) Math sense is in
 Chauc

corolaire a corollaire, 1 surplusage, overplus, addi-
 tion to, vantage above measure, also, a small gift,
 or largesse bestowed on the people at publique
 feastes, and playes (Cotg)

coronach [Sc] Funeral lament - Gael *cor-
 ranach*, from *comh*-, together, *rànach*, out-
 ery

coronation OF *coronacion*, from *coroner*
 (*coronner*), to crown, from L *corona*

coroner AF *corouner*, from *coroune*, crown,
 F *couronne*, L *corona* Orig (from 1194)
custos placitorum coronae, an official at-
 tending to private rights of crown, his
 functions being now limited Also pop
crownor

The crownor hath sat on her, and finds it Christian
 burial (*Hamlet* v i)

Cortes Legislative assembly Sp Port., pl of *corte*, court
 cortical Of bark, L *cortex*, *cortic-*
 corundum [min] Tamil *kurundam*, Sanskrit *kuruvinda*, ruby
 coruscate From L *coruscare*, to glitter
 corvee Forced labour F, OF *corvée*, pp fem of OF *cor-voire*, to call together, rendered in MedL by *corrogata* (*opera*), but OF *voire*, to ask, summon, is more prob from OSax *rōpan* (cf Ger *rufen*), to call (cf Sc *ioop*, auction)

corvette Small frigate F, Port *corveta*, L *corbita* (sc *navis*), from *corbis*, basket, reason of name unknown

corvine L *corvinus*, of the crow, *corvus*

Corybant Priest of Phrygian worship of Cybele, wild dancer F *corybantic*, L. G *Korýbas*, *Korýbain*-

Corydon Conventional rustic (*Allegro*, 83) L, G proper name *Korýdon* (Theocritus)

corymb [bot] G *κόρυμβος*, cluster, esp of ivy-berries

coryphaeus Chorus leader (in Attic drama) G *κορυφαῖος*, from *κορυφή*, head

cos Lettuce From Aegean island, G *Kōs*, now Stanchio

cosh¹ To cocker, pamper Ir *cóisir*, feast

cosh² See *kosher*

cosmetic G *κοσμητικός*, from *κόσμος*, order, adornment

cosmos G *κόσμος*, order, a name given by Pythagoras to the universe Often contrasted with *chaos* (q v) Cf *cosmogony*, creation, from *-γόνια*, begetting, *cosmopolite*, citizen of the world, from *πολίτης*, citizen, *cosmography*, etc

coss, koss [Anglo-Ind] Varying measure of length (usu about 2 miles) Hind *kōs*, Sanskrit *krosa*, measure, orig call showing distance

"The city is many koss wide," the Havildar-Major resumed (Kipling, *In the Presence*)

396 course of India make English miles 551½ (Peter Mundy, 1631)

Cossack Earlier (16 cent) *cassack*, Turki *quzzāq*, adventurer, freebooter, etc

The Cossacks are a species of Tartars, their name signifies freebooters (Jonas Hanway, 1753)

cosset To pamper From *cosset*, spoilt child, young animal brought up by hand, "cadelamb" Perh AS *colsealla*, cot-dweller (cf It *casuccio*, pet lamb, from *casa*, house, and Ger *hauslamm*, pet), but there is no record of the AS word between Domesday

and 1579, though the corresponding Ger compd survives (*kossat*, cotter)
 cost OF *coster* (*colter*), L *constare*, from *stare*, to stand; cf, It *costare*, Sp *costar* The L idiom is curiously like ModE, e g *Hoc constitit mihi tribus assibus*, "stood me in" See *stand*

costal [anat.] Of the rib, L *costa*

costard Apple, fig. head. 2 From OF *coste*, L *costa*, rib, the apple being described as "ribbed", cf OF *pome d cousteau*, app ribbed pear Hence *costard-monger*, apple-dealer, for extended sense of which (*costermonger*) cf *chandler* For the opposite cf *stationer*, *undertaker*.

costardmonger fruyetier (Palsg)

costive OF *costive*, L *constipatus* For loss of suffix cf *signal*², *trove*, *défile*², etc See *constipate*

costmary [archaic] Plant Earlier also *cost*, L *costus*, G *κόστος*, Arab *gust*, Sanskrit *kustha*, name of plant found in Cashmere Second element is *St Mary*, cf synon. OF *herbe sainte Marie*, Ger *Marienblätchen*, etc Has influenced *rosemary* (q v)

costume. F, It, custom, fashion, L *consuetudo*, *-tudin-*, custom Cf double meaning of *habit* Introduced as art term, and italicized up to c 1750 Not in Johns

cosy Orig Sc, comfortable, snug Earliest (c 1700) *colsie* Origin doubtful 2 Norw *koselig*, snug, cosy, from *kose sig*, to make oneself comfortable, cf Ger *kosen*, to chat familiarly, *hebkosen*, to caress, ult ident with F *cancer*, to talk

cot¹, cote Dwelling AS *cot*, cf Du LG ON *hot*, also AS *cote*, whence *cote* in *sheep-cote*, *dove-cote*, etc Prob cogn with *coat* (q v) with ground-idea of covering

cot² Bed Hind *khāt*, Sanskrit *khatwā* From 17 cent in mil and naut use Child's *cot* first in Todd

cote See *cot*¹

coterie F, orig association of peasants holding land from a lord, from OF *coter*, cot-dweller, cf McdL *coteria* See *cot*¹

cothurnus Tragic buskin L, G *kóthpros*
 cotillon F, petticoat, double dim of *cotte*, skirt, etc (see *coat*) Reason for application to a dance is obscure.

cotta [eccl] Surplice McdL *cotta* See *coat*
 cottage AF *colage*, from *cot*¹, cf McdL *cotagium* Hence *cottage loaf*, easily made without elaborate apparatus

cotter¹, cottar, cottier Cottager See *cot*¹

cotton [*tekn*] Peg wedge in various senses
 Farther *cottrel* Prob fig use of same
 words in ME sen e of servile tenant
 villein lit cot-dwell r MedL *collarius*
coterellus Cf Ger *shefeltncht* bootjack
cotton F *coton* Arab *qun* (see *acton*) In
 most Europ langs Th verb to cotton
 orig (16 cent) to prosper succeed appears
 to be due to a fig sen e of raising a nap
 on cloth or of getting materials to combine
 successfully See quot below in which
 however the association may be forced
Cottons racy is applied in E to the cotton
 lords of Lancashire in US to the planters
 It cottons w ll t can t choose b t be r a pretty
 n p (M ddj ton 1603)

Cottonian Library of Sir R Cotton (†1631)
 nucleus of British Museum

cotwal [*Anglo Ind*] Head of pol e Pers
kot-wal fort commander

cotyledon [*bot*] Introduced by Linnaeus
 G r *κύπελλον* cup-shaped cavity from
 normally hollow vess l

couch First as verb F *coucher* OF *colchier*
 L *collocare* to place t ether cf It *col*
care Sp *col ar* Gen ider to lay hori
 zontally eg to couch a lance F t ym sense
 survives in to couch in obscure lan us e
 (technical phraseology etc) with which cf
 F *coucher par écrit* to set down in writing
 In med couching of cataract orig sense is
 to lower depress

couch grass See *quitch*

cougar Puma catamount F *couguar* Bal
 fon s adaptation of an earl er *cu-uac* ara
 for Guarani (Brazil) *guara* a Cf *jaguar*

cough Found in AS only in derivative
cōhstan Cf Du *kuchen* to cough, Ger
keuchen to pant whence *keuchhsten*
 whooping-cough, h Ulmit Synon AS *hro*
skan survives in Sc. *hoast* cf Ger *husten*
 could See *can*

coulée [*geol*] Solidified lava F p p fem
 of *couler* to flow L *colare*

coulisse Side scene on stage etc F fem
 form of *colis* from *couler* to flow slide
 L *colare* Cf *porticulis*

coulour [*tip*] Steep gorge F by dissim
 for OF *courou* corr dor (q 1)

coulomb Unit of electricity From C A de
 Coulomb F physicist (†1806) Cf an
fière volt

coulter Of plough AS *cultir* from L See
 ci *flas*

council L *consilium* assembly ? lit a call
 ing together L *calare* Unconnected with

counsel F *cor eis* L *consilium* plan
 opinion ? lit leaping together from L
salire But the two words were completely
 confused in F though vaguely and often
 incorrectly differentiated from 16 cent
Counc l has encroached on *counsel* while
 F still limits *conseil* to eccl sense So al o
con seiller is for older *couns flor* F *con*
siller *Counsel* as applied to individual
 (h C) is evolved from sense of body of
 counsellors Cf Ger *geheimrat* privy
 councillor lit privy council

But I d see by how mu h gr ter th co cll d
 th umber of co nseillers > th more confused
 th issue f their co nseils (Pepys Jan. 2 1681)

counsel See *conceal* F *conseil* had also in
 OF the sense of (secret) plan whence to
keep o e s own counsel

count Title OF *conte* (*comte*) L *con*
comit companion from *com* and *ite* to o
 cf It *conte* Sp *conde* Used in AF for
earl but not recognized as E word till
 16 cent though *countess* ou sity are com
 mon in ME

count Verb OF *comter* L *computare* from
puta e to think reckon ModF *las e n r*
 to tell (a story) *computer* to calculate (cf
 double sense of L *tel*) For restored spelling
 of F *compte* cf E *acount* Archaic tr
 count plead in a court of law whence the
counts of an indictment belongs in sense
 to ModF *comter*

countenance L *comenentia*
 manner of holding oneself bearing from
com and *entia* lit to hold together In E gradu
 ally applied esp to the behaviour
 of the features eg to *chan e countenance*
 Orig sense of bearing appears in to *keep*
 in (put out of) countenance hence coun
 tenance moral support

counter 1d E p in to run *count* See
counter Also with adj sense e h in
counter revolun

counter Of a shop Extended use of same
 word meaning bankers desk counting
 house cf F *compte* MedL *computus*
tyrum

counter Part of horse s breast From
counters Cf origin of *withers* (q 1)

counter Of a ship Perh as *counter*
 ? from shape

counter In fencing boxing For earlier
counter-parade *counter parry* (see *counters*)

counter Verb From adv *counters* but in
 some senses aphet for *encounter* and obs
accouter

Cortes Legislative assembly Sp Port, pl of *cortic*, court
 cortical Of bark, L *corlex*, *cortic-*
 corundum [min] Tamil *kurundam*, Sanskrit *kuruvinda*, ruby
 coruscate From L *coruscare*, to glitter
 corvée Forced labour F, OF *corovee*, p p fem of OF *cor-rover*, to call together, rendered in MedL by *corrogata* (*opera*), but OF *rover*, to ask, summon, is more prob from OSax *īðpan* (cf Ger *rufen*), to call (cf Sc *roop*, auction)
 corvette Small frigate F, Port *corveta*, L *corbita* (sc *navis*), from *corbis*, basket, reason of name unknown
 corvine L *corvinus*, of the crow, *corvus*
 Corybant Priest of Phrygian worship of Cybele, wild dancer F *corybante*, L, G *Κορύβας*, *Κορυβαντ*-
 Corydon Conventional rustic (*Allegro*, 83) L, G proper name *Κορυδων* (Theocritus)
 corymb [bot] G *κόρυμβος*, cluster, esp of ivy-berries
 coryphaeus Chorus leader (in Attic drama) G *κορυφαῖος*, from *κορυφή*, head
 cos Lettuce From Aegean island, G *Kōs*, now Stanchio
 cosher¹ To cocker, pamper. Ir *cóisir*, fcast
 cosher² See *kosher*
 cosmetic G *κοσμητικός*, from *κόσμος*, order, adornment
 cosmos G *κόσμος*, order, a name given by Pythagoras to the universe Often contrasted with *chaos* (q v) Cf *cosmogony*, creation, from *-γονία*, begetting, *cosmopolite*, citizen of the world, from *πολίτης*, citizen, *cosmography*, etc
 coss, koss [Anglo-Ind] Varying measure of length (usu about 2 miles) Hind *kōs*, Sanskrit *krosa*, measure, orig call showing distance
 "The city is many koss wide," the Havildar-Major resumed (Kipling, *In the Presence*)
 396 course of India make English miles 551½ (Peter Mundy, 1631)
 Cossack Earlier (16 cent) *cassache*, Turki *quzzāq*, adventurer, freebooter, etc
 The Cossacks are a species of Tartars, their name signifies freebooters (Jonas Hanway, 1753)
 cosset To pamper From *cosset*, spoilt child, young animal brought up by hand, "cadelamb" Perh AS *cotsetla*, cot-dweller (cf It *casiccio*, pet lamb, from *casa*, house, and Ger *harslanm*, pet), but there is no record of the AS word between Domesday

and 1579, though the corresponding Ger compd survives (*kossat*, cotter)
 cost OF *costes* (*cocties*), L *constare*, from *stare*, to stand, cf It *costare*, Sp *costar* The L idiom is curiously like ModE, e.g. *Hoc constitit mihi tribus assibus*, "stood me in" See *stand*
 costal [anat] Of the rib, L *costa*
 costard Apple, fig head ? From OF *coste*, L *costa*, rib, the apple being described as "ribbed", cf OF *poire à cousteau*, app ribbed pear Hence *costard-monger*, apple-dealer, for extended sense of which (*costermonger*) cf *chandler* For the opposite cf *stationer*, *undertaker*
costardmonger fruyctier (Palsg)
 costive OF *costivus*, L *constipatus* For loss of suffix cf *signal*², *trouv*, *défilé*², etc See *constipate*
 costmary [archaic] Plant Earlier also *cost* L *costus*, G *κόστος*, Arab *qust*, Sanskrit *kustha*, name of plant found in Cashmere Second element is *St Mary*, cf synon. OF *herbe sainte Marie*, Ger *Marichenblättchen*, etc Has influenced *rosemary* (q v)
 costume F, It, custom, fashion, L *consuetudo*, *-tudin-*, custom Cf double meaning of *habit* Introduced as art term, and italicized up to c 1750 Not in Johns
 cosy Orig Sc, comfortable, snug Earliest (c 1700) *colsie* Origin doubtful. ? Norw *koselig*, snug, cosy, from *kose sig*, to make oneself comfortable, cf Ger *losen*, to chat familiarly, *lieblosen*, to caress, ult ident with F *causer*, to talk
 cot¹, cote Dwelling AS *cot*, cf Du LG ON. *kot*, also AS *cote*, whence *cote* in *sheep-cote*, *dove-cote*, etc Prob cogn with *coat* (q v) with ground-idea of covering
 cot² Bed Hind *khāt*, Sanskrit *īhatwā* From 17 cent in mil and naut use Child's *cot* first in Todd
 cote See *cot*¹
 coterie F, orig association of peasants holding land from a lord, from OF *cotier*, cot-dweller, cf MedL *coteria* Sec *cot*¹
 cothurnus Tragic buskin L, G *κόθουρος*
 cotillon F, petticoat, double dim of *coll.*, skirt, etc (sec *coat*) Reason for application to a dance is obscure
 cotta [eccl] Surplice MedL *cotta* See *coat*
 cottage AF *cotage*, from *cot*¹, cf MedL *colagium* Hence *cottage loaf*, easily made without elaborate apparatus.
 cotter¹, cottar, cottier Cottager See *cot*¹.

counter- AF form of F *contre*, L *contra*, against

counterblast App. from blast blown on trumpet in answer to challenge Revived in 19 cent as echo of James I's *Counterblast to Tobacco* (1604)

counterfeit F *contrefait*, pp of *contrefaire*, from *contre* and *faire*, L *faccere* Not orig with suggestion of fraud

counterfoil See *foil*¹

counterfort [*arch*] F *contrefort*, buttress, from *fort*, strong

countermand F *contremander*, from *mandes*, L *mandare*, to order

counterpane Earlier *counter-point*, OF *contre-pointe* (now corruptly *counte-pointe*), Late L *culcita puncta*, stitched quilt, from *pungere*, to prick The corrupted *counte-pointe* is found in OF, being explained by Cotg as "wrought with the backe stitch" The altered ending in E is perh due to *pane*, *cover-pane*, F *pan*, cloth (see *panel*), formerly used in similar sense See also *quilt*

In ivory coffers I have stuff'd my crowns,
In cypress chests my arras, counterpoints,
Costly apparel, tents and canopies (*Shrew*, II 1)

counterpoint [*mus*] F *contrepoint*, It *contrapunto*, an accompaniment "pricked against" notes of melody See *puncture*

countervail From tonic stem of OF *contra-valoir*, from L *contra* and *valere*, to be worth Cf *avail*, *prevail*

The enemy could not countervail the king's damage (*Esth* VII 4)

counting-house See *count*² First record in NED is 1440 (*Prompt Parv*), but *Nicholas del Countynghouse* is in *Issue Rolls* (1381)

country F *contrée*, Late L *contrata*, (land) spread before one (*contra*) Cf Ger *gegen*, district, from *gegen*, against The oldest E sense is region, district, as F *contrée*, and the three main existing meanings are all exemplified in *countryman* Hence *country-dance*, in F corrupted to *contredanse* *Countryside*, orig Sc, or north, is a neol in literary E The Teut word, in same senses, is *land*, which has prevailed in the other Teut langs

In a country dress, she and others having, it seemed, had a country dance in the play

(*Pepys*, May 22, 1667)

county AF *counté*, OF *comté* (*comté*), L *comitatus* (see *count*¹) The county court translates the AS *shire-moot*, the county council dates from 1888

coup F (see *cope*²) Now common in E,

e.g. *coup d'essai*, *coup d'État* (esp in ref to Louis Napoleon, 1851), *coup de grâce*, *merey* (putting opponent out of his misery) *coup de main*, *coup de théâtre*

Mr Lloyd George aimed at a *coup d'état*, but has achieved a *coup de théâtre*

(*Daily News*, Dec 3, 1918)

coupe F, pp of *couper*, to cut (in half) See *cope*².

couple F, L *copula*, bond. In ME esp leash, brace of hounds, as in to *uncouple* *hunt in couples*, etc

coupon F, a "detachable" certificate, from *couper*, to cut (see *cope*²) In travel sense introduced by Cook (1864) Now (1918) one of the most familiar words in the lang (cf *control*, *censor*, etc)

On no account should voters be fooled by the fact that candidates have been couponed or ticketed by the Coalition (*Daily Mail*, Dec 9, 1918)

The election of December, 1918, may not improbably be known in history as "the coupon election"

(H II Asquith, Apr 12, 1919)

courage F, VL **coraticum*, from *cor*, heart, cf It *coraggio*, Sp *coraje* In ME, as 17 cent F up to 17 cent, commonly used for heart

Ce grand prince calma les courages émus (*Bossuet*)

courbash. See *koubash*

courier Combined from F *couvreur*, runner, from *courir*, to run (corresponding to Sp *corredor*, It *corridore*, Late L *curritor-em*) and 16 cent F *courrier*, courier, It *courriere* (corresponding to MedL *currentus*).

course Combined from F *cours*, L *cursus*, whence also It *corso*, Sp *curso*, and the later fem form *course* Has taken over some senses of native noun *run* Wycl *Yulg cursis*) Sense of routine order has been given of course, matter of course (see also *cursitor*) Hence verb to *course*, now only of hares, rabbits, but formerly also of bears, wolves, etc, cf F *courre le cerf* The sense of development of naut, *course* (fore-course, main-course) is perh connected with the "running" of ships under these sails

court OF *cort* (*cour*), L *cohors*, cohort, cogn with *hortus*, garden, and used by Varro in sense of poultry-yard It represents partly also L *curia*, used as its MedL equivalent in leg and administrative sense For double group of meanings cf Ger *hof*, yard, court (of prince, etc) In *courtois* there has been change of suffix, F *courtois* ONF *curters*, L *-ensis*, surviving in name *Curth* For *courtesy* see *cursus* *Courtesan*

Γ cortisane It *cortigiana* is euph (see *tra v*) *Cortier* is from OF *cortier* to frequent court (*Γ cortis* in = courtier 1 *courtier* = broker) With verb to court cf *I fa re la cour* *Court plaster* was formerly used for patches by ladies of the court *Court hand* in writing is that in which leg enactments are copied *Court ma tial* was earlier (16 cent) *marshal court* the inversion being app. due to association with *protest marshal* who carried out sentence of *court martial* It is often spelt *cort marshal* in 17 cent *marshal* and *marshal* being quite unconnected *Court yard* is plain the two words being synonym and ult. ident

For friend in court say better it
Than penny in purse (Rom *FR* 14 3141)

court-card For earlier *coat-card* from the pictures of *It carta di figura* a *cote carde* (Flor)

conscious Afr dish *F* Arab *kushus* from *kashasa* to pound small

cousin *F* cf *It cu ino* MedL *cosinus* (7 cent) with meaning of *L* *cowan guineus* *Cosinus* is supposed to be a contr (? due to infantile speech) of *L* *con sobrinus* *cousin germane* *est ra sonne* (Coop) but this seems hardly credible But one might conjecture that the OL form *con uerinus* might have become *consueinus* and so *cosinus*

couade Custom ascribed to some races of father taking to his bed on birth of a child (*Γ* (see *covey*) Earliest mention of the custom is prob in the *Argonautica* of *Apollonius* (186 n.c.)

cove¹ Creek In AS chamber c II recess etc whence mod sense of concave arch AS *cofa* Com Teut cf Ger *hof* 1 pig sty (from LG) *hoben hut* O^h *hofs hut* See *cubby house*

cove² [*ikav*] Earlier (16 cent thieves cant) *cofe* I rob ident with Sc *cofe* hawket cogn with *chapman* (q.v.) Cf *dégenera tion of cadge*

covenant Pres part of OE *cotenir* (*con ven r*) to agree *L* *conven r* to come to gether As Bbl word represents Heb *berith* contract rendered by *hab puy* in LXX and in Vulg by *foculus pact m le la venium* Hence Sc *Covenante* (just) subscriber to the *National Covenant* (1638) or the *Solemn League and Covenant* (1643)

Coventry send to In current sense from 18 cent Origin unknown

Bromingham (Birmingham a town so ally wicked that t h d risen upon small p ties t the king's and killed or taken them priso rs and sent them to Coventry

(*Clarendon Hist* [Gent R b 10])

If You de lose of be weary of Co entry h h ha been I an t believe th se t months I kn w a reason why I m y not enioy t L h feld h desired h mself t be sent to Co entry t a old being with th F n h

(*Maribor ugh Letter to H ley*)

cover *Γ* *coveris* *L* *coopere* cf *It copr re* Sp *cubrir* The vulgar stem is ME *keier* regularly from OF tonic stem *cucur* (cf VL *kercherese* *kerchief*) Some of the senses of the noun (under cover) are from *I* *couvert* orig. p.p of *couvrir* of which the OF pl was *couverts* Hence *cover st* for game The participial sense survives in *cover t gines* (thr at etc) *Coverite* protected state of married woman *femme couverte* is from Law *F*

coverlet *covered* *AT* *coverlet* (14 cent) *cover* bed formed *I* *ke r f ew kerch of* (q.v.) Not from ModT *couvre lit* which is a neol

covet OF *coveler* (*convoite*) VL *et pidi tare* from *cupiditas* desire cf *It* *cubitare* Prov *cobelar*

covey *I* *couade* brood p.p fem of *couver* to brood incubate *L* *cubare* cf *It* *covata* a cove of partridges a bevie of pheasants a broode of chickens an ayne of hawks (Flor)

cow¹ Noun AS *cu* Aryan cf Du *k* Ger *kuh* O^h Ayr *San knt gais* (see *nighat* *Gut owar*) ult cogn with G β s *bo-* *L* *bos* *bot* *I* *one* is a southern form (cf *brethr n*) of pl *hve* AS *cō* (cf *moise mce*) which was usual up to 17 cent *Cowboy* (US) was orig used hist of sym patizers with England in War of Inde pendence (see Fenimore Cooper's *Spr*) *Cowhide* v hip is also US For *cowpar* first have tigated by Jenner (1798) see *por cow*² Verb O^h *Alga* to cow whence Norw *kue* First in Shaks (*Macb* v 8) Owing to late appearance it is often felt as back formation from *coward*

cowage *cowitch* Plant Hind *kau ch* Corrupted to *cowitch* owing to its stinging properties

coward Aryan *F* *coward* from OF *cote* (*queue*) tail *L* *cauda* with deprecatory suffix *ari* Ger *hart* as in *bask d klgard* etc cf *It* *colardo* No doubt an allusion

- to the tail between the legs *Cowardy*
custard seems to be meaningless, infantile
 alliteration
- cower Prob of Norse origin, cf Sw. *kura*,
 Dan *kine*, to squat, and Ger *kauern*, to
 cower Influenced in sense by *cow*², ME
 meaning being to squat, crouch
- cowitch See *courage*
- cowl¹ Garment AS *cagela*, Late L *cuculla*,
 cowl, for *cucullus*, hood of a cloak, cf
 MHG *kuogel*
- cowl² [archaic] Tub AS *cūfel*, dun from
 L *cupa*, cf Ger *kuhel*, tub, bucket, and
 see *coop* Hence *coal-staff*, for carrying a
 cowl
- cowrie Hind *kami* The use of the *cowrie*
 as money is mentioned by Chin writers
 of 14 cent BC
- cowslip AS *cū-slyppe*, cow dung Cf *ovip*
 and dial *bull-slop*
- cowslope*, *herbe herba petri* (*Prompt Parv*)
- cox Sec *coxswain*
- coxal [anat.] Of the hip, L *coxa*
- coxeomb Coel's comb Orig ornamentation
 of head-dress of professional fool
- If thou follow him, thou must needs wear my
 coxeomb (*Lear*, 1. 4)
- coxswain Earlier *cock-swain* See *cockboat*
 and *swain* Orig sailor in charge of boat
 (cf *boatswain*) Hence, by incorr separa-
 tion, *cox* as noun and verb
- coy F *coi*, VL **quietus* for *quietus* In ME
 first in etym sense and usu in to hold
 (lcep) oneself coy, for F *se tenir coi*
- coyote Prairie wolf Sp, Mex *coyotl*
- coz For *cousin*, which is usu spelt *cozen* in
 17 cent, e.g. in Pepys
- cozen It *cozzonare*, "to break horses, to
 plait the horse-courser, or knavish knave"
 (Flor), "to have perfect skill in all cosen-
 ages" (Torr), from *cozzone*, "a horse-
 courser a horse-breaker, a crafty knave"
 (Flor) Cf to *jockey* *Cozzone* is L *coctio-n-*
 (for *cocio*), whence OF & ME *cosson*, horse-
 dealer The word was app brought to
 England by young nobles who included
 Italy in the grand tour Often punningly
 connected with *cousin* Earliest recorded
 in noun *cousoner* (1561)
- By gar I am coroned, I ha married oon garsoon,
 a boy (*Merry Wives*, v. 5)
- Cousins, indeed, and by their unele cozened
 Of comfort, fngdom, kindred, freedom, life
 (*Rich III*, iv. 4)
- cozy See *cosy*
- crab¹ Crustacean. AS *crabba*, cf Du *krabb*;
 and LG *krabben*, to scratch, claw Cogn
 with Ger *krebs* (see *crayfish*) and with *crau*.¹
 With *crab*, capstan, orig with claws, cf
crane and other animal names for mech
 devices With to *catch a crab*, as though
 a crab had got hold of the oar, cf It
pigliare un granchio (crab), used of any kind
 of blunder. Verb to *crab*, to "pull to
 pieces," was orig a term of falconry Adj.
crabbed referred orig to the crooked way-
 ward gait of the crab, as still in *crabbed hand-
 writing* (style, etc.), but has been affected
 in sense by the idea of sourness associated
 with *crab*² For formation cf *dogged*
crabby, *awk*, or *graw* *ceronicus*, bilious, can
cerennus (*Prompt Parv*)
- crab² Apple Possibly Sc form *scrab* (Gavin
 Douglas), Sw dial *shrabba*, wild apple, is
 the older, in which case the E. form may
 have been assimilated to *crab*¹ as a depre-
 ciatory name for the fruit Cf double idea
 contained in *crabbed* (v. s.) and dial *crab-
 stick*, ill-tempered person, prop crabtree
 cudgel The existence of the common
 Yorks surname *Crabtree* shows that the
 word must be some centuries older than
 the first *NED* record (1420)
- crack First as verb, AS. *cracian*, cf. Du
kraken, Ger *krachen*, I. *cracher*; of imit
 origin, the name of the sound extending to
 the break which produces it The ME
 sense of uttering loudly survives in to *crack*
a joke, and Sc *crack*, to talk That of boast-
 ing, praising, in to *crack up*, whence also use
 of *crack* for person or thing praised (*crack*
regiment, etc.) *Crack of doom* is from
Macb iv. 1 *Cracksman*, burglar, is from
crack, breaking open, in thieves' slang, as
 in to *crack a crib*, words popularized by
 Dickens (*Oliver Twist*) With *cracker*, thin,
 hard biscuit (now chiefly US), cf *cracknel*
 and *crackling*
- crackle Frequent of *crack* Hence *crackling*
 (of roast pork) *Crackle-china* is so called
 from its fissured appearance, cf synonym F
cracquin
- cracknel Metath of F *cracuelin*, from Du
krakeling, cf E dial *crackling* and see
crack.
- cracuelin* a cracknell; made of the yolks of eggs,
 water, and flower, and fashioned like a hollow
 trendle (Cotg)
- And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels [*Vulg*
crustula], and a cruse of honey (1 *Kings*, xiv. 3)
- cracksman Sec *crack*

cracovienne [archaic] Dance Γ from Cracow Cracow cf *varsovienne polka* etc
cracy Farlier *cratie* F MedL C paria from *paros* power Change of spelling is due to Γ pronunc Hence many jocular formations with connecting -o (mobocracy, cottonocracy, beerocracy etc)

A d moc cy a theor cy an aristocracy an autocracy or any other form of racy
(H B lxc D ly News July 24 1917)

cradle AS *cradol* cogn with OHG *shrotto* basket cf Du *krat* basket Applied techn to various frame works or rocking contrivances *Cradle walk* (Evelyn) over arched with trees is translated from synon Γ *berceau*

berceau adj also an a bor or bower in a garden (Cotg)

The h d that rock the c adl
I th ba d that rules the wold
(W P Wall re c 866)

craft AS *craft* Com Teut in sense of strength cf Du *kracht* Ger *kraft* ON *krapt* Sense of skill ingenuity degenerating early to elyness is peculiar to E (cf *artful cunning* *hroving*) This ser vives in *handicraft* *witchcraft* *craftsman* *members of same craft* etc Sense of vessel earlier only small vessel and orig (17 cent) always accompanied by adj *small* prob arose ell pt from some such phrase as vessels of small craft small power and activity A *craft* is like all our air vocabulary modelled on naut.

The lyfs h rt th cr ft long t l me
(Ch ur P l f fouts)

Of his [hockey player] lcke att ther l o
questi (D ly Ch N 26 1919)

crag Celt cf Gael Ir *creag* Welsh *crag* cogn with place name *Carrick*

crake In corn *crake* Cf ME & dial *crake* crow ON *kráka* crow *krákr* raven Imit cf *croak*

cram AS *cramman* from *crimman* (*cram crummen*) to insert orig to squeeze press cogn with *craup* With *cram* lie cf to *stuff up* Locke uses *cram* of undigested learning

The be t fast ning of l l f wls is first telf ed them
with good m l secondly to g e l t them l r o
l ally as c am m r s do (NED 655)

crambo 16 cent *crambe* used of a running game capping verses now usu *dumb crambo* and orig of distasteful repetition L *crambe* cabbage G γ *paupß* with ref

to *crambe repel* is cabbage served up a gain

Occidit miser s *cramb* r petit m gi tros
(Ju 54)

From then to th H g ag pl yi g at
ramb in the waeg n (F pps May 9 600)

cramoisy [archaic] Γ *cramo* s; crimson See *carmine* *crimson*

cramp OF *crampe* bent twisted of LG origin (cf Du *krampe*) and cogn with Ger *krampf* *cramp* orig adj bent Cogn with *cram* *crimp* *crimple* In mech sense (eg *cramp iron*) it is the same word prob through obs Du *krampe* (*kra*) Both origins unite in some senses of the verb

cran [Se] Measure of fire h herrings (37½ gallons) Gael *crann* share lot

cranberry Ger *kranb* *era* crane berry taken to Namer by emigrants and introduced with the fru t into E in 17 cent For the double voyage cf *boss* Cf Sw *tanda* Dan *tranebar* from *t* *ta* *trane* crane
(Hj s b oca s N Anglia usq missas Lo d i
dimus et g iavinus (R y 1086)

crane AS *cran* cf Du *kraan* Ger *kran* *ch* cogn with I gru *G y pa* Welsh *garan* The Norse langs have *tr* eg ON *trani* The mech application is found also in other langs Cf to *crane one's neck* fig to hesitate like a horse looking before leaping *crannin* at a fence

gru a also th e g e so allied (L 18)

cranium MedL G *passor* skull

crank¹ Instrument handle AS *crane* in *crane stuf* Orig something bent cogn with *cringe* *cri gle* *crinkle* Hence used after Milton *sen for a d cranks* (1166 0 25) of fanciful twists or turns of speech Sense of eccentricity is 19 cent and *crank* eccentric person is US (cf *croak*) With *cranky* of mod formation and representing various senses of *crank* cf Ger *kranke* ill The verb to *come crankin* in is after Shaks

Se how this v r c r e s in ranking a
And e t m from th best of all my l d
A h ge half moon a m mstro canil o t
(1 H IV i 1)

crank² [naut] Easily capsized Larlier *crank sided* (Capt John Smith) From Du *k rigen* to push over *careen* a ship ult cogn with *crank* in sense of turn

crannog Celt lake dwelling Is *c annóg* Gael *crannog* from *crann* tree beam

cranny App from F *cran*, earlier *cren*, VL **crenum* The dim appears in *crenulate* (q v) Cf It *crena*, notch, indentation on leaves L *crena*, from which these words were formerly derived, is now regarded as a wrong reading in Phny

crape F *criêpe*, OF *creспе*, L *crispa*, curly (sc tela).

crapulous From L *crapula*, drunkenness, G *κραίπαλη*, drunken head-ache, nausea

crash¹ Of noise, etc First as verb in ME Imt, related to *crack* as *clash* to *clack* Cf Ger *krach*, crash, commercial disaster, from *krachen*, to crack Spee application

to fall of aeroplane dates from Great War crash² Coarse linen used for towels From Russ *krashennina*, coloured linen Usu *crasho* in Haki and Purch

crasis [ling] Running together of vowels, as in *καὶ γὰρ* for *καὶ γάρ* G *κρᾶσις*, mixture, from *κραννύναι*, to mix

crass L *crassus*, fat, thick In F only in fem (ignorance *crasse*), L *crassus* giving F *gras*

-crat See -cracy

cratch [dial] Manger F *crèche*, OHG *chrippa* (*kripppe*), ident with *crib* (q v) Cf *match*², *patch*.

Sche childide her firste born sone, and wlappeid him in clothis, and puttide him in a crache

(Wyc Luke, ii 7).

crate Du *krat*, basket (see *cradle*) Prob introduced with earthenware from Delft

crater L, bowl, G *κρατήρ*, mixing-bowl (see *crasis*) Recorded for 1839 in mil sense, now so familiar, of cavity caused by explosive

craunch Earlier used for *crunch* (q v) Prob nasalized form of *crash*¹ *Scraunch* is also found (cf *scrunch*)

Herke howe he crasseth these grystels bytwene his tethe (Palsg)

The queen would craunch the wing of a lark, bones and all, between her teeth (*Gulliver*)

cravat F *cravate* (17 cent), scarf like those worn by Croatian soldiers (Thirty Years War) Cf F *Cravate*, Croat, Ger *Krabate*, Flem *Crawaat*, Croato-Serbian *Hrvat*. There is at Woodchurch, Kent, an inn called the *Jolly Cravat*, perh founded by some returned soldier of fortune

crabba' a new fashionable gorget which women wear (Blount)

crave AS *crasian*, to demand as a right, cf synon ON. *krefja*, ? cogn with *craft*, power Current sense comes via that of

asking very earnestly (I *crave* your pardon), as still in *cravings* of hunger, etc

craven ME *cravant*, *cravand*, vanquished, cowardly, app confused, esp in to *cry craven*, with the commoner *creant*, apht for *recreant* (q v) Related to OF *craventer*, *crevanter*, to overthrow, VL **crepantare*, for *crepase* (whence F *crever*, to burst, etc.) It may be the F p p. with suffix lost as in *costive*, *defile*², *trove*, or a verbal adj of the same type as *stale* Sense has been affected by association with *cave* (mercy, pardon, etc)

craw Crop of a bird. ME *crawe*, cogn with Du *kraag*, neck, OHG *krago*, cf Ger *kragen*, collar, Se *crat*(g), neck These forms point to an AS **craga*

crawfish See *crayfish*

crawl¹ Verb ON *krafla*, to claw, cf Norw *kraule*, to crawl, climb, Sw *krafla*. Ong to elaw one's way Cogn with *crab*¹, cf Ger *krabbeln*, to crawl, from LG

crawl² [WInd] Pen in water for turtles, etc Var of *corral*, *kraal* (q v)

crayfish, crawfish Corrupted from ME. *crevesse*, F *écrevisse*, OF also *crevice*, OHG *krebiz* (*krebs*), crab

escrevisse a crevice, or crayfish (Cotg)

crayon F, pencil, from *craye*, chalk, L *creta* Formerly used for *pencil* (q v)

craze To break, crack, whence *crazed*, *crazy* Aphet for OF *acraser*, var of *escraser* (*écraser*), from Sw *krasa*, to break, prob related to *crash*¹ Ong sense survives in ref to china-ware (cf *crackle*)

With glas

Were al the windowes wel v-glassed
Ful clere, and nat an hole y crased

(Chauc *Blanche the Duchess*, 322)

I was yesterday so crased and sicke, that I kept
my bedd all day (*Plumpton Let.* temp Hen VII)

creak First used in ME of cry of crows, geese, etc Imt, cf *crake*, *croak*

cream F *crème*, OF *creme*, L *chrisma* (see *chrisma*) Referred by 16 cent etymologists to L *cremor lactis*, "creame of milke" (Coop), which has no doubt influenced the sense-development *Cream-laid paper* is laid (i.e. rolled, not wove) *paper* of cream colour and should rather be *cream laid-paper* (cf *bespoke bootmaker*) Cream replaced native *ream* (see *reaming*)

crease¹ Inequality Earlier (16 cent) *crease*, OF *creste* (*crête*), crest, ridge, Lat *crista* Orig the ridge as opposed to the corresponding depression F *crête* means

ridge not peak, e.g. *la crête d'une carme d'un toit* etc. Cf. US *crease* to stun (a horse etc.) by a shot through the "crest or ridge of the neck".

A rough hard stone full of reefs and gutts.
(Lyte *Dodon* 138)

Crease *consu* is in sending a bullet through the grille of the mu-tang's neck, just above the bonzo as to stun the animal.
(Ballantyne *D. G. Crusoe* lx)

crease² creese kris Dagger Malay *kris* *kris* of Javanese origin

Their ordinary weapon is called a *crease*. It is about two feet in length, the blade being waved, and crooked to and fro indented ridges.
(Scott *Jav.* 602)

creator Church word occurring earlier than the verb to *create*. F. *créateur* L. *creator* used in ME. for AS *sceppend* (cf. Ger. *scheppen*). *Creative* in sense of drunk esp. fr. *crater* is a spec. application of the word in the sense of product, thing created for the use of man (cf. *creature comforts*). Good wine is a good familiar creature (Oth. ii. 3). For after death spirit is a just such creature. Thy hand, O! all the world with a human heart res.
(Dryden)

crèche Late 19 cent. from Fr. *crèche*, manner in which Christ was born. Ger. *Krippe* is used in same sense. See *cratch crib*.

credence I. *credence*. It *creed* n. VL. *credentia* from *credere* to believe. Sense of faith confidence is archaic in Fr. usual meaning, being side-board as in eccl. L. *credence-table* (19 cent). This arose from the practice of assaying meat and drink at the side-board so as to inspire confidence against poison. Cf. *salve*.

or don. credence credite trust, confidence, fir-
mness etc. Also a cupboard of plate, a butterie.
Also the table or assize of a prince's mead and
drinks (Flo.)

credentials From 17 cent. for earlier *letters of credence* (14 cent).

credit F. *crédit* It *credit* pp. of *credere* to believe trust. A *creditable* action orig. inspired trust.

credo L. I believe first word of Apostles and Nicene Creeds. So in most European languages. Cf. *angelus ait deus* etc.

credulous From L. *credulus* from *credere* to believe.

creed AS *crede* L. *credo* (q.v.). Early Church word. The *Apostles Creed* attributed to the Apostles dates from 4 cent. (exposition of Rufinus). See *Athanasian Creed*.

creek Cf. F. *crêpe* Du. *kreek*. In ME. usually *crike* from Fr. *ON* *kriks* now *kend* cogn. with *crook*.

He knew well the thin ha-cres, as the v. w. re.
From Goodland to the Cape of Hyndal re.
And every crik in Britaigne and a p. yn.
(Ch. A. 404)

c. k. crook or oak to a load es. crept (1411)

creel OF *graille* grill sieve VL. *cratula* from *crates* wicker work hurdle of OF. *creel* hurdle. *Creel* is still in techn. and dial. use for various frame works. See *grill*. Cf. It. *gradella* creel.

creep AS *creopan* orig. strong (*creap* c. o. fen) cf. Du. *kruipen* ON *krypa* cf. *creep*.

crease See *crease*.

cremation L. *crematio-n* from *crema* c. i. burn. Hence *crematorium* ME. after *auditorium* etc.

cremona Violin from *Cremona* in Lombardy. Also used wrongly for *cremon* (q.v.).

crenate (bot.) Mod. L. *crenatus* notched (L.). crenelate To embattle. For earlier *crenel* F. *crenel* from OF. *crenel* (*creneau*) battlement dim. of OF. *cren* (*cran*) not I. (see *cranny*). The noun was common in ME. in forms *crenel* *kernel* etc.

creole F. *créole* earlier *créole* 19. *créole* orig. applied to all West Indians (white or black) wholly or partly of foreign parentage now usu. to those of European ancestry. Perh. corrupt or dim. of Sp. *criado* foster child. L. *creator* said to have been orig. applied to the indoor slaves. Cf. OPort. *galinha crioula* pet hen.

cradle those who born of the Spaniard and I. dians (18. sh.).

creosote Mod. formation from G. *pears* flesh and *low* to save from antiseptic property. Discovered (1832) by J. E. C. Bach.

crêpe F. see *crêpe*.

creptate From L. *creptus* frequent I. *creptus* *creptus* to crack resound.

crépon k. from *crêpe* *crêpe*.

crepuscular From L. *crepusculum* twilight *crepusculo* (mur). It. from L. *crepusculum* grow. Often fig. as noun e.g. *a crepusculo of admiration*.

crescent I. restored spelling, on L. *crescens* *er* *er* *er* of ME. *resistant* OF. *deissant* (*non* *sant*) pres. part. of *crevere* (*crevere*).

to grow, L *creescere* First applied to the growing moon Often wrongly used, owing to its adoption by the Turk Sultans, as a symbol of Mohammedanism in general Russ churches are often surmounted by the cross standing on the over-turned crescent, and *Red Crescent* is applied to a Turk organization corresponding to our *Red Cross*

cress AS *cærsc*, *cercse*, *cresse* WGer, cf Du *kress*, Ger *kresse*, also borrowed by Scand & Rom langs, e.g. F *cresson*, perh cogn with OHG *chresan*, to creep Older form still in place-names, e.g. *Kersey*, cress island, and in *not to care a curse* (see *curse*, *damn*)

cresset Portable beacon OF *craisset*, lantern, from OF *craisse* (*graisse*), grease (with which a *cresset* is filled) See *grease*
crest OF *creste* (*crête*), L *crista*, crest of cock or helmet *Crestfallen* belongs to cock-fighting The *crest* of a horse is the neck ridge (see *crease*¹)

cretaceous From L *cretaceus*, from *creta*, chalk, orig p p of *cernere*, to separate (sc *terra*)

Cretan Liar (*Tit 1 12*) Cf *syncretism*

An introduction to Dora might inspire some of these modern Cretans with a wholesome respect for the truth (*Pall Mall Gaz* Jan 30, 1918)

cretic [*metr*] Amphimacer L *Creticus*, of *Crete*

crétin Deformed idiot, in Alps F, from Swiss dial *crestin*, *creutin*, Christian Cf similar use of *innocent*, *natural*, also F *benêt*, fool, L *benedictus*

cretonne Made at *Creton* (Eure)

crevasse [*Alp*] F, see *crevice*

crevice ME *crevace*, F *crevasse*, from *crever*, to burst, L *crepare*

crew Earlier (15 cent) *cruc*, also *arcrue*, p p fem of F *croître* *accroître*, to grow, OF *creistre*, L *creescere* Orig reinforcement, mil or nav, cf *recruit*

The forts thereabouts were not supplied with anie new accrewes of soldiers (Holinshed)

crewel Earlier (1500-1600), *crule*, *ciwle*, *croole*, *croile*, also *ciwe*, *cruc* Origin doubtful ? F *ecru*, unbleached, L *ex* and *crudus*, raw, as in *fil esclu*, unbleached yarn (13 cent), altered as *scroll* (q v) Another suggestion is OF *escrouelles*, shreds (see *scroll*), which suits the form, but hardly the sense It is not certain whether the name was orig applied to the

yarn or to the material on which it was worked

J fyne counterpoynt [counterpane] of sylk and cruell of Joseph and Mary (*Rutland MSS* 1543)

crib AS *cribb*, ox-stall, etc WGer, cf Du *krib*, Ger *krippe* (see also *cratch*, *crèche*); cf MHG *krebe*, basket, a common meaning of *crib* in E dial, whence *crib*, to steal (cf *cabbage*²), and hence, to cheat in school-boy sense The game of *cribbage* is from the *crib*, or store of cards, secured by the dealer Earliest records refer chiefly to the *crib* in which Christ was born, hence later child's *crib* The sense of small dwelling, etc, e.g. a *snug crib*, is evolved from that of ox-stall, the latest shade of meaning appearing in the burglar's to *crack a crib*

Now, my dear, about that crib at Chertsey (*Oliver Twist*, ch xix)

Crichton All round gifted man *James Crichton*, called "the Admirable" by Urquhart, soldier, scholar, swordsman, etc, killed in a brawl at Mantua (1585)

crick Prob cogn with *crook*, cf synonym F *torticolis*, It *torcicollo*, lit twist-neck Another name was *schote* (in *Prompt Parv* with *cyk*), with which cf Ger *schuss*, shooting, as in *hevenschuss*, lumbago

cricket¹ Insect F *cricquet*, from *cricquer*, "to creak, rattle, crackle" (Cotg), imit of sound, cf Du *krekel* and F *cri-cri* The *cricket* on the hearth is from Dickens after Milton (*Penneroso*, 82) With *mcrry* as a *cricket* (1 *Hen* IV, ii 4) cf *grig*

cricket² Game First recorded (*creckett*) 1598 App. first used of the wicket, cf OF *cricquet*, stake used as goal at bowls, from Flem *knich*, "scipio, baculus" (Kil), cogn with *crutch* Cotg gives *cricket-staffe* as one meaning of F *crosse*, and Urquhart (*Rab* 1 22) renders *la crosse* by *cricket* The adoption of the word as emblem of fair-play is mod

Last week a trial was brought at Guildhall before the Lord Chief Justice Pratt, between two companies of cricket players, the men of Kent plain-tiffs, and the men of London defendants, for sixty pounds, played for at cricket, and after a long hearing, my Lord, not understanding the game, ordered them to play it over again (*Mist's Journal*, Mar 28, 1710)

crikey [*ridg*] Euph alteration of *Christ* Cf *laws*

crim. con. [*leg*] For *criminal conversation*.

crime F L *crimen crimin* from root of *cernere* to separate decide

We share D T pun rd d like of the t m cri
mi l anthropo gy and may adopt th t ms
"criminology" till a better can be found
(*Altho arum* Sep 6 1890)

criminy crimine [colloq] Suggested by
Christ (cf *crthey*) and ju iny (q v)

crimp Du *krimpen* contrahere hmr
nuere arcare laxare extenuare (Kil)
cogn with *cramp* *crumple* Fish are
rumped to make their flesh contract From
the verb comes naut *crimp* perh via an
obs (17 cent) and game

to pi y e mp t lay o b t o n o de and (by
foul pl y) to l t t th r w i h l a g a l e d t
(*D et Ca t Crew*)

crimson Earlier (15 cent) *eremesyn* OSp
er mesin (*carinesh*) or OIt *eremesino* (*cre
mes*) Arab *qermas* cf F *cranois* Ult
sour e is Arab *qimiaz* kermes cochineal
insect See *hermes* *carmine*

cringe Orig t any ME *cran en* causal of
AS *cringan* to fall in battle orig to be
come bent "su cumb" cogn with *crank*
eringle [naut] Ring Earlier *crengle* (Capt
John Smith 1627) From IG or Du Cf
Du Ger *kring* circle etc ON *kringja* to
encircle cogn with *crank* *crinkle*

crinkle [biol] L *crinitis* from *crinis* hair
crinkle Earlier also *crinkle* frequent from
AS *crincan* var of *crin an* (see *crin e*) or
from cogn LG or Du *krinkel* turn twist
cogn with *crank* *cinkle* Cf *crinkum*
crankum elaborately intricate full of
crinks and cranks

The house is cry skiled to and fr
A d b th so q yntw yes f to go
For it is sb pen th mase is wrought
(Ch v *Lg Good W m n a r*)

crinoline Orig (c 1830) stiff fabric with
warp of thread and wool of horse hair
F 19 cent coinage from *crin* horse hair
L *crinis* and *lin* flax L *linum* Cf *lino
leum* *Crino che* is from c 1850

cruple AS *crypel* corn with *c zapan* to
creep crawl cf Du *krupel* Ger *k ruppel*
(from LC) ON *crupril*

crisis L C *crisis* decision from *apere*
to judge Earliest (16 cent) in medicine

crisp Ad *crisp* *crysts* L *crispus* curled
hence surnames *Crisp* *Cripp* Mod
use opposed to flabby now often fig
is from 16 cent

crisp n [a cha c] Shoemaker From *St Cris
pin* patron saint of the craft

criss cross Now regarded as redupl f *cro*
but orig suggested by *christ-cross* row (cc
Chris f)

La roue de p r D en the Chri te -cross row
the h mebook wher in a hittle rnes t (Cotg)

cristate [biol] L *cristatus* from *cris* la crest

crutson G *krutson* v from *perys* judge

critic L *criticus* ex I *critique* G *p u s*
from *ps* to judge (s) *Crit que* is
restored spelling after F of earlier *r lich*
criticism

croak ME *rooken* *crooken* limit cf
croake *croak* Ger *kra ken* F *croa* *cr*
Slang to *croak* die is from the sound of
the death rattle *Croaker* prophet of evil
alludes to the raven

I wo lde oak like s n I n uld bod I w ld
bode (T of & C us)

Croat [hist] See *cravat* The lang s Serb

crochet F dum of *croc* hook (see *crook*)
Cf Ger *haken* to crochet from *hake* s
hook

crocidolite [min] Named (1831) from t
npox s po d var of npox nap of cloth
and *lahe* stone

crock Vél sel AS *crocc* *croca* pot Cem
Teut cf Du *kruck* Ger *k r* ON *krukka*
also in Rom langs eg I *cruche* and with
cogn forms in Celt ? Cogn with *crise*

crock¹ Duffier Earlier (16 cent Sc) w m
out ewe hence applied to h ree and per
son Various word of somewhat similar
meaning in *krak* found in Scand & Lc
are app related to *crack* so that a *crack*
and a *crock* may be etym ident It may
however be noted that F *crick* pitcher
crock² from OHG *kruck* has the meaning
of duffier impl ton

k k j m i m cori gnum (Kil)

crocket [arch] Af from ONF form of
c ocket hook See *croch* *c ocket*

Crockford Clergy directory Fr m compiler
of first use (1863) Cf *Br d hia*

crocodile Restored spelling of VL & OF
crocodille w th corre ponding forms now

also re found in other Rom langs I C
crocodilus fard applied by H rodoto
to the crocodile of the Nile (cf hi tory of
alligat r) St Asterius bishop of Ama i
(4 cent) explains that the crocodile weeps
over the head of his victim after devour
the body not f m repentance or sorrow
but because he regrets that the bony
nature of the beast m kes it unsuitable
for sex f—s s *βρωσις* and *εσθυσια*

crocus L, G κρόκος, *crocus*, saffron, prob. of Semit origin, cf Heb *karlōm*, Arab *harkam*

Croesus King of Lydia (6 cent BC), famed for wealth

croft [dial] Small enclosed piece of arable land, and, in Sc, one worked by peasant tenant, *crofter* Very common, also as *craft*, in place-names and surnames, but unfamiliar in some parts of the south AS *croft*, small field, cf Du *kroft*, *krocht*, lull, lock, land above water-level

cromlech Welsh, crooked stone, from *crom* fem of *cram*, bent, and *llech*, flat stone Cf *crumple*

cromorne [mus] Reed-stop in organ F, Ger *krummhorn*, crooked horn Incorr *cromona*

crone Usu identified with archaic and dial *crone*, worn-out ewe (cf *clock*), archaic Du *kronje*, *kaionje*, from Picard *carogne* (*charogne*), carrion (q v) The sense of hag is, however, much the older (Chauc), and, though F *charogne* is used as a term of abuse, the mental picture of a bent or crooked crone suggests a possible connection with Walloon *cron*, bent, lurch-backed, Du *krom* (cf Ger *krumm* and see *crumple*)

This olde sowdanesse, cursed krone (Chauc B 432)

krone adasia, ovis vetula, rejecula, ang *crone* (Kil)

karone cadaver, corpus mortuum (ib)

an old crone vieille acroupie (Sherwood)

Marie Stuart avait eu des bontés pour le crou, Rizzio (V Hugo, *L'Homme qui rit*)

crony Earlier *chrony* G χρόνιος, from χρόνος, time, used in univ slang for contemporary (v 1) Skinner (1671) explains it as *vox academica*

The scholar content to destroy his body with night labours and everlasting study to overtake his chronies and contemporaries

(1652, in *Hist MSS Various Collections*, II 207)

crook ME *crok*, ON *krōki*, cogn with obs Du *croec*, OHG *krāho* The same root is represented in VL (see *crochet*, *croquet*, *crozier*) US *crook*, swindler, one who is not "straight," was perh partly suggested by synon F *escroc*

croon Orig Sc Prob of LG origin, cf Du *kreunen*, earlier *kronen*, to whimper, groan

crop AS *cropp*, head of herb, bunch of flowers, ear of corn, crop (of bird), kidney Ground-sense appears to be swelling, cf Du *krop*, Ger *kropf*, crop of bird, ON

kroppr, lump Has passed into Rom langs (see *group*) Sense of sprout, hence, in ME, product of soil, is E only Verb to *crop*, intrans and trans, (to *crop up*, to *crop the hair*), arises naturally from the agricultural sense *Crop-eat*, orig of horses and dogs, was applied by Cavaliers to Roundheads, to suggest loss of ears at hands of executioner, cf *croppy*, Ir rebel (1798) wearing short hair as sign of sympathy with F revolution Sense of head, top-end, is obs eye in *neck and crop*, to come a *cropper* (cf *header*) *Hunting-crop*, orig switch, preserves the sense of shoot, slender growth, as in Chauc (v 1) See also *cropp*

Whan Zephirus cek with his swete breeth
Inspired bath in every holt and hreth
The tendre croppes (Chauc A. 5)

houssine a riding rod of holly, a holly wand, a crop of holly (Cotg)

croquet Popular in Ireland (c 1830), introduced into England (c 1850) Said to be from Brittany and to be etym. ident with *crochet* (q v), curved stick used for mallet. But *croquet*, as now used in F, is from E An earlier game of the type was *ball-mall* (q v)

croquette Kind of rissole F, from *croquet*, to crunch

crore [Anglo-Ind] One hundred lakhs (of rupees) Hind *kror*, Sanskrit *koti*

Words unintelligible to English ears, with lacs and crores, zemindars and aumils (Macaulay, *Warren Hastings*)

crozier, crozier For *crozier-staff*, the *crozier* being orig the bearer (hence surname *Crosier*), ME *crozier*, OF *crossier*, from *crosse*, crook, pastoral staff, VL **croccia*, bent (see *crook*) Not immediately related to *cross*, though often confused with it in ME and by mod eel writers The first quot below shows that the *crosse* was a "crook," not a "cross," while the second is an example of early confusion between the two Cf *lacrosse*.

A bisschopes crosse [var *croce*]
Is hoked in that one ende to hake men fro helle
(*Piers Plowm* B viii 94)

crocer *crociarius*, cruciferarius (*Promptuarii*)

cross The adoption of the Roman gibbet as symbol of Christianity has resulted in a large contribution to the Europ vocabulary Lat *crux*, *cruc-*, gave F *croix*, Sp *cruz*, It *croce*, Ger *kreuz*, and late AS *crūc*, replacing earlier *iōd* (*rood*) From AS

cruc comes ME *cruche* *cruche* (whence *Crutched Friar* & *Crouch Ent* etc.) gradually & dispersed by northern *cross* late 15 *cro* (in north country place names) from ON *kross*. In southern ME *cros* from OE is the usual form. *Crossbow* contrasted with *low bow* is 15 cent. but the weapon (a *bale*?) is much older. As adj. applied to persons (from 17 cent.) *cross* is a fig. use of earlier sense of thwart opposed to cf. *cross* as two st. *Cross* *po* *h* preserves archaic *po* *h* fool child. *Cross* *gra* *ned* was first used of obstinate timber and quot. below is much earlier than MED. With *on the cross* (slang) i.e. not fraught of *quer* 16 cent. *cross* is sometimes apoph. for *across* e.g. in *cross-country* with which cf. *long* *sac* *e*.

It's stage ty [James I.] protested very earnestly that
e was g in w in th me and t in th timber
(Phon. & Pelt. Song)

cross See *lacrosse*

crotalus Rattle snake From G *poros* *lous* rattle

crotch [dist. & US]. Fork in various senses. F *crotche* sent. of *crook* hook VL **croceus* (see *crook*) but in some senses for *crutch* (q.v.)

crotchet [m. s.] F *crochet* little hook (v. s.) It is doubtful in spite of Cotg. (v. i.) whether *crotchet* whum (16 cent.) arises from the mus. sense it seems rather to contain the id. of a kink twist *crunk*.

crook A q. v. in music whence of a *don* *crook* on *de* (wesa) hi head is f. of *crook* *bes* (Lotg.)

crotan G *κροταν* a tick, d. gl. use and hence the castor-oil plant named from the shape of its seed

crouch Late ME perh. suggested by combination of *crook* *cringe* and *snuck* Cf. *lion couchant* and *croaking lion* OF *croquer* *en* by some is a very rare word and would hardly give *crone* *h*.

Issachar i. strong as couch g. down bet. ven. two burd. (Cr. Al. 14)

*croup*¹ Of a horse F *croupe* of Teut. origin and ident. with *crop* (q.v.) in sense of rounded protuberance Cf. ON *hrop* *h* hump protuberance Norw. Dan *krop* body trunk. See *crupper* *g* *o* *h*.

croup Disease Sc. on verb to croak hoarsely limit.

croupier F. orig. one who rides behind *en*

croupe hence one acting as second to gamester etc. See *crop*

Lea al. *croay* et se la *ssa* *lomber* à t. rre (Scarron)

crow Bird AS *crave* imit. of cry AS *cræwan* to crow cf. Du *kraan* *k* *aa* *jen* Ger *l* *ake* *kraken* et. So also L *corvus* *corvus* from imit. *cor*! To *have a crow* to *flu* *k* (15 cent. *pu* *h*) *in* *h* suggest animals strutting over prey and has numerous parallels in other lang.

Solus mot v. live d. *de* *pro* *d*
T. *crowes* feet be growe u. d. *you* *ve*
(Ch. or T. ed. 40)

crow Teut. *crōn* *bar* Now usu. *crōn* *bar* Although early associated with *crone* and fig. use of L *corvus* this is separate word. The oldest examples are always *crow* *s* (*crow* of iron representing avian OF *cro* *s* [pl. of *crook* hook *crook*] *de* *s*). In early use we find in same sen. *o* *crowe* *crone* both ult. from Du *kr* *n* bent.

*crow*² Ventrality e p. in *er* and *er* u. Cf. obs. Du *kroos* giblets Ger *gik* *die* *cogn* with *k* as curl from appearance *crow* *l* *crow*³ Multitude Fir. *ta* verb noun only from 16 cent. replacing earlier *pre* *s* AS *crulan* to press *pu* *h* (f. to *crowd* a *h*)

LS *crowd* to bustle bully (*De* *er* *Rib* *h*) *pu* *h* from *cogn* LC or Du form. For new-development of *pre* *s* *th* *on* and F *four* *e* *crowd* from *four* *e* to trample *pre* *s* See *crowd*

One crowded he f. glorious f.
Is worth *u* *aa* with *h* name
(quoted by Scott *Old Mortality* *h* *riv* from
T. O. Mord. 121)

*crowd*⁴ *ja* *chaic* & *dial* J. Fiddl. (*Jennah* *ch* *vi*) Welsh *crwth* See *le*⁴ Hence surname *Crowder* *Cron* *her*

It *h* *id* *imphouze* *d* *tro* *h*
(Wee. L. 1 25)

crow AF *coronne* OF *corone* (*couronne*) L *corona* from G *kopos* curved In most Europ. langs. but rendered in AS by *cyne helm* royal helmet, the (royal) crown being orig. Oriental. The crown of the head was orig. like F *coronne* applied to the tinsure *with* *th* *cr* *un* of the *cawron* i.e. the helmet and central part of the roof of F *le* *haut* *du* *par* *l* *h* ex-pressing going back to a time when there were no side-walls and the weakest went to the wall. The first F *coronne* *es* were coined (15 c.) by Henry VIII the name having been used earlier for various

Γ coins marked with the crown *Crown octavo* had a crown as watermark, cf *foolscap*, *crown Derby* *Crowning mercy* was used by Cromwell in his dispatch after Worcester (1651)

The crowning mercy of Ypres in 1914

(Daily Tel Oct 31, 1917)

crown See *coroner*

croydon Gig From *Croydon* (Surr.), cf *berlin*, *landau*

crozier See *crozier*

crucial Explained by Bacon as from *L crux*, cross, in sense of finger-post at cross-roads, where decision has to be made as to course, "parting of the ways" In mod use associated with *crux*, difficulty, from scholastic *L crux* (martyrdom, torture) *interpretum*.

crucible MedL *crucibulum*, as though from *crux*, cross, with suffix as in *thurbulum*, censer, cf OF *croscul* *croiset*, *creuscul*, crucible (now *creusel*) But the first element is prob MHG *krüse*, earthen pot (see *cruse*)

creusel a crucible, *cruset*, or *cruet*, a little earthen pot, wherein goldsmiths melt their silver, etc

(Cotg.).

cruciferous [bot] Plant with flower having four petals arranged cross-wise See *cross*, *-ferous*

crucifix Orig the Crucified One F, *L crucifixus*, fixed to the cross *Crucify*, F *crucifier*, is Late L **crucificare* for *cruci figere*

He that swears by the Cross swears by the Holy Crucifix, that is, Jesus crucified thereon

(Jeremy Taylor)

crude L *crudus*, raw, cogn with *cror*, blood

cruel F, *L crudelis*, from *crudus* (v s)

cruet In E first of vessel used in Eucharist AF dim of OF *crue*, pot, OLG *krūga*, *krūca* (cf Ger *krug*, *L crock*), whence also F *cruche*, pitcher

Waschings of cuppis and cruets [Tynd cruses]

(W)c Mark, vii 4)

cruise Spelt (17 cent.) after Du *kruisen*, from *kruis*, cross (cf Ger *kreuzen* from *kreuz*), but prob from Sp Port *crizar*, to cruise, or F *croisière*, a cruise. In any case ult from *L crux*, cross, with ref to varying direction

crumb AS *cruma*, cf Du *kruim*, Ger *krumme* (from LG), cogn with Ger *krauchen*, to scratch Hence *crumble*

crump A hard hit, from verb *crump*, orig. of "crunching" food Much used of shells at the front

Until he's got a crump on his coker-nut, the old Turk doesn't know when he's beat (T Atkins)

crumpet App ME. *crorpid*, p p of *crump*, to bend, curl up, from archaic adj. *crump*, crooked (still as surname), AS *crump*, cogn with *cramp*, *crimp*, cf Ger. *krumm*, OHG *krumf* Gael Ir *crum*, bent, crooked, whence *Crummie*, "cov with crumpled horn," is prob cogn For final -t cf *fourcet-box*, *stickit minister*.

A crusted cake spread with oyle, a *crumpid cake* [Urb. lacunum, A] wafer [Wye Tr xxiv 23]

crumple From obs *crump* (v s) *Crumpled roseleaf* goes back to the Sybarite mentioned by Seneca (*De Ira*, ii 25) who felt ill "quod folius rosae duplicatis incubisset"

crunch Mod var. of *craunch* (q v), perh. influenced by *crump*

crupper Orig tail-strap F *croquiere*, see *crump* For transference to part of body cf *saddle* (of mutton).

crural [aval] L *cruralis*, from *crus*, *crur*, leg

crusade Earlier *croisad*, *croisado*, *crusada*, etc; cf Γ *croisade*, replacing (after Sp *crusada*) OF *croisée*, p p fem of *croiser*, to take the cross A 16 cent word in E, superseding earlier *croiserie*, *croisee*, from OF

The Americans are the greatest crusaders there ever was—for a short distance (Dooley, 1919)

crusado Coin Port *crusado*, marked with cross, cf Ger *kreuzer*

cruse [archaic] Cf Du *kroes*, Ger. *krause*, ON *krús* Ult source unknown, but app Teut and cogn with *crock*. Cf *crucible*

kroes a cup to drink out *smelt kroes* a crucible (Sewel)

crush OF *croissir*, *crussir*, cf It *crosciare*, Sp *crusar*; of Teut origin, cf Goth *krustan*, to gnash the teeth (*Mark*, ix 18) In L orig, as in OF., of clash of weapons, its earlier senses now being taken by *crash* In current sense since Shaks With archaic to *crush a pot* (*cup*) (*Rom & Jul* i 2) cf to *crack a bottle* (see 2 *Hen IV*, v 3)

crust OF *crouste* (*croûte*), L *crusta*, or, in some senses, immediately from L Cf *crustacean*, hard-shelled *Crusty* ill-tempered, ? hard and cornery like crust, has perh been associated with *curs*, peevish, shrewish, used repeatedly of Katherine in the *Taming of the Shrew*

Thou crusty batch of nature (*Troil & Cress* v 1)

crutch AS *crycc*, cf Du *kruif*, Ger *krücke*, cogn with *crook*, orig sense being staff

with bent handle AS *crux* is also used for crosser Some connect it as group with L *crux crux* cross staff with cross piece
Crutched Friars Order of friars carrying or wearing a cross ME *crouch* (see *cross*) They appeared in E. in 1244 and were suppressed in 1636 Hence street in London of *Blackfriars Whitefriars Austin Friars*

Pater dicti cruciferi d t i s q u i c r u c e s i n bacul s effer bant (Mait P n 1239)

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cry F *crier* ? VL *crisus* L *quies* to summon to one's help the *Quiritus* citizens of It *gridare* Sp *grita* A rival and more likely etym is from Goth **kreitan* to cry out shriek corresponding to MHG *krin* on Ger *kreischen* Also it is prob that *quiritare* is of Lat origin and only connected by folk etym with *Quiritus* Since 16 cent has replaced *weep* in colloq E *Much cry and little wool* is from the proverbial uselessness of shearing hogs (see *wool*) A *crying injustice* (wrong etc) is one that cries to heaven for vengeance (Gen iv 10) The *crier* became the rival of the beadle c 1300
 Does e'er any man cry stinking fish to be sold? (Jerr Tayl.)

cry From C *pius* frost

crypto L *crypta* Gr *κρυπτή* vault etc from *κρυπτν* v to hide First in sense of grot (qv) arch sense b ing mod Cf *cryptic* hidden mysterious *cryptogram* hidden writing cipher esp in ref to Ignatius Donnelly's Bacon Shakespeare cryptogram (1888) *cryptogram* a (bot) without stamens or pistils from G *κρυπτος* *marina* e

crystal Restored spelling of F *crystal* G *p crystallos* clear ice from *προς* frost

cteno From C *κτ* s *cr* comb

cub Orig young fox (Falsg) as still in *cub hunt* n Cf Norw *kolbe* Icel *kobba* seal which like *cub* are prob related to Norw *kubbe* *kub* block stump cogn with *cob* from idea of shapelessness (v t) Has replaced *whelp* in some senses *Unlicked cub* refers to the popular belief that the bear licks into shape its young of F *ours* *mal léché*

cubby house From archaic and dial *cub* crib partition etc with various LG cognates Cf Ger *koben* from MHG *kobest* cage cogn with *cote* (qv) *Cobhouse* occurs in VL (Clea 1033 629)

cube F L C *κυβος* orig a die for play Hence *cubist* (neol) eccentric artist

cubeb Berry F *cubbe* MedL *ciloba* (as in It & Sp) Arab *hababah*

cubicle L *cubiculum* from *cubare* to lie A ME word revived in 19 cent

cubit L *cubitus* arm from elbow to finger tips from *cuba* e to recline Cf *ell foot* etc

cucking-stool [hist] Instrument for punishing scolds etc Fr m obs verb *cich* ster corare O'v *kuka* From its orig form

That th be cokedston had to punysche sk iders d ch dders (Cov 170 Let B k 143)

cuckold [archaic] ME *cukeweld* *cokewald* etc OE *cucualt* *coucuol* formed with suffix *ald* Ger *wald* from *couron* cuckoo from some belief as to the habits of the 1 en bird cf F *cocu*

Who hath no wyf b s no r k id (Ch v A 314)

cuckoo F *coucou* imit of cry Cf L *cuculus* G *ku* & Ger *kuckuck* etc The AS name was *glac* cogn with Ger *guck* now meaning fool gawk

cucumber OF *cocombe* (*coucou bre*) L *cucumis* etc *mer* Spelt and pronounced *coucumber* in 17-18 cents as by the author's grandfather (1836) a country schoolmaster Cf *sparrowgrass*

cud AS *cwulu* cf *fi* cogn with OHG *chut* *quiti* glutinous substance (k H plaster glue) Cf *quirt* For fig sense of *pi misale*

cudbear Dye from lichen Coined from its own name by patentee Cf *thbert Gordon* (18 cent)

cuddle Of late appearance (18 cent) App a mod variation (after *mull* *middle* *mell* *usdille* etc) on archaic *cull* *coll* to embrace OF *acoler* from *col* neck

cuddy [naut] Du *huyt* earl er *huyt* F *ciande* little hut berth from *hutte* hut influence 1 by *cabane* cabin In Pepys (May 14 1660)

k i k y t cabla n i n b i m n v ch G I eah to us (K1)

cuddy [dial] Donkey From name *Cuthbert* (cf *Cuddy Herdri g* in *Old Mortality*) cf *ducky* *medly* in same sense

cudgel AS *cyc el* Earliest sense *perth* Jart (cf OF *bo jo* *g rrot* *uateras* all of which mean heavy headed dart and also club) cogn with Ger *lagel* ball *kerl* cudgel Currency of to *cudgel one's brains* (cf F *se rompre la tête* Ger *schädeln kopf zerbrechen*) is revived from Shaks (*Hamlet* v 1) I m dy t t k up th cudg l i his d fence (T Brow 7)

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cult F *culte*, L *cultus*, from *colere*, *cult-*, to cultivate, worship, etc Cf *culture*

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culver [archaic] Dove, pigeon AS *culfre* No cogn forms known, unless it was in some way altered from L *columba*

He say the Spirit of God cummyng down as a culver [Tynd dove] (*Wye Matt iii 16*)

culverin [hist] Long cannon F *couleuvrine*, from *couleuvre*, snake, from L *coluber* Cf *falconet*, Ger *feldschlange*, etc

culvert From c 1770 ? Name of some engineer or bridge-builder (cf *macadam*)

cumber First as verb (c 1300), corresponding to F *encombrer*, from Late L *combris*, barrier, weir, of doubtful origin, prob Celt Cf Du *kommer*, Ger *hummer*, It *ingombro*, etc, from Late L

Cumbria See *Cambria*

cumin, cummin AS *cymen*, L *cuminum*, G *κίμινον*, Heb *kammōn* or Arab *kammīn* In most Europ langs, eg It *cuminio*, Ger *kummel* Now usu with ref to *Matt xxiii 23*

The false values which our educational authorities attach to the mint and cummin of theology

(*Sunday Times*, Mar 3, 1918)

cummer, kummer [Sc & north] Female friend, gossip F *commère*, fellow god-mother See *compeer*, *gossip*

cummerbund Urdu *kamar-band*, loin-band, from Pers

cummin See *cumin*

cumulate From L. *cumulare* from *cumulus* heap

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cunning Midl form of pres part of ME
cunnen to know AS *cinnan* Later ex-
tended to south For de₂ generation of
knowing *crasiv* etc See *can*¹ *con*¹

Th song of 's ye Bethl myt kunnyng (I le
sci ns) to harpe (Wj 1 S m xvi 1)

cup AS *cippe* Late L. *cuppa* for *cupa* (see
coop) cf F *coupe* Sp Port *copa* Du *kop*
OHG *kopf* beaker (now head) etc With
in *ore s cups* cf obs in *ore s pots* (Purch)
A *cupboa* d was crig a table wde board

Th cup thatch er luton ebale
(Coupe Task iv 39)

A upboard loy i sellom true (Pore Robt 1757)

cupel Vessel ued in assaying F *coufelle*
dim of *coupe* cup goblet

cupid L. *cupido* from *cupere* to desire Cf
cupidity L. *cupidas* *cupiduous* (Mere-
dith)

cupola It from L. *cupa* cask tun (see
roof)

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copper (q v)

cur Early c 13 cent } *er-do*, prob from
Sw or Norw dial verb *kurra* *kurre* from
OV *kurra* to grumble This seems con-
firmed by the same word having been
applied to the gurnard (q v) and also to
a kind of duck with croaking cry

curai a f b called a gourn rd o cor (Flor)

curaçao From name of island off Venezuela
whence also *er* on knl of turkey
Commonly mis pult (cf *cocoa*)

curare Inlian arrow poison from Guiana
Carib *onari curai* etc the *s* being an
attempt at a native init click Cf
moi rai Laurence Heymans (1596) gives
ou ari as one of the poisoned herbs
of Guiana

Maso h wed som of th rai o latian
arrow poison (Votling in Gnd d F b 1 1917)

curassow See *curaf*¹

curate MedL *curator* entrusted with a cura
(of souls) whence F *curé* from L. *cura*
cure cure (of soul) ModE sense (about
equivalent to F *vicar*) is evol ed from
that of priest put in charge during absence
of incumbent See *rice* and cf *curator* (L.)

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to press (see *crowd*) f relation of L.
commun curd to *coere* (*co-er*) t
press hence *ci dle*

cure¹ To heal I f *en are* from *cera* care
Oide t E sense of spiritual care as in
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Wyc though f prefers *heal* de elyps
from gen ense of *carum* for seeing to (cf
to *cure* *dacon*) *Curator* is in Lydgate

cure [slan] Short for *curio* or *curio* t
cure F *see cura* e

curfew AF *coure fu* *cur fu* over (imper)
fire. See *cover* and *focus* In gen u e in
Med Europe not introduced by the Con-
queror

curia Court esp papal hence *curial* m
L division of orig Roman tribe hence
senate enate house

curio Abbrev (19 cent) of *curios* it

curious F *curieux* L. *curiosus* inquit e
caring for from *cura* care The later b
jective sense exciting attention has many
parallels in the hist of adjectives e g
naucous was earlier used in sense of
aqueous h For an opposite example see
fastidius

curl First as adj ME *crul* cogn with Du
kri Ger *krol* e curl (from LG) Fo
metath of *curl* *crs* The game of
curling is so called from the curving path
of the stones like that of a bowl Cf Flem
krulley bowl

W th k k k e crulle they we l yd in p esse
(CHA A 1)

curlew F *co hen* *curulis* with many dial
vars App limit of cry (cf *peewit*)

curmudgeon An avacious churlish fellow
a miser a biggared (Johnson) Origin un-
known Johns gave from an unkn wn
correspondent as suggested etym F
cœur m hant which led Ash in his *D ct*
(1775) to g e the derivation from F *cœur*
unknow and *mal hant* a correspondent
It may be noted however that the polling
curmugent is found (1626) and that *Cu-*
mugon occurring as a med eval nickname
or surname (Famsey *Capit* 11) is not im-
possibly F *cœur méchant*

currant Orig (14 cent) AF *ra sins d Co-*
raunt Corinth grapes the small fruit im-
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culminate From Late L *culminare*, from *culmen*, *culmin-*, summit

culpable Restored spelling of ME *couppable*, F, L *culpabilis*, from *culpa*, fault

culprit Prop only in "Culprit, how will you be tried?" said by Clerk of Crown to prisoner pleading not guilty Supposed to have arisen from written contr *cul prest*, for Law F *culpable*, *prest à averer nostre bille*, (you are) guilty; (I am) ready to prove our case *Culprit* occurs first in trial for murder of Earl of Pembroke (1678), but *non cul prist* is found in a 16 cent abridgment of Assize records of 13 cent The above explanation, given by Blackstone, is not altogether satisfactory.

cult F, *culte*, L *cultus*, from *colere*, cult-, to cultivate, worship, etc Cf *culture*

cultivate From Late L *cultivare* from *cultiva* (*terra*), from *colere*, cult- (vs) Cf. *colony*, *kultur*

culver [archaic] Dove, pigeon AS. *cufre* No cogn forms known, unless it was in some way altered from L *columba*

He say the Spint of God cummynge down as a culver (Tynd dove) (Wye Matt iii 16)

culverin [hist] Long cannon F *couleuvrine*, from *couleuvre*, snake, from L *coluber* Cf *falconet*, Ger *feldschlange*, etc

culvert From c 1770 ? Name of some engineer or bridge-builder (cf *macadam*).

cumber First as verb (c 1300), corresponding to F *encumber*, from Late L *combrus*, barrier, weir, of doubtful origin, prob Celt Cf Du *kommer*, Ger *kummer*, It *ingombro*, etc, from Late L

Cumbria See *Cambria*

cumin, cummin AS *cymen*, L *cuminum*, G *κῦμνον*, Heb *kammōn* or Arab *kammūn* In most Europ langs, e.g. It. *cumino*, Ger *kummel* Now usu with ref to *Matt* xxiii 23

The false values which our educational authorities attach to the mint and cummin of theology

(*Sunday Times*, Mar 3, 1918)

cummer, kimmer [Sc & north] Female friend, gossip F *commère*, fellow god-mother See *compeer*, *gossip*

cummerbund Urdu *kamai-band*, loin-band, from Pers

cummin See *cumin*

curvet It *corvella* from archaic *corvo* (*curio*) bent L. *curvus* cf F *courbette* a curvet or the curvetting of a horse (Cotg.) See *carrot*

cuscus Indian grass Urdu *khas khas* from Pers

cushat [d al] Wood pigeon ring-dove AS *cuscule* first element of which is prob from cry *coo* second perh cogn with *scotian* to shoot Cf relationship of *dore* to *dare*

cushion F *coussin* OF *coissin* VL *coram* *me* from *cora* thigh (cf I *cubital* elbow-cushion from *cubitus* elbow) cf It *cuscino* Sp *cójín* The OF & VL forms are very numerous and more than 400 spellings of the pl *cushions* have been noted in MS will and inventories

cushy [uef] Associated with cushion but said to be Hind from Pers *khush* pleasure The n king of cushy jobs in these days fl do r f m n an e id at evd

(Daily E pr 17 2 1 7)

cusp I *cuspia* point

cuspidor [US] Spittoon Port from *cu p r* to spit L *conspuere*

cuss Colloq US for *curse* (cf *bast* for *bat*) Hence *cussedn* as But a *rum cuss* is prob rather for *customer* cf hist of *clap* o Sc *callant* from F *chaland* customer

I do ot breed th i coarse sem rks, b t with their pla f leu se Thy fright from out h althfulpa k th children w th their n ses (Pw ch)

custard Altered from ME *crustade* a pie with a crust cf It *crosta* a knde of dainty pie chewet or such paste m ate (Flor) The recipes in a 15 cent cookery book for *custard* and *crustade* are id nt

custody L *custodia* from *custos* *custos* keeper

custom OF *coutume* (*coutume*) L *consue* *it do* *idm* cf *costume* In spec en e I regular due has superseded *fol* With queer *customer* etc (from 16 cent) cf *cl p* S *callant* and see *cu ss*

cus as *rotulorum* [hist] L keeper of the rolls

cut Replaces in many senses from c 1300 AS *ceorfan* sni han saeran Orm ob cure Some connect it with F *couleau* knife (see *cu ss*) It has perh been affected by F *decurer* VL *ex-curlare* from *curvus* short Cutty (fr sark) corresponds exactly to F *decur id* see also *cut ts l* (v *curia*) To draw *cutts* i e lots is very

suggestive of F *n er à la courle paille* A *cut above* is perh from *cut* style fashion To *cut and run* i e to cut the cable and sail away and to *cut out* are both orig naut To have *one's work cut out* perh refers to a difficult piece of tailoring To *cut up well* i e leave money, likens the defunct to a joint and to *cut ip rough* etc is a variation on the same idea To *cut on ssk* is to prepare for a journey by providing oneself with a staff *Cut and dried* was orig used of herbs ready for use

Ill t sun son d la c escurté
(A lo-4 m L f Becket 1 nt)

Anon to d w every wight t gan
A d storth f r t ill t a
W rest by e tu or sort s
Tie sothe i th th ut f e th h t st w] fl
to th k yght (Ch A 84)

count f e l t t w] d a wing of ts (C lg)
Upon d s ch oc a th hast n d
v seire dy c t d dry d f w th purpose
(T Bown 700)

cutaneous From MedL *cutaneus* from *cutis* skin

cutcha [Anglo Ind] Mud brick Hind *kachch* raw crude etc Often contrasted with *pukka* (1 v)

The only object n th t co ld b ad (t th house) was its being ut ha th e b fl w th m d t te d of m riar (l) key M m 134)

cutcherry [An lo Ind] Office administration Hind *kachahri* audience room

The prod g uel boum f e ch try
(V w) F ch l)

cute Aphet for *acute* In Bailey (1 31)

Cuthbert Used of late (early 1917) of knut supposed to be escaping mil service by holding gov nment employ Perh s ggested by mus c hall ong on Cuthbert Clarence and Claude

From Whit hall we c uld also reg m is of C th b rts (B New Apr 5 19)

Cuthbert duck From St Cuthbe t apostle of Northumbria because it breeds on th Farne islands (see also *Mar on* n 16)

cuticle L *cuticula* dim of *cutis* skin

cutlas F *cout las* augment of OF *couel* (*couleau*) L *cutellus* is dim of *cutell* plough share Often corrupted into *cutial-axe* *cutlash* etc Cf It *coltellaccio* a *cuttelax* or chopping knife (Flor)

cutler I *cout hier* from OF *couel* (v 4)

cutlet I *clélette* doubt le dim of *clé* rib L *costa* no connection with *cut*

Both the goosberry and garden currant are called *grosseille* in F

Pro viij lb racemorum de Coraunt

(*Earl of Derby's Expend* 1390-93)

groselles gooseberries, thorne berries, fea-berries,
groselles noires blacke gooseberries, blacke ribes,
an ill-tasting kinde of the beyond-sea gooseberrie,
groselles rouges red gooseberries, beyond-sea
gooseberries, garden currans, bastard currans (Cotg)

currency Former name for Austral born, from fig comparison between colonial and imperial (sterling) currency

You're a regular currency lass always thinking about horses (Rolf Boldrewood)

current From pres part of L *currere*, to run, replacing ME *corant*, *courant*, from OF With *current* coin cf F *argent de cours*
curricule [archaic] L *curriculum*, race-course, racing chariot, dim of *currus* Cf *curriculum*, academic "course"

curry¹ To dress (a horse or leather) OF *correci* (*corroyer*, *curroyer*), to prepare, VL **con-red-are*, from Teut root of *ready* (q v), see *array*, and cf It *corredare*, to fit out ModF *curroyer* is partly due to association with *courroie*, strap, L *corrigia* For limitation of sense cf Ger *gerben*, to tan, lit to make ready, from *gar*, cogn with Shaks *yare* (*Temp* 1 1) To *curry* favours is folk-etym for ME *curry* *faucl* (c 1400), from *Faucl*, OF *Fauvel*, the name of a fawn coloured horse (see *fallow*) used as type of hypocrisy in a 14 cent F allegory The name is explained for edification as an acrostic from the vices *Flatterie*, *Avarice*, *Vilenie*, *Variété*, *Envie*, *Lâcheté* Hence we have to *curry* acquaintance (*pardon*, etc)

curryfavell, a *flatterer* *estuille fauveau* (Palsg)

curry² Dish Earlier (16-17 cents) *carriol*, *carrec* (cf F *carri*, Port *caril*) Tamil *kari*, Canarese *kari*, sauce, relish

curse First as noun, late AS *curs*, of unknown origin I suggest that it may be F *courroux*, or rather OF *coroz* (10 cent), Norman *cuuz* (*Laws of William, the Conqueror*) The first example of *curse* is Goodes *curs* (11 cent) which may very well mean big wrath With the verb, late AS *currian*, cf OF *corocier* (*courroucer*), *correcir*, *curcicir*, the last form being csp AF, VL **corruptare*, with forms in other Rom langs Not to *curse* a *curse* is prob ME *kers*, *cross* (*Piers Plowm*), though there is a gap between that and mod usc (see note on *damn*) The *curse* of Scotland, 1 c nine of

diamonds (recorded from 1710), is prob from its resemblance to the arms (nine lozenges on a saltire) of Dalrymple, Lord Stair, instigator of the Massacre of Glencoe (1692) and of the Parliamentary union (1707)

Wisdom and witte now is nought worth a carse [*var kerse*] (*Piers Plowm* B x 17)

cursitor [hist] AF *coursclour*, MedL *cursitor*, clerk of Court of Chancery who made out writs *de cursu*, of common routine Hence *Cursitor Street*, Chancery Lane (where Mr Snagsby lived)

cursive MedL *cursivus*, running, from L *cursus*, from *currere*, *curs-*, to run Cf *cursory*, L *cursorius*, from *cursor*, runner, curt L *curtus*, short, cogn with G *kurts*, from *καίρειν*, to cut A mod word (17 cent), but appearing much earlier in derived *knit* (q v)

curtail Mentally associated with *tail*, or with F *tailler*, to cut, but evolved as verb from earlier *curtal*, horse with docked tail (or ears), OF *cortaid* (*courtaud*), from *court*, short, L *curtus*, and suffix *-ald*, Ger *-wald*, cf It *cortaldo* *Cut-tail*, as in *long and cut-tail*, is prob the same word

cortault a curtail, a horse (Palsg)

cortaldo a curtail, a horse without a tale (Flor)

curtain ME *curtine*, F *courtine*, Latc L *corlina* (*Vulg* *Lx xavi* 1), perli a transl of G *αἰθρία*, curtain, *αἰθή*, hall, court, being regarded as equivalent to *cohors* (see *court*) *Curtain* *lecture*, "a reproof given by a wife to her husband in bed" (Johns), is recorded for 17 cent *Curtain* *fire* is now replaced by *barage* (q v) *Curtain-raiser* (theat) is after F *lever de rideau*

curtal-axe, curtle- [hist] Corrupt. (16 cent to Scott) of *cullas* (q v) Cf *pickaxe*

curtana [hist] Pointless "sword of mercy" borne before E monarchs at coronation Cf OF *cortain*, the sword of Ogier le Danois ? From L *curtus*, short

curtilage [leg] Court-yard, etc OF *cortilage*, from *cortil*, court, enclosure, from *cort* (*court*), court Cf *village* from *vill*

curtle-axe See *curtal*

curtsy Var of *courtesy* Cf. fig use of *reverence*, *obscance*

curule chair Of highest Roman magistrates L *cur(ul)is*, supposed to come from *currus*, chariot

curve L *curvare* A late substitution for ME *curb* (q v) As noun it is for *curve line*, cf F *ligne courbe*

cutter Vessel > From *cut*, cf *clipper* Some identify it with *catur*, a vessel used on Malabar coast, perh from Sanskrit *chaturra*, swift The *NED* rejects this too readily *Catur* was adopted by Port, and is used in E (1643) a century before the first record of *cutter* (1745) There are other examples of Eastern boat-names adopted by the navy (see *dinghy*, *launch*), and we have always been easily familiarized with such exotic words (*junk*, *sampan*, *catamaran*, *kayak*, etc), and have been expert in corrupting them (*jolly-boat*, *barquentine*)

catur (an Indian word), a sort of small man-of-war (Vieira)

cuttle-fish AS *cudde*, glossed as *wasescite*, ooze shooter Found also in OLow Frankish c 1100 Cogn with *cod*¹, with allusion to the bag that contains the black fluid The explanatory *-fish* is added from 16 cent

cutty See *cut*

cwt For hybrid *centum weight*, for *hundred-weight* Cf *dwt*

cyanide [chem] From G κύανος, dark blue

cycad Palm ModL *cycas*, *cycad-*, from supposed G κύκας, scribal error for κύκας, acc pl of κύκλις, the Egypt doum-palm

cyclamen From G κυκλάμινος, perh from κύκλος, circle, in allusion to round roots

cycle G κύκλος, circle Orig astron in E For *bicycle* since c 1870 Cf *Cyclades*, islands lying in a circle round Delos

cyclo- See *cycle*

cyclone Irreg (19 cent) from G κύκλος, circle

cyclopaedia For earlier *encyclopaedia* (q v)

Cyclops L, G Κύκλωψ, from κύκλος, circle, ὄψ, eye

cyder See *cider*

cygnet Dim from F *cygne*, swan, L *cygnus*, earlier *cycnus*, G κύκνος, cogn with L *ciconia*, stork

cylinder From L, G κύλινδρος, roller, from κυλίω, to roll

When it suits the purpose of the military chieftains they (German statesmen) are allowed to let those peace cylinders, to poison the atmosphere (D. Lloyd George May 24, 1918)

cyma [arch] Moulding G κύμα, anything swollen or waved

cymar [hist] F *sumarre*, earlier *cimarre*, It *cimarra* Cf *chimer*

The parph. rols, the cymar, the corymb (Ingoldsb.)

cymbal L, G κύμβαλον, from κύμβη, hollow of vessel, v hence L *cymba*, boat. See *cymbine*

cyme [bot] F *cime*, summit AS *cyma* (q v).

Cymric From Welsh *Cymru*, Wales (see *Cambria*)

cynanche [med] See *quinsy*

cynic G κυνικός, dog-like, from κύων, κυν-, dog Cf *hunks* "In the appellation of the Cynic philosophers there was prob an original reference to the κυνόσαργες, a gymnasium where Antisthenes taught" (*NED*.) Cf hist of *stoic*

cynocephalus Dog-headed baboon From G κεφαλή, head (v s)

cynosure F, L, G κυνόσουρα, dog's tail (οὐρά) Constellation of Ursa Minor, in tail of which is pole star Esp in *cynosure* of neighbouring eyes (*Allegro*, 77)

cypher See *cipher*

cypres [leg] Law F, for *si près*, as nearly as possible

cypress¹ Tree Restored spelling of ME & OF *cipres* (*cyprès*), Late L *cypressus* for *cipressus*, G κυπάρισσος

cypress² [archaic] Fabric Esp in *cypress-lawn* (*Penseroso*, 35) Used in ME of various fabrics from *Cyprus* Earlier *cypre*, from OF

Cyprian -Of *Cyprus*, hence, licentious Cf *Corinthian*

Cyrenaic Of *Cyrene*, G Κυρήνη, G colony in Afr Esp in ref to hedonistic philosophy of Aristippus of Cyrene (5 cent B C)

Cyrillic Alphabet used by Slav nations of Greek church Attributed to St Cyril, apostle of Slavs (9 cent)

cyst From G κύστις, bladder.

Cytherean Of Aphrodite, or Venus, from her favourite isle of Κίθηρα, now Cerigo

cytusus Shrub. G κύτισος Cf F *cylise*

czar, **tzar**, **tsar** [hist] Russ *tsar*, OSlav *česare*, L. *Caesar*, adopted in various forms by Slav langs The spelling *czar* is due to an early Ger form, our knowledge of Russ matters having as a rule passed through Germany The title was used in Russia in 15 cent, but not formally adopted by the Emperor till 1517 (Ivan IV) Cf *kaiser* *Czarina*, F *tsarine*, *czarine* and corresponding It Sp Port. forms in -*za*, all represent Ger *zarin*, with the Ger fem suffix -*in* (see *maria*) The correct Russ word is *czaritsa*, *tsaritsa* *Czarevich*, *czarevna*, son, daughter, of *czar*, had ceased to be offic titles before the Revolution of 1917 See also *czarevitch*

Czech Native and lang (Slav) of Bohemia. Also *Tschék*, cf. F. *Tchèque*, Boh *C'ech*, Pol *Czech*

D For 500 in Roman numerals is an ap-
proximate imitation of half the peculiarly
shaped I eman. CIO is $\frac{1}{2}$ (for m le thou-
san t)

dab¹ Verb Perh imit of a short quick
blow its Mf sense and influenced later
by *F dauber* (see *dab*) as in *was it and d*
Hence prol *dib* small flat *h h* likened to
a *dab* (of wax paint etc.) as *pat* (of butter)
from verb to *pat*

dab² Adept Also *dabster* (from *c* 1,00)
Slang Origin obscure ² Corrupt *ladest*
dab expert, exquisite in roguery (*D d Cant C cu*)

dabble Ols Du *dabbel* *n* frequent of earher
dabben First in Tusser (16 cent) *Perh*
related to *dab*¹

dabben *dabben* pulverem augebatum versar mani-
b a t p d b s (Kd)

dabchick Earl *tr also dab* *dep* *dob* related
to *fish* and *due* Cf synonym *dip* *per* (q v)

daboya *viper* Hind *diboyd* from *dabnd*
to lurk

dabster See *dab*²

da capo [us] It from beginning (herd)

dace In MF also *darse* OF *dars* nom of
d r d dart dice The fish is supposed to
be named from its darting motion but
the name is prob of Gaulish origin and
unconnected with *dart* For loss of *r* cf
*bass*¹

dard a dart, a ja ling a gl a re also a dace or
dive fish (Cotg)

dachshund Ger badger hound *Dachs* is
OIG *dahs* whence Late L *taxu taxo*
Γ dial *tusson* badger and It name
Tasso

daco¹ Hind *daka* *dakāvat* robber be-
longing to armed band

dactyl [metr] L G *bact* *los* finger (w v v)

dad daddy From infantile speech of
mammy baby etc Corresponding forms
in most langs e g Sanskrit *dat* Record
c 1500 but prob prehistoric

dado It L *dafum* (see *d*) Ong the die
haped part of pedestal then part of all
representing continuous pedestal Hence
dido round the dining room knitted ab-
dominal belt (T Atkins 1914)

daedal Maze like etc From G name *Da-*
dalos the cunning one con tractor of
the Cretan labyrinth

daemon c See *d mon*

daff Occasional var of *doff* (q v)

daffodil For earlier *aff* *hi* Γ *asph dle* (see
asphodel) For *d* prob playful elabora-

tion cf *dapple grey* *Daffadownilly* in
Spenser

a *phale* the d *bañ* *bañ* c *asphodel*
flow (Cotg)

Daffy a elixir [archa c] Invented by Thomas
Daffy a Leicestershire clergyman (17 cent)

daff AS *gedafie* gentle meek cogn with
gedafenan to be fitting becoming whence
the sense preserved in *delf* (j v) cf Goth
gadaban to be fitting For *d* generation
of *daff* cf *all* (q v)

dag¹ [hist] Short hand gun Prob Γ *dagu*
daguer (q v) Cf Γ *p stol* *t* which form
erlv meant dagger as *ell* as pistol while
according to Howell (v s) bot *ds* and
da ger were used indifferently in the 17 c
en es

dagge (Γ) *p stol* (It) *pst* *d ga* (S) *t*
pistol *pistol* *t* *l ga*

agr *thow* *eman* *dagger* *orp* *t* (F) *p stol* (It)
p stol (Sp) *p* (H) *ll* *Le* *fer* *pl* *boo*

It *salut* *v* *wheth* *r* *thou* *r* *th* *m* *n* *er* *ot*
erlv Henry t *ll* *e* *delibe* *to* *a* *m* *at* *h* *m* *with* *h*
dag (Alenorth) *ll* *nd* or *Cañal*

dag [ren] Pointed horn of young sta I
dagur a dagger also the head of the
young deer called a spitter or pricket
(Cotg)

dagger Cf F *dague* It *Si* *da* *a* *Ger*
de en sword (from F) VedL *dag* a *ru*
occurs c 1200 Origin unknown Earliest
record (1 cent) is Γ With *at* *da* *ers*
draen earlier also at *dagge* *drau* *n*
(Epps Dec 3 1875) cf Γ *à* *courte* *v*
trés With *to* *look* *ds* *ers* cf Shaks *t*
speak *dagge* *s* (ll s) *ut* *2*) Both above
phrases only became common in 19 cent
daggle Frequent of *lal* *da* in same sense
cf noun *da* *tag* clotted lock of wool of
Associated in meaning w th *dabble* *d* *acle*
As also w th dial *dug* *dew* ON *dōg*
I *dagge* *or* *I* *da* *s* *ark* *g* *with* *my* *j* *erlv*
(T l)

dago [US] Orig Spaniard now also Italian
and Portuese Sp *Diego* a form of
James taken as typical nam tel *John*
B H First This wa anti pated under
the Stuarts (v i)

Tb *Di* *go* [th Span ard] *w* *dappe* *f* *ll* *u*
(Dkk c 1810)

dagoba Buddhist shrine for relics of saint
Sinhalese *dāghāḍi* Sanskrit *dakṣa garbh*
relic receptacle

Dagon Fish tailed deity of Philistines
(Jud es xvi 23) Heb *d gān* dim of *due*
f h

dags, to do Schoolboy perversion of *dare*.

Cf *faɪgʰ, fʊg*

daguerreotype Earliest photograph From *Daguerre*, F inventor (1839)

dahabeeyah Large sailing barge on Nile Arab *dahabiyah*, the golden, from *dahab*, gold, orig gilded barge of Moslem rulers

dahlia Discovered in Mexico by Humboldt and named (1791) in honour of *Dahl*, Sw botanist

Dail Eireann [*neol*] Gael Ir *dáil*, meeting, and genitive of *Eire*, Ireland (see *Eire*)

The Dail Eireann, or Irish Constituent Assembly, met in the Mansion House at Dublin

(*Daily Mail*, Jan 22, 1919)

daimio Obs title of great Jap noble Chin *dai*, great, *mio*, name

dainty First as noun, meaning honour, regard, etc OF *deintid*, L *dignitas*, -*tat*-, from *dignus*, worthy For development of adj from noun cf *choice*, and for wide range of senses cf *nice* Sense of pleasing, esp to the palate, appears early (Wyc, Chauc) Cf *deign*, *disdain*

dairy ME & AF *deierie*, *dayerie*, from ME *dev*, woman, servant, AS *dæge*, for which see *lady* Cf the similarly formed *pantry*, *laundry*, *buttery*, all of F origin The native compd was *dey-house*, still in dial use

Le chat lui mena en le deyerie (Bozon)

deyerie vaccaria (Prompt Parv)

dais F, L *discus*, disk, quoit, G *δίσκος*, in Late L table, cf *desk*, *dish*, *dish* Orig raised table, high table, as in OF In ModF canopy

daisy AS *dæges* *ēage*, day's eye, from its opening in the morning and also from its appearance *Daisy-cutter* (cricket), ball that keeps low, was earlier applied to a horse that kept its feet close to the ground in trotting

Men by resoun wel it ealle may

The dayesie, or elles the ye of day

(Chauc *Leg Good Women*, 183)

dak, dawk Hind & Mahratti *dāk*, post, orig transport by relays of men and horses Hence *dak-bungalow*, rest house in India daker See *dicker*

Dalai Lama Mongolian *dalai*, ocean, to indicate the extent of power of the Grand Lama of Tibet See *lama*

dale AS *dæl* Com Teut, cf Du *dal*, Ger *tal* (see *thaler*), ON *dair*, Goth *dal* Prevalence in north is due to ON influence, more gen term being *dean*² (q v)

dallastype [*phot*] Invented (1875) by D C Dallas

dally OF *dallier*, *dallier*, to chaff, from OF *dail*, sickle, blade Orig in F to slash, then used of cut-and-thrust repartee, hence, in E, conversation, and finally, frivolous pre-occupation, etc OF *dail* is of unknown origin, cf Norw *dølge*, Sw dial *dalya*, LG *dalgen*, to strike and hew, which may be of Teut rather than OF origin From F comes Ger *dahlen*, to trifle

Patrick de Graham, ke demourt et daille

Del espe furbie [slashes with his bright sword]

(I angloft)

Pur ceo nous aprent coment devons daler [behave, deal judiciously] od gentz q'i sont en power de badlre ou de seignurie (Boron)

I ewd and schrewd dalyauns [i.e. conversation]

(Pastor Let 1 514)

dalmatian Dog from *Dalmatia* Hence also *dalmatic*, vestment, F *dalmatique* Cf *ciaval*

Dalmatica vestis primum in Dalmatia provincia Graeciae texta est, tunica sacerdotalis candida cum clavis ex purpura (Isidore)

Daltonism Colour-blindness John Dalton (†1844), famous F chemist, originator of atomic theory, was colour-blind Term is of F introduction, *daltonisme* (Prévost, professor at Geneva)

dam¹ Barrier Com Teut, cf Du *dam* (as in *Amsterdam*), MHG *tam* (*damm*), ON *dammr* Noun not recorded in AS, which has, however, *fordenman*, to obstruct, with which cf Goth *faurdamman*

dam² Mother Var of *dame* (q v), from which it is differentiated since 16 cent In lang of venery correlative to *sire* For application to birds see *Dert* xxii 6

Dam Fortune turns about ay hir whele

(Hampole, 14 cent)

damage OF (*dommage*), from OF *dam*, harm, L *damnum* Hence leg *damage* *feasant*, damage due to trespass of animals, AF *feasant*, OF *fesant* (*faisant*) *What's the damage?* is app a playful variation on earlier *what's the shot?*

damascene, -keen To ornament with incised patterns as famous armourers of *Damascus* Cf *bilbo*, *toledo*

damask From *Damascus*, through It *Damasco*, cf F. *damas*, damask, and the material called *damassé* Also *damask rose*, whence fig rosy, beautiful cheek (*As You Like It*, iii 5)

rose de Damas the damaske, or muske rose (Coitg)

dambrod **darnboard** [Sc] Draught board
Du *dambret* or *Din dambret* the name
coming from F *jeu des dames* as dis-
tinguished from *jeu des rois* (chess) See
dame

dame F *la dame* cf It *donna* *dama*
duca (*duc*) Orig used indifferently
with *dam* (q.v.) Gradually extended to
women of lower rank (*dame's school*) but
still leg title of wife of knight or baronet
See *damsel* The weakening of *vo* cf in I
is perh due to its unemphatic use as title
cf *sur* (q.v.) *ma*

damm F *dammier* L *dampf* *nire* to con-
demn to a penalty Theol sense from
14 cent Coverd uses it four times in
Joshua vi 28 Pope's *damm* with faint
pencil aimed at Addison is borrowed
from the prologue to Wycherley's *Plain
Deal* v As oath recorded from 17 cent
but the *n* is h were known in earlier OF
as *golon* *godlams* (temp Joan of Arc)
from their habitual oath The *NED* re-
jects the suggestion that not to *er* a
damm is from It *d* *d* *a* a small copper
coin I believe that at any rate the plu-
rality of the expression is of the origin
In all languages expressions of this kind are
from (i) small coins and sums (*fluopence*
de assis *thing*) or (2) objects of no value
(*but-n* *st* *au*) Such expressions survive
esp in OF I know no parallel to *damm* in
this sense for not to *care a dam* (*sec-
urus*) is really an argument in favour of
the small coin suggestion The populariser
in F of the *two-penny dam* in which the
coin association seems to survive was a
great Anglo-Indian the Duke of Wellington
ten With euph *d—d* cf Du *terd* *jd* for
terd *md*

England poets th t *err* tank will d it
damm edest

(Admiral of the Tank Fleet, Nov 6, 1917)

Damnonian Of Devonshire From L
Damnoma Ptolemaic name for county

Damocles sword of Imminent peril waiting
on apparent prosperity *Damocles* feasted
by Dionysius tyrant of Syracuse (4 cent
B.C.) suddenly noticed sword's spended by
horse hair above his head

Damon and Pythias Types of ardent friend-
ship cf *David and Jonathan* *Damon*
condemned to death by Dionysius (4 s.)
left *Pythias* as surety while he returned
home to settle his affairs See Schiller's
ballad *die F* *u* *e* *claf*

damp Prob a LG word Quot below
referring to coal mine *dan* is some
centuries older than *NED* records Cf
Du *dampf* Ger *dampf* steam Norw *dan*
damp (from LG) cogn with Ger *dampf*
close oppress v Cf verb to *damp* choke
sm ther Orig sense of exhalation a
poor survives in miners *fre-d* *mp* *choke*
dampf Hence *damp*er flour and water
cake of Austral bushmen (1827) To *p* *i*
a *damp*er *o* is from mus sense of muffle
soned

Ventus qui ocatu lo d mp

(*Wolfram* *St* *S* 3)

damsel MF *de* OL *damsell* (*de* *nosel*)
VL *damsell* (*de* *m* *us* (*re* *ne*)
cf It *donella* Sp *doncella* Orig maiden
of gentle birth Ar haic *damsel* *el* *el* was
revised by romantic poets esp Scott Of
haic also masc form *damsel* (*damsel* *au*)
young acquire

damsion VL *damsione* *dam* etc plum
cf *Damsion* See *dams* *h*

dams *e* *d* *aven* *rd* *m* *ow* plum (Colg)

dan or *As* *el* Of lord L *dominus* masc
of *dim* (q.v.) Hence MF *dawn* common
in France who is also called *Dan Chaveur*
by Spenser cf It *danno* Sp *don* For
voiced *el* *dime*

dan (*an* *i*) Small b oy used by trawlers
? From name *Dax* *el*

Let go your warp *d* *p* *t* *d* *on* *th* *d* *it*
(*bk* *ppet* *T* *Cnp* *RVR* *VC*)

Danaid G *Δαναι* daughters of *Danans*
king of Argos condemned for the murder
of their husbands to attempt to fill sieves
with water Hence *Danaid* an (endless
hopeless) *ta* *h*

dance F *danser* cf It *danzare* Sp *danza*
Ger *tanz* *n* (from It) ? All from OHG
dansōn to draw along cogn with OHG
dan *an* and Goth *at-dansan* to draw to-
wards one (*John* vi 44) Hence app first
of cl *anc* or processional dancing but this
etym is prob wrong In MF replaced
AS *sealt* *n* L *sal* *re* The *Dance* of *D* *ath*
represented the equality of all men b^{el} *re*
Death (see *macabre*)

I purpose verily with Goddes gr^{ce} theraft^r *e*
t *d* *ac* *aloud* *out* *most* *bowt* *pleur*
a *d* *se* (*P* *rm* *La* *i* *11*)

dancette [*arch*] dancette [*her*] Cf OF
da *ch* *in* *vented* Late L *de* *i* *ca* *us* from
dens *denti* tooth

dandelion F, *dent de lion*, from toothed edge of leaf Cf *synon* Ger *löwenzahn*, lit lion's tooth

dander [US] Temper, as in *to get one's dander up* ² Fig use of Wind *dander*, fermentation (of sugar), usu *dunder*, from Sp *redundar*, to overflow, I. *redundare*.

Dandie Dinmont See *dandy*

dandiprat Insignificant dwarf Also (16 cent) small copper coin For double sense cf obs *scuddick*, small coin, dwarf ² Of the same family as *Jack Sprit*

This Jack Prat will go burst
And say he hath cowed me
(*Misogonus*, li I, c 1550)

dandle From 16 cent Cf It *dondolare*, F *dodeliner*, prob cogn with F. *dodo*, baby word for *doom*, as in *faire dodo*, go to by-by Has been confused with *dangle* (q v)

dandruff, **dandriff** Second element is ON *hrufa*, scab (cf Ger *rufe*, OHG *hruf*), whence E dial *hurf*, first doubtful Cf AS *hræofa*, loper

porrigo scurf or scales in the head, *dandruffe* (Holyoak)

dandy¹ Top First on Se border at end of 18 cent, hence prob for *Andrew* Cf mod use of *Johnny*, From Scott's *Dandie Dinmont* (*Guy Mannerling*) comes name of terrier, cf *King Charles' spaniel*

dandy² [Anglo-Ind] Hammock slung on pole for carrying Hind *dāndi*, from *dānd*, staff

Dane From Dan *Daner*, ON *Danir* Hence also (hist) *Danegeld*, ODan *Danegjeld* (see *veld*), and *Danclaw*, -*lagh* (see *law*) With *great danc* (dog), cf earlier F *grand danois* (Buffon), cf also *dalmatian*, *pomeranian*, etc The *Dane John* (Canterbury) is supposed to be corrupted from *donjon* (q v)

Within an hour all Canterbury was in commotion
From St George's Gate to St Dunstan's suburb,
from the Donjon to the borough of Staplegate, all
was noise and hubbub (*Ingoldsby*)

Danebrog See *Dannebrog*

dane-hole See *dene-hole*

dang Lufh for *damm*, cf *dain*²

danger F, VL **dominarianum*, for *dominium*, rule, lordship Change of vowel (OF also *dongier*) is due to association with *dammum* Sense-development took place in OF, earliest meaning surviving in *in danger of*, orig subject to the jurisdiction of, e g in *Matt* v. 22, where it represents *Vulg leus*

In the *Paston Let* constantly used in sense of being in debt to

Metons nos hors de lor dangier (Wace).

You stand within his danger, do you not?
(*Merch of Ven* iv 1).

dangle From 16 cent, with cogn forms in Seand & NFris A frequent verb, related by ablaut to *ding*¹ (q v), in sense of setting in motion Confused in senses with *dandle*

Daniel Wise and upright judge (*Merch of Ven* iv 1) From *Daniel* of Apocrypha

Danish AS *Denisc*, cf ON, *Danskr*. In ML, usu *densh*, whence surname *Dench*, also *dancis*, from OF, whence *Dennis* Lang, one of the mod forms of ON., is almost ident with Norw., and the hist Danes also came mostly from Norway.

Danite. Member of supposed murderous organization among early Mormons, taking name from Bibl *Danites* (*Gen* xix. 16)

dank Now usu. replaced as adj by *damp* (q v) Origin obscure; believed to be cogn with Ger *dunkel*, dark Earliest records refer to *clw*.

Dannebrog, **Danebrog** Dan national flag Second element is thought to be ODan *brog*, brecch, clout (see *brogues*), but some regard the word as a perversion of Jutish *danboget*, red with white "blaze" and fetlocks, perh from Fris *dau*, red This would have a parallel in OF *baissant*, the Templars' black and white flag (*Ivanhoe*, ch xii), prop a horse with a "blaze," and ident. with E dial *dawson*, badger (q v).

danseuse F, see *dance*

daphne Laurel G δάφνη, derived in myth from name of nymph changed into laurel to escape pursuit of Apollo

dapper Du, brave, sprightly, cf Ger *tapfer*, brave, OSlav *dobri*, strong, doughty ON *daptr*, sad, is the same word, the intermediate sense being grim, cf hist of *moody*, or relation of Ger. *dreist*, audacious, to L *tristis*, sad

daptr, or *praty* elegans (*Promptuarii*)

The pert furies and the dapper elves (*Comus*, 118)

dapple Back-formation from *dapple-grey*, for unrecorded **apple-grey*, the markings being likened to the splashes of colour on an apple, cf F *gris pommelé*, It *pomelato*, Ger *apfelschimmel*, etc, all rendered *dapple-grey* in early diets So also ON *apalgrár* and Russ *yablochnyi*, dappled,

from *vabloko* apple For prefixed *d* cf *diffolil*

This r v sat upon a f d good stor
Th t was al poem ly grey and hly te Scot

(Cha c A 615)

His steed was l d pp ll g ay (b B 74)

darbies [*slm*] Handcuffs Origin unknown but earliest records (v1) always *Darby's bands* (*bonds*) suggest that *Darby* (from *Derby*) was some nited u rter or perh officer of the law

T t d u l l abent f th r Deet es ba d
(Gaw v 5 1615 16 nt)

Darby and Joan First u ed cf attached old couple in song in *Cent eun s Mag* (1735) perh charact is from real life

dare An oil pr terite present verb as sho in by orig absence of s in third person *he dare not* (cf *can may* etc) IS *dearr* with prst *d sio* (*durst*) cogn with G *durst* to dare cf Oax f da OHG *to* *Goth ga dai rsan* Absent from ON *Daredevil* is formed like *cul hroat scapegrace Snake speer* etc.

dark IS *deore* cogn with OHG *tarchan* in conceal but without oth r parall forms Opposite of *light* in lit and fig senses *Dark horse* (racing politics) is 19 cent *Dark Continent* appears to have been coined by Stanley *Dark Ages* as applied to the Middle Ages is a mod impertinence To *darken one's doo* may be one of Benjamin Franklin's coinage *Da hls* is a back formation from adv *larkling* (cf *groel*) *Darks* negro is LS *darling* AS *dō l ing d hng* d uble dim l g of *dear*

darn To mend Also earlier *dern darn* appears c 1600 and is prob a spec use of *dern darn* to hide common in VL and still ind al use from AS *lern* hidden secret cign with G *r* to *uhppe* coat of invisibility in *Nibelungenlied* Cf Ger *strunpfe stopfen* to darn (lit stop up) stockings

darn [US] Fugh for *dai n* So also *darned darnat on* (*firmation*)

darnel U ed in early Bible translations in differently with *tares* and *cockle* Cf F *darl darnelle* Second element is F *nelle* co kl L *n gel* a first is of unknown orig but app contains idea of stupefying cf F *trava* tares from *vere* drunk L *eb n s* and the L name *sol i m tem cut im* drunken tare from stupefying properties al Du *dohk darnel* from *dol* mad jn the v lous gra e DeI or d mell (Coté)

dart F *dart* OF also *di t* cf It Sp *da to* Of Teut origin cf AS *da oth* *eth* *pavelin* found also in OHG whence prob the continental form also ON *darr thr* *dartre* Ul r F for OF *derte darte* ? From *Caulish derb ts*

Darwinian Of *Charles Darw* n the natural t (1882) but applied earl r to his grand father *Erasmus Da w* the poet (1802)

dash Of hasty movement etc ML al *lasse dassek* Prob imit t same type as *dash smash* etc cf Sv *da ha Dan daske* to beat slap etc Oldst en v in mod to *da h in piece* Noun in various senses from idea of sudden rapid movement contained in verb To *cut a d h* is for earlier to *cut a feather* (oe *fathe*) *D shed* euph is *danned* contains an allus n to the *dash* in *d—d* (cf *ll nk blankety*)

dash [H Afr] Present commission App nati e word of long standing (v1)

When th y h e best wed th mast th w t g v them some wh t in boat wh h the call da h (F ech *Decript* f G)

dastard Formed with depreciatory affix -a d (cf *slt ard*) from pp of *da* Orig *dullard* an l ynon with obs. *das berd* l t *dary bea d* See *isar* Cf obs Du *darsard* *deirus* insanus phantasticus *perteritus* (Jul)

D d or d sta d h that bekth t n t (Promp Pa)
D d rd o d ll rd (D)

dasyure Brush tailed possum nat e cat (Austral) From G *dasye* hairy *pus* tail

data L things given From *dare d t* to give *dattler* [*d al*] Day tal r day labourer from *day* and *tale* Common in *Nidlands* and *North*

date Frut OF [*dit*] L *ε δακτύλος* finger of Olt *dathlo* whence Ger *dittel* From shape ? cf *banana* and also L *lathlus* a long grape like a finger (Coop) Some suggest that L *dactyl* in this sens is merely an imit form of an Arab word but the opposit is more likely (cf *caru apricot* etc)

date Time F L *ditx* pp neut pl of *d e to gi e* as in *Data Po nar pri t kst Apr* (these) given at Rome M rch 31 but in MedL understood as fem (sc *sp sola*) *Up t d e* is orig from book ke ping

dative gram] L *datus* rendering G *δοτω* (*arwa e*) gi ing (case)

datum Assumption taken as basis of calculation Sing of *data* (q v)

datura Narcotic plant Hind *dhatūra*, from Sanskrit

daub F *dauber*, L *dealbare*, to plaster, from L *albus*, white *Daubing* was orig a handicraft (cf *wattle and daub*), now replaced by plastering

daughter AS *dohtor*, Aryan, cf Du *dochter*, Ger *tochter*, ON *dōttr*, Goth *dauhtar*, G *θυγάτηρ*, Sanskrit *duhitār* ? From Sanskrit root *dugh*, to milk Found in the same langs as the cognates of *son* Normal form *daughter* (Tynd, Coverd) was replaced by *daughter* (Cranmer)

daunt OF *danter*, *donter* (*dompter*), L *domitare*, frequent of *domare*, to tame (q v) For vowel cf *dan*¹, *dame*, *danger*

Dauphin [*hist*] Title assumed (1349) by eldest son of king of France The province of Dauphiné took its name from the *Dauphin* family, lit dolphin (q v), a common early surname in E & F
Dauphin de France the dolphin, or eldest son of France, called so, of Dauphine, a province given, or (as some report it) sold in the year 1319, by Humbert Earle thereof to Philippe de Valois, partly on condition, that for ever the French Kings eldest sonne should hold it (during his fathers life) of the empire (Cotg)

davenport Writing-table (19 cent) Maker's name Cf *chippendale*, *tilbury*, etc

David and **Jonathan** Cf *Damon* and *Pythias* *davit* [*naul*] Earlier (15 cent) *daviot* AF & OF. *daviot*, *daviot*, dim of name *David* Cf Ger *julle*, *davit*, from *Judith*, and numerous meanings of *jack* In 17 cent usu *david* ? Allusion to David being let down from a window (1 Sam 11:12) Some suggest that OF *daviot* is a naut perversion of Sp *gaviote*, *davit*, which belongs to *gaff*¹

davy¹ Lamp Invented (1815) by Sir Humphry Davy

davy² Vulgar for *affidavit* (q v)

Davy Jones Spirit of the sea in naut myth Reason for choice of name unknown Cf *blue Peter*, *round robin*, *Mother Carey's chicken*, all naut ? Reminiscence of *Jonah*, 11 5, the prophet, formerly called *Jonas*, being made into *Jones* and supplied with a fitting Welsh christian name Hence *Davy Jones' locker*, the sea (see *lock*² for early quot)

daw Now usu *jackdaw* (cf *magpie*, *tomtit*, etc), cf Sc *caddow*, from ME compd *ca-daw*, of which both parts are prob

mit of cry Ger *dohle*, earlier *dahle*, MHG *tahele*, from *tahe*, OHG *tāhā*, may be related The F name *choucas* is from E *chough*
chouca 1 chough, or Jack Daw (Cotg)

dawdle Became popular in 18 cent Not in Bailey or Johns Prob, dial var of *daddle*, to walk unsteadily, trifle Cf *dadder*, *dodder*, *dither*, all with idea of unsteady movement, also obs or dial *dade* There are also LG parallels, e g Hamburg *daudeln*, to waste one's time

dawk See *dak*

dawn First as verb (c 1500), replacing earlier *daw*, AS *dagian* (from *day*) Thus *dawn of day* is pleon Earliest is *dawning* (c 1300) app of Norse origin, cf Sw Dan *dagning* The *Prompt Parv* has both *dawyn* and *dawnyng*
The cock may crow, the day may daw (Burns)

day AS *dæg* Com Teut, cf Du *dag*, Ger, tag, ON *dagr*, Goth *dags* Orig time of sunlight, the 24 hours being represented by *night* (q v) *Dayspring*, archaic for dawn, usu after *Luke*, 1 78 (*Vulg oriens*), is app from *spring*, ? but cf Norw. *dagsbrin*, ON *dagsbrün*, dawn, lit day's brow In *now-a-days*, *twice-a-day*, etc, *a* is for earlier *on* One of these days is used by Coverd (1 Sam xxvii 1) for *Vulg aliquando* Ger *der tag*, the day, is said to have been a pre-war toast in the Ger navy, alluding to the coming encounter with the British fleet
In the fulness of his heart, he [Mr Brass] invited Mr Swiveller to partake of a bowl of punch with him at that remote and indefinite period which is currently denominated "one of these days"
(*Old Curiosity Shop*, ch xxxv)

daysman [*archaic*] Umpire Usu after *Job*, ix 33 Contains a reminiscence of archaic use of *day*, in sense of time appointed for judgment Cf Ger *tagen*, to hold assembly (as in *Reichstag*, *Landtag*) and see *diet*²

daze ON **dasa*, as in reflex *dasask*, to become exhausted (cf *bash*, *bush*²), cf ON *dasi*, dullard, whence Norw. *daase* In ME to numb, become numbed, dazzled, etc

dazzle Frequent of *daze* Earliest intrans, of eyes Hence *dazzle-ship* (1917), camouflaged so as to confuse hostile gunners, invented by Lieut Commander N. Wilkinson.

de- L *de*, from, downward, but often a mere intens (*demur*, *denigrate*) In words of F origin usu for *dé-*, OF *des-*, L *dis-*,

as MedL *mala mors* (1358) *In at the death* is from fox hunting

debacle F *débâcle*, orig "bust-up" of ice on river, hence, stampede From *débâcler*, from *bâcier*, to fasten up, Prov *baclar*, to bar, from L *baculus*, staff, crossbar In mil sense esp since Zola's novel *La Débâcle* (1892)

debar App of E formation from *bar* (qv) F *débarrier*, OF *desbarer*, has almost opposite sense, to unbar (door, window)

debark F *débarquer* See *barl*² Now usu replaced by *disembark*

debate F *débattre* Orig, in F & E, to fight (see *combat*) Cf *daughter of debate* (Mary, Queen of Scots) Hence *debatable ground* esp is recognized Tudor name for part of the Border claimed by both countries

And over that his cote armour,
As white as is a lily flower
In which he wol debate (Chauc. B 2056)

debauch F *débaucher*, OF *desbaucher*, orig to lead astray, as in *debaucher*, from F pp Orig unknown Parallel of *dehrium* (qv), and of such mod expressions as to *run off the line*, suggests formation from Tent *ball*, in gen sense of line, ridge, boundary (see *ball*⁴) Perh orig ploughing metaphor

debenture Earlier (15 cent) *debentur*, they are owing, from L *debēre*, to owe Supposed to have been init word of document Cf *affidavit*, *item*, *pursuiv*, etc Orig voucher for goods supplied to government, etc Current sense from middle of 19 cent

debility. F *débilité*, L *debilitas*, from *debilis*, weak

debit F *débit*, L *debitum*, from *debēre*, to owe Cf *credit*

debonair OF *debonaire* (*débonnaire*), for *de bon' aire*, of good race, orig of hawks (see *aery*, *cyr*), hence "thorough-bred" Very common in ME for docile, courteously well-bred (hence surname *Bonar*, *Bonner*), but obsolescent after Milton Mod. sense is somewhat altered OF had also the opposite *demalaise*

L¹ gentils hum, chevaliers de bon aire (Rol 2252)

Ahi, culvert [catiff], malv us hum de pnt aire (ib 762)

deboshed Archaic var of *debauched*, revived by Scott

debouch Mil word of 18 cent F *déboucher*, OF *desboucher*, from *bouche*, mouth, L

bucca, lit cheek, used in VL for o. Cf *It shoccare*, "to mouth or fall into the sea as a river" (Flor). See *disembogue*

débris F., from *débriser*, from *briser*, to break See *bruise*

debt Restored spelling of ME. *det*, *dette*, F *dette*, L *debita*, pp. neut pl of *debere*, to owe *Debt of honour* (17 cent) is so-called because it cannot be legally enforced *Debt of nature*, death, is ME The *National Debt* is the sum of a number of *national debts* from end of 17 cent onward *debus* [sicol.] Thus and *embitis* were officially used (1914) on the model of *debark*, *embark*, *detrain*, *entrain*

début F, from *débüter*, to lead off at bowls, etc From *büt*, mark, goal.

deca- G δέκα, ten.

decade F, L, G δεκάς, δεκάδ-, group of ten δέκα

decadent F *décadent*, from pres part of VL **decadere* (*decidere*), to fall, decay Applied to themselves (c 1885) by a group of unwholesome young F writers, "unpleasant little anthropoids with the sexless little Muse and the dirty little Eros" (G Du Maurier), who affected admiration for literature of Roman decadence

decatalogue F., L, G δεκαλόγος (see βιβλος), from phrase οἱ δέκα λόγοι, Ten Commandments, in LXX Used by Wyc

Decameron. It *Decamerone*, title of Boccaccio's (†1375) collection of tales, supposed to occupy ten days From G δέκα, ten, ημέρα, day Cf F *Heptaméron* (seven days), tales of Marguerite de Navarre (16 cent) Both are formed on MedL *hexameron*, incorr contr of G ἑξαήμερον

decamp F *décamper*, orig to break up camp, OF *descamper*, cf *It scampare*, and see *scamper* A mil word from 17 cent

decanal [eccl] Of a *dean*¹ (qv) Hence *ruri-decanal*, of a *rural dean*

decan [eccl] *Dean's side of choir* Genitive of L *decanus*, dean Cf *cantoris*

decant Orig in alch F *décanter*, MedL *decanthare*, from *canthus*, corner, lip of jug, supposed to be from G καρθός, corner of eye See *canl*¹

decant from the Lat Barb *decantare*, a word lately found out by more barbarous chymists, which those mighty Zolus's derive from the Lat *de*, and the Gr καρθός, a corner (Gazophylacium Anglicanum, 1689)

decapitate After F *décapiter*, from Late L *decapitare*, from *caput*, *capit*-, head

decay OF *décarr* dial form of *déchээр* (*déchээр*) VL *décarr* for *décider* to fall off cf Sp *décae*

decease ME *deces* I *décès* L *decessus* lit departure euph for *mors* In F & E chiefly offic

Le Décès e spectre b e ratique qui g i
im titre co nnt un arto d nement sile cte n
(La lre Sant v t)

decent OI *decente* pp fem of *décetier* (*décetier*) VL *décetier* for *décipere* from *capere* to catch The normal OI was *d'cele* (cf *recette* from *recepta*) but the vowel *i* has been as imitated to the OF tonic stem *decet* whence also E *deceive* rining with *sane* in 17 cent

decelerate [neol] A scient word First used in railway sense in offic notice as to modification of railway service (Jan 1917) Cf the *decontrolization order* (Noti Cua d April 24 1918) and more recent *decontrol* December F *décembre* L *d'centlar* from *decem* ten with suffix ber of obscure origin Replaced AS *d'ra grol* earlier Yule With *Decembrist* from abative Russ revolution (Dec 1825) cf more recent *Octob list*

decemvir [A st] L sing of *decem viri* ten men appointed (5 cent BC) to draw up the laws of the Twelve Tables Later Venet Council of Ten

decennial From L *decennium* ten years from *d'cem* and *annus*

decent F *décent* from pres part of L *décent* to be fitting Cf *decorat*

deci F abbreviated from L *decim* as tenth in terms of metric system

decide F *décider* L *décider* *décis* from *a d're* to cut Cf F *l'ancher la question* to come to a decision

deciduous From L *deciduous* from *décider* to fall down from *cadere*

decimal ME/L *decimalis* from *decem* ten applied to the Arab notation and later to *decimal fractions* an extension of the same Hence *decimal comma*

decimate From L *décimare* to put to death every tenth man of unit as punishment for mutiny etc Much misused by mod journalists (literally decimated) as almost equivalent to annihilate Earliest sense in L & E is to take tithe

déca t t th to take th tenth part *de mar leguons* to pu ish e p t t d th t th man of ery lgu (Coop)

decison See *decide*

deck¹ OI ship Du *dek* covering roof cogn with E *thatch* (q v) Du has *terdek* in naut sense cf Ger *terdeck* Earliest E sense is covering (15 cent) and the naut *deck* was at first regarded rather as a roof than a floor cf F *plafond* ceiling lit floor (*plafond* flat bottom) So also verb to *deck* adorn meant *bring to cover*

Y *decke yours sel* e b tye a not w nu
(Co e d H g 16)

deck² [archaic] Pack of cards (3 Hen 11 v 1) still usual in U.S. Ident with *deck* cf dial *deck* used of things of same shape piled one on another

While I h d th ards th at n ght I m ked ry
on in e ery dck (O H 17)

deckle-edge Of paper rough edge caused by the *deckle* or covering over the mould Ger *deckel* cover lid (see *desk*)

declaim For earlier *declame* L *declamare* altered on *cla m* (q v)

declare F *déclarer* L *declarare* to make clear *clarus* hence to announce pro claim With elhpt Well I *declare* cf archaic use of *protest tow*

déclassé F unclassed one who has lost class
declension F *déclension* L *declinatio* from *declinare* to decline Cf *case* (gram) Form has been affected by *extension* *dimension* etc

decline F *décliner* L *declin* e to bend away cf G *nle v* to bend cogn with *lean* Sense has been affected by interpreting *de* as downward e.g. *decline of l f* Trans meaning euph for *refuse* as in to *decline an invitation* is evolved from earlier to *decline* (ie turn away avert) a contest argument etc Cf synon Ger *ableh en lit* to l an away

declivity L *declivitas* from *declivis* sloping down from *clivus* slope cogn with *decline*

decoction OF from L *decoquere* d coct to brod down

decode [neol] Coined on *decipher*

decollation Chu fly in connection with *Feast of Decollation* of St John the Baptist (Aug 29) From L *decollare* to beh ad from *collum* neck

décolleté I lit uncollared from *collet* dim of *col* collar L *collum* neck

decompose See *compose* Sense of putrefaction from 18 cent

decorate From I *decorare* from *decus* *decor* ornament

decorticate From L *decorticare*, from *cortex*, 'cortic-, bark

decorum L neut adj, fitting Cf *decent*, *decorate*

decoy Orig pond into which wild fowl are lured First (1625) in *decoy-duck*, with which cf Du *hooieend* (eend, duck) Earlier *coy*, Du *hooi*, cage, Late L *cavea* (sec cage) The *de-* may be Du def art, *de hooi*, the cage, or be due to influence of *decoy*, card-game of 16 cent, of unknown origin Prob affected in meaning by obs *coy*, to smooth down, coax, from adj *coy* (q v)

kooyen, endt-vogelen vangen to catch wild ducks in the quoyes with quoy ducks (Hexham)

decrease ME *discrese*, OF *descreisse*-, stem of *descreistre* (*décrotic*), VL **discrescere* for *descrecere*, from *crecere*, to grow, cf It *discrescere*, Sp *descrecer*

decree First as noun OF *decré* (*décree*), L *decretum*, from *decernere*, to decree, from *cernere*, *cre-*, to separate, etc *Decree nisi*, "unless" cause to the contrary is shown within six months

decrement L *decrementum*, from *decrescere*, to decrease

decrepit F *décépité*, L *decrepitus*, "very olde, at the pittes brinke" (Coop), from *crepare*, to creak

decretal Orig (14 cent) papal decree Cf. MedL *decretales epistolae*

decry F *décrier*, OF *descrier*, from *dis* and *crier* (sec cry), orig to announce withdrawal of coin from currency In E usu understood as from *de-*, as though to "cry down"

on le deserie comme la vieille monnoye he hath a very bad report among the people, his credit is wholly cracked, fame blemished, reputation lost (Cotg).

decuman Usu with wave, billow L *decumanus*, powerful, orig of the tenth cohort, and applied to the chief entrance of camp Already in L *decumanus fluctus*, associated with the superstition that the tenth wave is the largest Cf *decumana ova*, large eggs

decumbent From pres part of L *decumbere*, to recline

decuple F *décuple*, L *decuplus*, ten-fold Cf *simple*, *double*, etc

decurion [hist] L *decurio-n-*, from *decem*, ten Cf *centurion*

decussate [bot] X-shaped From L *decussare*, to divide cross-wise, from *decussis*,

the number ten (X), the ten-as piece Cf *chiasmus*

dedal See *daedal*

dedicate From L *dedicare*, to proclaim, devote in set words, in earliest E sense to the Deity

deduce L *deducere*, to lead down, *deduce*, *deduct* were formerly used indifferently Hence *deductive*, opposed to *inductive*

dee D-shaped piece of harness, cf *eccspring*

dedd AS *dād* Com Teut; cf Du *daad*, Ger *tat*, ON *dālth*, Goth *dēds*. See *do* For later sense of document cf *act* With

indeed cf Ger *in der tat*, L *de facto*

deem AS *dēman* Com Teut, cf Du *doemen*, OHG *tuoman*, ON *dāma*, Goth *dōmjan* (sec doom) Hence *deemster*, judge, etym a fcm form of *deemer*, still used in I of Man

For in what dome ye demen, ye shulen be demyd (Wyc Matt vii 2)

deep AS *dēop* Com Teut, cf Du *diep*, Ger *tief*, ON *djúpi*, Goth *dīups*, cogn with *dīp* Most of the fig. senses appear already in AS, e g *the deep* (Luke, v 4), orig as opposed to shallows near shore

deer AS *dēor*, wild animal Com Teut, cf Du *dier*, Ger *tier*, animal, Iccl *dýr*, Goth *dins*, prob. cogn with *dcar*², but not with G *thp* Spec, as well as gen, sense found in AS Gradually replaced in gen sense by *beast*, *animal*

But mice, and rats, and such small deer,
Have been Tom's food for many a year (Lear, iii 4)

deface OF *desfacer* (sec *face*), cf It *sfaciare*

defalcate From MedL *defalcare*, to lop off, from L *falx*, *falc-*, sickle, pruning hook, cf F *defalquer*, to deduct E sense of embezzle is 19 cent Or perh borrowed, with other financ terms, from It (v 1), and associated in sense with *default*

diffalcare to deduct or deduct in reckonings, to default, to abate, to bate (Flor)

default Earlier *default* See *faul*

defeasance [leg] Annulment, etc AF *defesaunce*, OF *desfesance*, from *desfaire* (*defaire*), to undo (v 1)

defeat From *défait*, pp of F *défaire*, to undo, VL **disfacere* for *deficere* In ME to undo, destroy, etc, mil. sense being later, e g not in Shaks *Defeatist* was adopted (1917) from F *défaitiste*, applied

to a man suspected of working against his own country

defecate From L. *defaecare* to clear from dregs *faex faec*

defect L. *defectus* from *deficere* *defec* to undo

defend L. *defende* to ward off (cf *defendence*) earlier also in F sense of prohibit e.g. *defended fruit* (17th Lost xi 84) *Defender of the Faith* is for L. *Fidei Defensor* title conferred (15th c) on Henry VIII by Leo X for writing against Luther With *defendant* from F pres. part. of *compainant*

defer¹ To delay Etym. ident. with *defer* (q.v.) F *différer* from L. *differre* to set aside postpone from *ferre* to bear Form has been influenced by *delay*
My mast wylde & rha connyng
(Tynd. Mat. v 13)

defer² To submit F *differer* from L. *deferre* to submit (trans.) from *ferre* to bear U. n. al. mod. sense comes from reflex use to submit oneself

deferrescence See *efflorescence*

deficient From pres. part. of L. *deficere* to fail etc

deficit F *déficit* L. *deficit* th. re. lacks as intr. idu. tory word in clauses of inventory Cf *stem*

defilade [mil.] To protect from enveloping fire Couined on *enfilade* (q.v.)

defile¹ Verb ME *defoulen* *defoul* OF *de fouler* to trample upon (< *fouler*) with sense influenced by F *fouler* and by the corresponding verb *file* As *fylen* to make foul filthy

To no thing it is worth er n bot it be sent o t and d f uld (AS f. trow. al. of m. n.)

(Wye. Met. v 13)

It is a foul bird that files its m. nest (Coat. F. 121)

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defile or *defile* a bright narrow la. (through wh. a company of soldiers goes only a file) (h. 157)

define Orig. to determine the end or limits OF *definere* from *fin* end now replaced by *definire* L. *definire* (see *fine*) With *definition* cf *apophorism* (11 v)

deflagrate From L. *deflagrare* to burn away
deflate Mod. courage on *inflatus* rise of L. *deflate* to blow away

deflect L. *deflectere* to bend aside

deflower [archaic] F *déflor* L. *deflorare* from *flor* *flor* flower Orig. to strip of flowers hence ravist *defile* In MF often to make extracts from books (cf *antokol* v)

deformation Acquired deformity F *déformation*

Th. gr. t. word f. f. m. t. o. at. d. forma
to in th. word p. f. o. d. (N. b. l. Ba.)

deformity OF *deformite* f. *deformitas* from *deformis* ul. form. d. Mod. has d. f. m. t. d. from d. f. f. m. t. d. (11 v)

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deft AS *cedaþt* mild gentle cf Goth *gafabaw* to bent For sense-development cf *hands* which partly represents ME *hende* courteous &c also *dift*

That d. h. m. e. u. l. Van be ame (VED. 13. 1.)

defunct L. *defunctus* p.p. of *defungi* to accomplish one's duty

dely F *déliv* VL *dichda* e. from *fid* faithful Orig. to proclaim trench of alliance Secondary F sense distrust is due to association with L. *diffidere* whence *diffident*

dégagé F free unembarrassed See *gagé*

degenerate From L. *dégenerare* from *de* *gen* race noun in sense of unwholesome crank or sexual freak is a quite mod. use of the adj. as employed in biol.

deglutinator F *déglutiner* from L. *deglutire* to swallow down See *glut*

degrade F *dégrader* Church L. *dégrativer* to reduce in rank, from L. *gradus* degree etc

degree F *degré* VL *gradus* from *gradus* step cf Prov. *gradat* Th. other Rom. langs. use forms of the simple *gradus* For fig. senses cf *scale* and *rail* to *graduate* step i.e. promotion Lm. sense is in Wye

dehiscent [bot.] From pres. part. of L. *dehiscere* from *de* and *hiscere* in rpt. of *h* are to gape Cf *hiale*

dehort L. *dehortari* to dissuade
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Merry and his Della Cruscans, a set of minor bards and mutual admirers who had infested the magazines and the libraries for some years (Saintsbury, *Nineteenth Cent Lit*)

Della Robbia ware From name of It sculptor (†148)

Delphic Usu with utterance Of Delphi seat of G oracle

delphin [bibl] Of L texts edited in usum Delphini i.e. for the son of Louis XIV See *dauphin* & *lphin*

delphinium Larkspur L G *delphium* littl dolphin from form of nectary

delta G letter D (Δ) adapted from Phoenician *daleth* tent door (see *alpha*) Used by Herodotus of the Nile by Strabo of the Indus Hence *deltoid* (anat) delta shaped

delude L *deleadere* to play false from *lu* & *re* *lu* to play

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delve [archaic] AS *delfan* orig strong (v) WGer cf Du *del en* OHG *dielhan* Now etc in dial usu fig eg to *dive* into the past It is the re-*del* word in Wyc where Tynd has *dig*

Th *Idolien* *dashed* fore my face (Wyc P 147)

demagogue G *δημαγωγος* from *δῆμος* people *γωγος* leader from *αγω* to lead First di-para in only in *Eikon Bass* etc (1648)

Setting as de *ti* affright ent of this g bln wo d [from *log*] f rth king by h s i ave cannot co u I glish s will as h oul mon y (Nikon Ek nois 15)

demand F *demander* L *demandare* to entrust (from *mandare* to order) which assumed in Late L sense of request Cf *dimandare* Sp *demandar* Used (econ) in correlation with *sipply* since Adam Smith (1776) The peremptory sense is peculiar to F (cf *requirer*) and of late esp illustrated by the various *nkases* issued by privileged organisations

Th railw ymen in conf re c t Plymouth d mandated instant withdrawal of Brit h troops from Russ a (Pall Mall Gaz) n 9 1910

demarcation Sp *demarkar* on from *demarca* to mark out boundary (see *n arch* *nark*) First in *linea de dei a acion* by which Pope Alexander VI divided the New World between the Spaniards and Portuguese (1493)

démarche F step (see *marché*) esp in pol sense

deme G *δῆμος* district to township Hence set of cells (b) 1

demean F *démeuer* *démén* (OF *d meun*) from *menere* to lead VL *minare* for

minari to threaten dri e with threat-lead Very common in OF & ML now only reflex to *demean* (behave) o *ieself* Hence *demean* our *misdeemeanour* AF formations (cf *behaviour*) To *deme n* (lower) *oneself* in vulgar speech is prob the same word by association with *mean* and analogy of *d ba e*

dement L *dementare* to send out of one's mind *mens mnt* De *men* in L has replaced earlier *d me cy* cf F *démence*

démenti Official denial F pp of *dén* ntr to give th lie belie See *mendicior*

dement F *dé* *idri* L *dementum* de crt prefix de having been erron taken as neg in Late L & Rom lang's Orig sen e sur vives in ME and Shaks

demi t deserve thanks (Coop)

M *demi* *et*

May pe k u bou ted to pro d f t ne A th th t i b re ch l (Osh a)

demesne [leg] Estate held with full rights MF *demein* *denayn* etc OF *de me* L *domus* *uum* now replaced by *doma* in OF *deme* is also an adj on n The s of *deme* a late spelling i prob due to analogy of contrasted *mesne* (q v) in which it is also unusual perh partly to OF *mesne* = household (*mesin* in Shaks) An intrusive e is very common in OF & AF esp before -n See also *domain*

d m se (dom m) i a f en h u rd oth rw s writ a d ma and on a th pul mon m dom as H toman saith b f eud l b s (Cow l)

demi F prefix also used in I See *d i y* *demi*john [naut] Corrupt of F *dame* *jeanne* lt lady *ja* a cf lt *dame* *igiana* Sp *dame* *ana* It is not certain in which lang the word arose Similar fanciful names for vessels are *jach* *in* *porum* etc Cf also *belarum* *tankard* and obs *godlard* Perh the wicker covered bottle suggested a portly lady in the costume of the period

d me y ne les nu telots pp ll t a ns a grosse bout ll d verre co it denait (Th Cor ll)

damezsa ne a dem j o larg bottle ont lunge ho t to Ave g won covers i with b k t work and much used in merchant sh ps (Fal)

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deliver F *délivrer*, VL *debebare*, in sense of *liberare*, to set free, *liber* ModF. *délivrer*, *livrer*, represent the two almost opposed senses of E *deliver*, to set free, to hand over See *lively*

dell AS *dell* Related to *dale* as *den* to *dean*?, cf Du *del*, Ger dial *delle*

Della Cruscan From It. *Accademia della Crusca*, Academy of the bran (sifting), formed (1582) at Florence to purify It lang It *crusca* is OHG *cruse*, bran Hence applied (c. 1800) to artificial E school, of which a prominent member, Merry, had been elected to the *A della C* The hall of the *Accademie de la Crusca* [at Florence] is hung about with impresses and devices painted, all of them relating to corns sifted from the bran (Evelyn)

Merry and his Della Cruscan, a set of minor bards and mutual admirers who had infested the magazines and the libraries for some years

(*Saintsbury, Nineteenth Cent Lit*)

demise F, p p fem of *démettre*, to put off, *se démettre*, to resign, L *demittere* Used first of transfer of property, then, in *demise of the crown*, of transfer by death, hence, fig death itself

demurge Orig creator of world in Platonic philosophy G *δημιουργός*, from *δήμιος*, public, -*εργος*, working

demob [slang] For *demobilize* (1919)

I beg that we do not demobilize the spirit of patriotism in this country

(D Lloyd George, in H of C, July 3, 1919)

democracy F *démocratie*, MedL *democratia*, in 13 cent transl of Aristotle, G *δημοκρατία*, from *δήμιος*, people Defined (1863) by Lincoln as "government of the people, by the people, for the people," a variation on Webster's earlier (1830) definition Earlier still is Byron's "aristocracy of blackguards" In US *Democrat* and *Republican* represent earlier *Federal* and *Whig*

The world must be made safe for democracy

(Pres Wilson, Apr 2, 1917)

Democritean Of *Democritus*, the laughing philosopher of Abdera (5 cent B C) The name means judge of the people

demogorgon App Late L formation from *δαίμων*, divinity, demon, and *γοργός*, terrible (see *gorgon*), but possibly perverted from some Eastern word First mentioned (5 cent) as name of deity invoked in magic rites Introduced into literature by Boccaccio and Ariosto

demolish F *démolir*, *démoliss-*, from L *demoliri*, from *moles*, heap, building

demon L, G *δαίμων*, divinity, tutelary genius, but, in usual E sense, from L *daemonium*, G *δαιμόνιον*, used in LXX and *Vulg* in its Jewish sense of god of the heathen and "unclean spirit" Orig sense survives in *daemonic* *Demonology* was coined (1597) by James VI of Scotland (James I) as title of his treatise on witchcraft

That daemonic element—so essential in times of crisis—is not necessarily a turbulent spirit

(Oliver, *Ordeal by Battle*)

demonetize F *démonétiser* (see *money*)

demonstrate From L *demonstrare*, from *monstrare*, to show See *monster*, *muster*

demoralize F *démoraliser*, a Revolution coinage, of which Laharpe says, "Si 'démoraliser' pouvait être français, il signifierait 'cesser de parler de morale'" Cf *denationalize* and see *moral*

demos G *δῆμος*, people From 19 cent

demotie G *δημοτικός*, plebeian, of the people, *δῆμος* In ref to Egypt written character, contrasted with *hieratic* (q v)

demulcent From pres part of L *demulcere*, to soothe

demur AF *demurer*, OF *demorer* (*demeurer*), VL **demorare*, for *demorari*, to delay. Orig. sense of tarrying survives in leg *demurrage*, *demurrer*, the latter an infin (cf *attainder*, *misnomer*, etc.)

demure From AF *demurer*, to stay (v s) Cf synon *staid* (q v) It possibly represents the p p, cf *coastive*, *signal*?, *hove*, for parallels to loss of -e But OF forms many adjs from verb stems without suffix (cf *stale*) The oldest meaning of *demure* is quiet, settled, used of the sea, later it meant sober, sedate (*Penseroso*, 32), and became ironical c 1700

demurrage See *demur*

demy Size of paper, sheet folded in half For *dem*, F, L *dimidium*, half, from *di-* and *medium* A *demy* at Magdalen (Oxf) was so-called because his allowance was half that of a fellow

den AS *denn*, lair of wild beast, cogn with *dean*?, ? cf Ger *tenne*, floor, archaic Du *denne*, floor, eavenn

denary L *denarius*, relating to ten, from *deni*, ten at a time, for **decim*, from *decem*

denationalize F *dénationaliser*, a Revolution coinage Cf *demonialize*

dendrite [min] G *δενδρίτης*, from *δένδρον*, tree From markings

dene Sandhill ? F. *dune* (q v)

denegation F *dénégation*, L *denegatio-n-*, from *denegare*, to deny

dene-hole [antiq] Recorded, as *Dane-hole*, from 18 cent only, a name prob due to popular connection with the *Danes*

dengue Eruptive fever with pain in joints (E Afr and W Ind) Agrees in form with Sp *dengue*, affected contortion, prob from *denegar*, to refuse (with idea of affectation) But, in this sense, a perversion, assimilated to Sp *dergue*, of Swahili (Zanzibar) *dinga*, cramp-like seizure The negro W Ind name is *dandy*, and the disease is also called the *giraffe*, each name alluding to the stiff unnatural holding of neck and shoulders

denier [hist] F, L *denarius*, coin worth ten asses, cf It *denaro*, Sp *dinero*, Arab *dirar*. Applied to various obs coins in F. & E. and used (d) for penny

denigrate From L. *denigrare* to defame lit black n. Obs in 18 cent and now revived in imit. of F *dénigrer*

denizen AF *de n ein* (*ten-ein denzain*) from *de nuz* within OI *denz* (laus) L. *de intus* Orig native as distinguished from foreigner and in City records citizen (which it has affected in form) as distinguished from outsider Cf *foreign* Quot below refers to mixed juries deciding on disputes between citizens and non citizens

Et enquiste i nte dens in t fo ein soit fait p.
x dm i la molt soit de d'na es et i tre
molt e d a fore is demurra te en vill
(Liber 413 p 92)

denominate From L. *denominare* to specify by name *nomen* Denominational first occurs in sectarian sense in Gladstone's *Church and State* (cf *disestablishment*)

denote F *dénoter* L. *denotare* from *nota* mark note 13 term of logic dates from Mill (cf *connote*)

dénouement (theat) F lit untying (of plot) F *noue* is L. *nodus* from *nodus* knot Cf *knarred* knot in sense of plot

denounce F *dénounce* L. *denunciare* to intimate by messenger *mi uns* In earlier use almost equivalent to *announce* (see *fial*) To *denounce a treat* 15 cent from F

dense F L. *densus* compact.

dent. Var of *dent* (qv) Mod case has been affected by *in-dentation* etc

dental Med L. *dentis* from *den* *deat* tooth Den *if ice* 1 L. *den ifri sum* from *fricare* to rub, date from 16 cent

dentist F *dentiste* replacing (18 cent) native *tooth-d awer* (Piers Pl.)

denude L. *denudare* to lay bare *nudus*

denunciate See *denounce*

deny F *dénier* L. *denegare* from *negare*

deodand [hist] Object which, having caused death was confiscated to Crown (up to 1846) L. *Deo dandum* to be given to God

deodand (deodand m) a thing given or forfeited (it w) to God for the pacification (b w th) in a case of misadventure whereby y Chri t n soul cometh t a violent end, without the f it of any re sonab o creature (Cow D)

deodar Hind *Madar* Sanskrit *derr-dā* a divine tree In L. from c 1500 but mentioned by Avicenna (11 cent)

deodorize Council (19 cent) from *deous*

deontology (phil) Ethics from G *deon* pres part neut of *dein*, it behaves

depart F *départir* VI *dispartire* for *dispartire* to divide from *pars* part part Orig trans to divide mod intrans parting from reflex use as in the ex. e also of F *partir* (1 abs ont) Trans sense survives in to *depart this life* whence the *d parted* and in *department* F *département* (190) division province also in *marina e service* till death us *depart* altered (106) to do part at request of Puritan d vines.

New departure is Lb (19 cent)

depend L. *dependere* from L. *de* *cadere* to hang from influenced in form by *transfert* whence F *pendre* *Tha eper* is an ellipt exp of the same type as *address*

depict From L. *depingere* *ps* from *pungere* to paint

depilatory From L. *depilare* to remove hair *pilus*

deplete From L. *deleare* *ps* to empty lit un fill

deplore L. *deplorare* from *plorare* to weep

deploy F *déployer* I *displacere* to unfold lit word from 18 cent Cf *display*

deponent From pres part of L. *deponere* to put down L. *ed* by Late L. grammarians of verbs which are supposed to have laid down their passive etc The so called deponent verbs were orig reflexives corresponding to the G middle voice Lex sense appears in Lat L. *deponere* With *deponent* one who gives evidence of position

deport¹ To behave (ren x) From OF *desporter* from *porter* to carry Hence *deportment*

deport² To expel trans port. From F *déporter* (18 cent.) L. *déportare* also from *portare* to carry but mentally associated (like *import export*) with *portus* harbour (v)

En certe d tre loz, q n appell un-bail
je comettas la [n Angl terr quelque sortise
je ser is ban d re a m ou pou nuy d
déporté exA t il t remon l tra q
qui se cond t mal ou dep Cl or le pren, ou l
mê e au port le pl proche on l mba q je
le prem bâtiment pri à faire se ex le jett
sur la première côte où il ord
(P L. Courser 122)

depose F *déposer* to set down (see *po e*)

Deposition belongs to L. *deponere* but the confusion between the two groups of words is complete

deposit First as n n n L. *deponere* what is laid down (v s)

depot F *dépôt*, OF. *depost*, L. *depositum*, from *deponere* US sense of railway station occurs earlier in E of a goods station deprave L *depravare*, from *pravus*, crooked, wrong

deprecate From L *deprecari*, to pray against

depreciate From L *depretiare*, to lower price, *pretium*

depredate From L *depraedari*, from *praeda*, prey

depress From L *deprimere*, *depress-*, to press down, from *primere* For fig sense cf *deject*

deprive OF *depriver*, Late L. **deprivare* for *privare*, to deprive *Deprivatio* is recorded in Late L

de profundis L, out of the depths First words of *Ps cxxx*

depth Formed in ME from *deep*, after *length*, *breadth*, etc AS has *deopnes*

depute F *députer*, L *deputare*, lit to cut off, cf *detached for special service* Deputy is F p.p *député* From the sense of acting as agent comes that of substitute and also that of manager of a lodging-house

deracinate From F *déraciner*, from *racine*, root, VL *radicina*, from *radix*, *radic-*

derail F *dérailer* Adopted in US earlier than in E See *rail*

derange F *déranger*, lit to throw out of rank See *range*, *arrange* Not in Johns, who considered it a F word For application to insanity, orig in *deranged mind* (head), cf *disordered mind*. In gen. senso replaced by *disarrange*

Derby Race, at Epsom, founded (1780) by twelfth Earl of Derby Parliament always adjourned for it before the carpet-bagging period Derby scheme, Derby man date from the Earl of Derby's appeal (1915) to Britons to attest as ready for national service

derelict L *derelictus*, p.p of *derelinquere*, to forsake entirely Hence *dereliction*, esp in *dereliction of duty* (inod).

deride L *deridere*, to laugh at

derive F, L *derivare*, to lead water, from *rivus*, brook Thus is also orig sense in F & I

I *derive*, or bringe our thyng out of another, as water is brought whan it is brought from the spring so derive (Palsg)

derm [med] F. *derme*, G *derma*, skin Cf *dermis* (ModL)

derogate From L *derogare*, to repeal partly,

from *rogare*, to ask. Orig. trans, to detract from.

To derogate the honour of the State
(Milton, *Smectymnus*)

derriek Gallows-shaped mech device From *Derick*, hangman at Tyburn (c. 1600). A Du name, *Diederik*, corresponding to Ger *Theodor*, *Dieterich*, people mighty, whence F *Thierry* and our Terry Naut Du *drik*, "lifts," is the same word borrowed back

I would there were a Derick to hang up him too
(Dekker, 1606).

derring-do [archaic]. Used several times by Spenser as an abstract noun, "manhood and chevalerie" He misunderstood a passage in Lydgate, misprinted *derryngge do*, which is imitated from Chauc (v.1) Revived by Scott (*Ivanhoe*, ch xxx) and hence used by other romantic writers

And certeinliche in storie it is y-founde
That Froilus was nevere unto no wight,
As in his tyme, in no degre seconde
In durring don that longeth to a knight
[In darring to do what belongeth]

(Chauc *Trilogis*, v. 831)

derringer Name of US gunsmith c 1850

derry-down Meaningless song refrain, cf *tol-de-rol* and F jingle *laridondaine*

dervish Turk *derwish*, Pers *darwish*, poor, hence religious mendicant, cf F *derwiche*. It *dervis*, etc Equivalent to Arab *fagih* *Derwish* is also loosely applied to Soudanese followers of the Mahdi, "fuzzy-wurzy."

des-. OF *des-* (*dés-*, *dé-*), L *dis-* See *dis-*

descant First as noun, variation on melody OF *deschant*, *descant* (*déchant*), ModL *discantus*, part song. With to *descant on* cf to *harp on*, *ring the changes on* (a theme)

deseend F *descendre*, L *descendere*, to climb (*scandere*) down

describe Reconstitution, on L *describere*, to write down, of earlier *descrive*, OF *descrire*, *descriv-* (*décrire*) All senses, including math, appear in 16 cent

descry OF *descriu*, to shout, proclaim, equivalent to *escrui* (*écrire*), whence obs. F *estry*, *estry*, in same sense (see *cry*). Orig used of announcing by a shout the presence of enemy, land, game, etc (cf *épiflore*) Occ confused with obs *descrie* (v s)

M's le dit Junes Douglas fut escryt des guetres en l'ost, et se mist a le fuite
(French Chron of London).

desecrate Formed in L. as opposite of *consecrate* (q.v.) L. *desecrare* means to make holy

desert¹ What is deserved OF from *deservir* (*deservire*) L. *deservire* to serve well and in V.L. to merit (cf Ger *verdienen* to merit from *dieneu* toerve) Now used in bad sense to get one's deserts

desert² Wilderness F *désert* L. *desertum* (wilderness in Vulg.) from L. *deserere* to abandon lit to unbind from *se ere* *ert*

desert³ Verb F *désérer* from above cf Late L. *desertare* It *desertare* Sp *désertar* In mil. sense from 17 cent

deserve See *desert*

déshabillé *deshabille* F *déshabillé* undressed See *habille ment*

desiccate From L. *desiccare* to make dry *siccus*

desiderate From L. *desiderare* of which *desideratum* is the p.p. neut. See *desire*

design F *désigner* L. *designare* to mark out from *signum* mark Noun was earlier also *designatio* after F *déssein* It *dise* no F now differentiates *dessin* project *dessin* drawing but they are the same word For deterioration of sense cf *plot*

A thal d design b Tild l (A dlt by ch i)

desipience L. *desipie* *lia* from *desipere* to be silly from *sipere* to know be wise

desire F *désirer* L. *desiderare* only to regret Prob. like *consider* (q.v.) derived from *sider* *is sider* star In earlier use often to look back with regret

He rugn d in f rural m ght years and d p ted without be g d si d (s Ch x i 20)

desist F *désister* L. *desistere* to stand back

desk It *desco* a *deske* a table a board a counting board (Flor.) L. *discus* disk in Late L. *tabl* (cf Ger *tisch* from L.) Hence MdL *desca* (by analogy with *mensa tabula*) which is the source of MT *desko* (Chruc.) See *dish* *dus*

desm C *desoy* or bond chain

desolate From L. *desolare* to desert leave alone *soli*

He which th bath no w f I holde hym shen t
He lev th help es nd al demol t (Ch u L x3 o)

despair First as verb OF *desperer* *desperer* (replaced by *désespérer*) L. *desperare* to give up hope from *spera* to hope As noun has supplanted native *wanhope* from AS *wan* wanting

despatch See *dispatch*

desperado From c 1600 OSp *l p* of *desperar* (replaced by *desesperar*) to despair

desperate L. *desperatus* p.p. of *desperare* to despair For intens. sense (*desperate scoundrel*) cf *deperado*

despise OF *despire* *despis* L. *despicere* to look down from *spectare* to look Cf *despicable* *spite*

despite OF *despit* (*dépit*) L. *despectus* from *despicere* (v.s.) cf It *dispetto* *despi* lit (Flor.) Orig. scorn as in *n despi* e of F *en dépit de* i.e. in contempt of shortened to *despite* of or simply *de spite* Often de *pi* at in 16 cent (cf *leli hi* *sprightly*) Now replaced in most senses by *ajhet spite* (cf *sprit* *spitz* etc.)

despoil OF *de poillier* (*dépoillier*) L. *depoillare* to plund r cf It *dépoillare* *sp* *despoir* See *spoil*

despond From L. *despondere* (c a m i n) to lose heart lit to give a an affianced from *spondere* to promise As noun only in *slough of despond* (Bunyan)

despot F *déspote* L. G *δеспот* orig. master of the house and in MdL usual title of bishop As title of various Balkan princes it appears in F of 14 cent whence its usual meaning in other European langs For sense development cf *tyrant* *desquamation* (med.) From L. *dequamare* to remove scales *squama*

dessert F from *deservir* to clear way from *servir* to lay the table Of also *desserte* still used of fragments that remain

dessous F underneath L. *de* *hius* In MdL & F for underwear undies

destine F *désigner* *dest* re to make fast cogn. with *stare* to stand and with *obstinare*

destitute L. *destitutus* p.p. of *destituere* to abandon from *stare* to set up

destruir [dist] Warlike F MdL *destruere* (legu.) because led by square at knight's right hand

destroy OF *destruere* (*détruire*) V.L. *destrere* (cf It *destruere*) *destruere* from *struere* pile *destruere* (cf *demol* h) Hence *destruere* for *destruere* to build to replace (1833) earl r *destruere* to build

destruction I L. *destruere* (v.s.) *destruere* to destroy

desuetude I *desuetude* L. *desuetudo* *desuetudo* from *de* and *suetare* *suet* to be accustomed See *custom*

desultory L *desultorius*, from *desultor*, circus equestrian, lit leaper down, from *desilire*, from *salire*, to leap

desultores horsemen that in bataille had two horses, and quickly would change horses, and leape from one to an other (Coop)

detach F *détacher* See *attach*

detail F *détail*, from *détailler*, to cut up
First (c 1600) in phrase *in detail*, F *en détail*, opposed to *en gros* For mil sense cf *detaich* Oldest F sense of the noun is replaced in E by *retail* See *tally*, *tailor*

detain F *détenir*, VL **detenire*, for *detinēre*, to hold back With leg *detainer*, AF *infin detener*, cf *remainder*, *disclaimer*, etc

detect From L *delegere*, *detect-*, to uncover (see *thatch*) Hence *detective*, for *detective policeman*, *officer* (c 1850), vulg *tec'*

detente [neol] Slackening of pol tension
F, from *tendre*, to stretch Cf *detent*, in various mech senses, orig in OF of the catch of a cross-bow

detention F *détention*, L *detentio-n-*, from *detinēre*, *detent-*, to detain

deter L *deterēre*, to frighten off

deterge L *detergere*, to wipe off

deteriorate From L *deteriorare*, from *deterior*, compar of lost adj **deter*, from *de*, down Cf *inferior*, etc

determine F *déterminer*, L *determinare*.
to bring (come) to an end, *terminus*, as still in some spec senses (cf *define*)
Self-determination (of races) renders Ger *selbstbestimmung*, an idealistic compd much used early in 1917 *Determinism* as opposed to *freewill* is 19 cent

detersive See *deterge*

detest F *détester*, L *detestari*, to execrate, calling God to witness, *testis*

detinue, writ of [leg] ME *detenewe*, F *détenu*, p p of *détenir*, to detain

detonate From L *detonare*, to thunder down

detour F, from *détourner*, to turn aside.
See *turn*

detract From L *detrahere*, *detract-*, to draw away

detrain [mil] From c 1880, after *debark* Cf *debus*.

detriment L *detrimentum*, from *deterere*, *detrīt-*, to rub away Hence *detrimental*, younger brother of heir, regarded as ineligible suitor

detritus [geol] Incorr use of L *detrītus*, process of wearing down, from *deterere* (v s)

deuce Two, at cards or dice F *deux*, L *duos*, equal, at tennis, F *à deux de jeu*

Hence the *deuce!* *dicer's* exclamation at making lowest throw (*ambsace*), later adopted as euph for *devil* Cf Ger *daus*, two at dice, OF *dous* (*deux*), similarly used In secondary sense *deuce* may have been associated with ME *dewes!* God! OF *Dieus*, nom & voc of *Dieu*

adua, *adue*, *aduo* two by two, two and two together, a *deuce* at tennis ply (Flor)

duum two *dewees* at dice (*ib*)

deus ex machina L, god from a machine
Allusion to intervening deity suspended in air on ancient stage

Deuteronomy G *δευτερονόμιον*, from *δευτερος*, second, *νόμος*, law, used cron by LXX (*Deut* vii 18), where Heb original means "copy of this law"

deutzia Flower From J *Deutz* (Amsterdam, 1781) Cf *dahlia*, *fuchsia*, etc

devanagari [ling] Sanskrit script Sanskrit *deva-nāgarī*, lit divine-urban

devastate From L *devastare*, to lay waste
See *vast*, *waste*

develope F *développer*, from OF *veloper*, *voleper*, to wrap, from a radical *velop*, *volep*, of unknown origin, which is found also in Prov *desvolopar* Cf *envelope* and It *involuppate*, to wrap up Perh from Teut *wap*, affected initially by L *volvare*, cf *Salop*, from Roman pronunc of *Shropshire*, scrub shire

deviate From L *deviare*, to depart from the way, *via*

device F *devis* (m), *deviser* (f), verbal nouns
from *deviser*, to divide, arrange, VL **divisare*, for *dividere*, *divis-*, to divide, cf It *diviso*, *divisa* The E senses often confuse the two F words To one's own *devices* corresponds to OF *d son devis*, where *devis* has sense of plan, decision In hcr, e g *a banner with this strange device*, it was orig an emblem used as distinctive mark (cf *cognizance*) See *deviser*

devil AS *dēofol*, L *diabolus*, G *διάβολος*, lit slanderer, from *διαβάλλειν*, to slander, lit throw across Used by the LXX to render Heb *Satan* (q v) Adopted in all Europ laugs, including OSlav and Celt, e g F *diable*, Ger *teufel*, Norw Dan *djævel*, Welsh *diawl*, etc Orig the archfiend only, but early confused with *demon* *Printer's devil* is 17 cent In sense of junior doing work for superior there is prob a reminiscence of the sorcerer's devil or familiar spirit Hence perh *Devil's own* for Inns of Court Volunteers (also 88th

Connaught Rangers) In cookery sense the allusion is to the temperature associated with the devil. For *go to the devil* the *NED* quotes a chronicle of 1394 which represents Richard II as saying to the Earl of Arundel: *Quod si tu mihi imponas adas ad diabolum*. For the *devil to pay* see *pay*. So also *between the devil and the deep* (17 cent. also *Dead*) *set* has been connected with *devil* in the sense of *seem* close to the waterline. But in each case the naut. interpretation is prob. secondary. With the last phrase cf. C. *purpose* *purpose* *with* *h* or *a* recipe in front wolverine behind. The *devil on two sticks* is the name of a game recently revived as *diabolo*. *Devil's advocate* is for Church L. *advoca* is *Diaboli* raising objections to canonisation. *Devil may care* 1 first recorded as adj. in *Pichet* but the interj. *devil care!* is much older. *Forerunners* *devil* as oppo. to *Celestial* (Ch. note) is a misunderstanding of *Chin Yang* *hwei* ocean ghost, a name given to the Du sailors whose fair hair and pale faces appeared ghostly to the Ch. nese. *What the devil* is directly from F. *que diable* (12 cent.).

Thy pot th p gr d ty t ha e bee a won a y a that sh ill lvs (the d b sh d th) b t will t sh wh r selfe (16 c)

These howe do in p nt gho e nnn only bl k nd d wh th m l es when e the workmen do jorocely all them devils (*NED* 1683)

devious From L. *de* *s* out of the way *via* *devise* F. *deciser* VL *devius* *s* (see *device*)

In this as in other words the mod. distinction between *s* and *-e* is artificial. Orig. to arrange etym. sense surviving in law *to devide* being to arrange a division of one's property.

devoid Orig. pp of obs. verb *devoid* to empty out OF *devotier* (replaced by *divid*) See *avoid*

devoir [arch. ic] Pastored from MF *dever* OF *dever* (f. *voir*) L. *deb* *c* used as noun. See *entourage*

devolve I *devolve* to roll down. Hence *devolution* opposed in law to *evolution* and used pol. for *descent* *inheritance*

Devonian [geol.] Oil red sandstone between carboniferous and Silurian well exemplified in Devon and adopted as geol. term in F. and other langs.

devote From L. *devovere* *devot* to dedicate by vow. *turn* Hence *devote* by analogy with *refusee* *prince* etc. (which represent

the F. pp) replacing earlier *devote* F. *devot* *c* *devout*

devoir F. *dever* L. *devorare* to swallow down from *de* *vorare* to swallow. Fire called the *devouring* element by Spenser. **devout** F. *devot* L. *devotus* pp of *devotere* to devote. Hence *devoutly* sincerely esp. in communion *devoutly* to be *devoted* (Hand in 1)

dew AS *dæw* Com. Teut. cf. Du *dauw* Ger. *tau* ON *dög* Mo. *ntai* *dau* *i* whisky illicitly distilled on mountain. **Dewlap** (14 cent.) *deuclaw* (10 cent.) prob. belong together as F. *façon* means both dewlap and the hair of the neck. For *dewlap* see *lap*. The first element *i* prob. *leu* thou *h* in the Scand. equivalents the first element (Dan. *Norw.* *dö* Sw. *d* *ö*) does not mean dew. Both the *dewlap* and *dewclaw* come naturally into contact with the dew. *Dev pond* is a dial. word (Watts) recently adopted.

et *en* *en* *th* *i* *et* *w* *wate* *et* *i* *g* etc. (107)

dewan See *dian*

dewitt [hist.] To murder by mob-violence the fate of John and Cornelius de Witt opponent of William of Orange (1672). Cf. *Burke* *Lynch* *Boycott*. A pamphlet published in 1693 was entitled *The Dewitt of Gloucester*.

dexter [arch.] L. on the right hand. Cogn. with G. *dexter* Goth. *tektura* OHG. *te* *es*. Hence *dexter* *us* (with etym. sense surviving in *ambidexter*) *dexteris*.

dextra [chem.] Named (1833) by Biot and Herschel. Cf. chem. terms in *light* due to causing plane of ray of polarized light to rotate to the right.

dey [hist.] F. Turk. *dhi* maternal uncle applied to commander of janissaries at Algiers who in 1710 deposed the civil governor and became ruler.

dhoby [Anglo-Ind.] Washerman. Hind. *dhobi* from *dhob* *washing*.

dhooly See *dhol*

dhourra See *durra*

dhow **dow** Vessel esp. of slavers. Mod. Arab. *dhu*. Origin unknown.

d For L. *dis* apart or C. *dis* *f* *dis* twice corresponding to *i* *bi*.

dia G. *dia* through *coon* with *dia* (v) also *di*.

diabetes G. from *dia* *to pass through* Cf. *diarrhoea*.

diablerie F. *diavry* See *devil*

desultory L *desultorius*, from *desultor*, circus equestrian, lit leaper down, from *desilire*, from *salire*, to leap

desultores horsemen that in bataille had two horses, and quickly would change horses, and leape from one to an other (Coop)

detach F *détacher* See *attach*

detail F *détail*, from *détailler*, to cut up
First (c 1600) in phrase *in détail*, F *en détail*, opposed to *en gros* For mil sense cf *detach* Oldest F sense of the noun is replaced in E by *retail* See *tally*, *tailor*

detain F *détenir*, VL **detenere*, for *detinere*, to hold back With leg *detainer*, AF infin *detener*, cf *remainder*, *disclaimer*, etc

deteet From L *detegere*, *delect-*, to uncover (see *thatch*) Hence *detective*, for *detective policeman*, *office* (c 1850), vulg *tec'*

detente [neol] Slackening of pol tension
F, from *tendre*, to stretch Cf *detent*, in various meeh senses, orig in OF of the catch of a cross-bow

detention F *détention*, L *detentio-n-*, from *detinere*, *detent-*, to detain

deter L *deterrire*, to frighten off

deterge L *detergere*, to wipe off

deteriorate From L *deteriorare*, from *deterior*, compar of lost adj **deter*, from *de*, down Cf *inferior*, etc

determine F *determiner*, L *determinare*
Orig to bring (come) to an end, *terminus*, as still in some spee senses (cf *define*)
Self-determination (of races) renders Ger *selbstbestimmung*, an idealistic compd much used early in 1917 *Determinism* as opposed to *freewill* is 19 cent

detersive See *deterge*

detest F *detester*, L *detestari*, to execrate, calling God to witness, *testis*

detinue, writ of [leg] ME *detenewe*, F *détenu*, p p of *détenir*, to detain

detonate From L *detonare*, to thunder down

détour F, from *détourner*, to turn aside
See *turn*

detract From L *detrahere*, *detract-*, to draw away

detrain [mil] From c 1880, after *debarik* Cf *debuss*

detriment L *detrimentum*, from *deterere*, *detrin-*, to rub away Hence *detrimental*, younger brother of heir, regarded as in-eligible suitor

detritus [geol] Incorr use of L *detritus*, process of wearing down, from *deterere* (vs)

deuce Two, at cards or dice F *deu*, L *duos*; equal, at tennis, F *d deux de jeu*

Hence the *deuce!* *dicer's* exclamation at making lowest throw (*ambace*), later adopted as euph for *devil* Cf Ger *daus*, two at dice, OF *dous* (*deux*), similarly used In secondary sense *deuce* may have been associated with ME *dewes!* God! OF *Dieus*, nom & voc of *Dieu*

adua, *adue*, *aduo* two by two, two and two together, a *deuce* at tennis play (Flor)

dum two *deuces* at dice (ib)

deus ex machina L, god from a machine
Allusion to intervening deity suspended in air on ancient stage

Deuteronomy G *δευτερονόμοι*, from *δευτερος*, second, *νόμος*, law, used errone by LXX (*Deut* xvi 18), where Heb original means "copy of this law"

deutzia Flower From J *Deutz* (Amsterdam, 1781) Cf *dahlia*, *fuchsia*, etc

devanagari [ling] Sanskrit script Sanskrit *deva-nāgarī*, lit div-me-urban

devastate From L *devastare*, to lay waste
See *vast*, *waste*

develope F *developper*, from OF *velopper*, *voleper*, to wrap, from a radical *velop*, *volep*, of unknown origin, which is found also in Prov *desvolopar* Cf *envelope* and It *involuppare*, to wrap up Perh. from Teut *wrap*, affected initially by L *volvere*, cf *Salop*, from Roman pronunc of *Shrophshire*, scrub shire

deviate From L *deviare*, to depart from the way, *via*

device F *devis* (m), *devisé* (f), verbal nouns from *deviser*, to divide, arrange, VL **divisare*, for *dividere*, *divis-*, to divide, cf It *diviso*, *divisa* The E. senses often confuse the two F words. *To one's own devices* corresponds to OF *d son devis*, where *devis* has sense of plan, decision. In her, e g *a banner with this strange device*, it was orig an emblem used as distinctive mark (cf *cognizance*) See *devise*

devil AS *dēofol*, L *diabolus*, G *δίαβολος*, lit slanderer, from *διαβάλλειν*, to slander, lit throw across. Used by the LXX. to render Heb *Satan* (q v) Adopted in all Europ langs, including OSlav and Celt. e g F *diable*, Ger *teufel*, Norw Dan *djævel*, Welsh *diawl*, etc Orig the arch-fiend only, but early confused with *demon* *Printer's devil* is 17 cent In sense of junior doing work for superior there is prob a reminiscence of the sorcerer's devil or familiar spirit Hence perh *Druid's own* for Inns of Court Volunteers (also 88th

Dickens Topf for detail of a f. Vick From
Di ken Dickon pet form of Richard
whence also surname Dickens

I cannot tell what the Dickens house was
(Merry W. s. 112)

dicker /'dʌkər/. Ten esp. ten hides L *de*
cur a set of ten The v. id. and early ex-
tension of this word which occurs in
D. mesday Book and prob. existed in AS
is supposed to be due to the hides having
been adopted by the Romans as unit of
tribute and barter on the frontier Cf Du
daker Ger *decke* a dicker of 1 other
ten hides (Ludw.) Icel *dek* Norw Dan
deer Sw *däker* also MedL *dava* Of
facte It is likely that US *dicker* orig.
to barter for skins with the Indians on the
frontier is the same word a curious
parallel to its last origin

II bands will be too near to dicker about
(Gerard Albertson 73 Loe g. f. arm 191)

dicky¹ See *dick*¹

dicky² Inferior shaly. Slang from c. 1800
Origin unknown

dictate From L *dictare* frequent of *dicere*
to say Hence *dicts* or orig. in Repub-
lican Rome magistrate invested tempora-
rily with absolute power Cf *prodictio*

diction F L *dictio* from *dicere* d *ci*
to say comm with Ger *ziken* to accuse
(*gerziken* to forgive) AS *ðian* to accuse
dictionary MedL *dictionarius* or *dictiona-
rius* (sc *liber*) a collection of dictions
usu arranged under subject headings and
not alphabetically I word as book title
dates prob. from Sir Thomas Llyot's *La. n*
dicti nary (1538) and I *dictionnaire* from
Robert Estienne's *Dictionnaire françois*
latin (1539)

dictum L from *dicere* d *ci* to say Hence
archaic I *dict* saying

didactic G *didaktikos* from *didaxi* v to
teach

didapper Dabchuck For *d-e-dapper* from
obs *d-e-dap* AS *daf* *doppa* from *dusan*
to dive and second element cogn. with
d *p* Cf synon F *plon con* Ger *tauchente*
diving duck

diddle To swindle Back formation (cf
peddle) from *jeer* n Diffiler name of
swindling character in Kenney's farce
Passing the Wind (1803) Cf *burke* boy
col M s Gr *ndy* etc But the selection
of the name was prob. due to dial *diddle*
to trick (16 cent.) app. related to dial

didle to totter (cf sense history of
swindle) and ult. with AS *dyde* *tan* to
fool

This was their fi d vice to f 30 horses, wh
our poeemen sho ld m t th n II whet
bee with n r r w re o l e s or their h
any Its the co ld th ludd th
aff y the ther (W f 11c 31st)

didymum [chem] Named (1843) from G
didymos twin because of its close asso-
ciation with *lanthan* u

die¹ Verb ML *diſſen* ON *deſ* repla in
AS *st a fan* (cf Ger *stehen* and
starke) Usual ME form *dis* *dev* (s *y*
dee) See dead The D *ck*rd Middlesex
regiment (col 5 th loc) on the title at
Albuera (1811)

die² Sing of dice ML *ale* *de* *de* *y* *f*
di L *dat* m from *d* *re* in sense *f* *l* *r* *w*
(cf Ger *ausfel* from *aus* *fen*) See *dado*
Chauc MSS have *pl* *acc* *des* *ti* *d* *e*
d *so* M *d* *e* *is* often used as *sing* n 14-17
cents and the sing hardly occurs no
exc in fig phrases With *true* *let* *ht*
as a *d* cf earlier *smooth* as a *d* The
other senses cubical block stamping die
are much later (17 cent) Th *his* *cast*
is after L *g* *is* *est* *ale* ascended to *Ca* ar
on crossing the Rubicon

dies irae Opening words of L hymn as
cribed to Thomas of Celan (1350)

des non [leg] F *r* *die* n *n* *j* *r* *d* *is* *day*
not counting for legal purposes

diets¹ Rations F *di* *de* L *dieta* G our
system of life Cf It Sp *dieta*

diets² Parliamentary assembly MedL *dieta*
whence F *dieta* In F used (from 16 cent)
esp of such Ger bodies as the Reichstag
Bu *de* *tag* Landtag (though the word
foreign to G r) and also of Hungary and
Ireland MedL *dieta* meant also a day's
journey work wage etc corresponding
thus to F *jour* *nde* This fact and the pec-
uliar use of *diets* for Ger *day* (see *days*)
Reichstag point to derivation from L *die*
It occurs in 15 cent Sc both for formal
meeting and day's work The form of the
MedL word was no doubt suggested by
a association with *diets* (q v) I enc agree-
ment in form of the two words in the Rom
lang. (v. i)

d *a* a diet or abate once from m at or p
scription with a to to Also parliament
a full assembly (est tex (Thor)

differ F *differre* from L *differre* from *dis*
and *ferre* to bear Ident v th *d* *fer* (q v)

diabolical See *devil*

diabolo Fancy name for old game revived c 1907 App a mixture of It *diavolo* and Sp *diablo* See *devil*

diachylon Orig ointment of vegetable juices L *diachylon*, G *διὰ χυλῶν*, by means of juices, from *χυλός*, juice (see *chyle*)

diagonal See *deacon*

diacritic G *διακριτικός*, from *διακρίναι*, to separate, distinguish

diadem F *diadème*, L, G *διαδήμα*, fillet, esp royal fillet of Pers kings adopted by Alexander the Great From G *διαδεῖν*, to bind round

diacresis G, from *διαίρειν*, to take apart

diagnosis G, from *διαγιγνώσκω*, to discern, know apart *Diagnose* is a back-formation

diagonal From G *διαγώνιος*, from *γωνία*, angle

diagram F *diagramme*, G *διάγραμμα*, from *διαγράφειν*, to mark out

dial Only in E App MedL *dialis*, from *dies*, used for *diurnalis* Froissart has *dyal*, explained as *100 journal*, day wheel First of sun-dial (Lydgate)

diall to knowe the houres by the course of the sonne c. quadrant (Palsg)

dialect L, G *διάλεκτος*, from *διαλέγεσθαι*, to discourse Earlier is *dialectic* (Wyc), art of formal discussion, invented, according to Aristotle, by Zeno of Elea, and perfected by Plato, G *διαλεκτική* (sc *τέχνη*)

dialogue F, L, G *διάλογος* (vs) *Dialogues* of St Gregory are mentioned in *Ancient Rite* (early 13 cent) Sometimes felt as limited to two persons, through confusion between *dia-* and *di-*

dialysis G *διάλυσις* See *analysis*

diameter F *diamètre*, L, G *διάμετρος*, measuring through

diamond F *diamant*, Late L *diamas*, *diamant-*, corrupt of *adamas* See *adamant*, in sense of which Milton still uses *diamond* *Diamond* (i.e. smallest) type is of Du origin Dryden calls Chaucer a *rough diamond*

Diana Type of purity, or huntress L divinity, later identified with G Artemis, e.g. *Diana of the Ephesians* For *Divana*, from *divus*, god

diapason L, G *διὰ πασῶν*, through all, for *ἡ διὰ πασῶν χορδῶν συμφωνία* Cf *diatessaron*

diaper OF *diaspre* (whence F *diaprev*, to checker), MedL *diaspris*, MedG *διάσπρος*, ? white in places, from Byzantine G *ἄσπρος*,

white Used in OF of a precious flowered fabric The sense-development has been influenced by *jasper*, with which it is confused in MedL, It & Sp (cf F, *marbré*, used of patterns from 12 cent.)

diaphanous From G *διαφανής*, transparent, from *φαίνειν*, to show

diaphoretic G *διαφορητικός*, promoting perspiration, from *διαφορεῖν*, to carry off

diaphragm L, G *διάφραγμα*, from *φράγμα*, fence, from *φράσσειν*, to hedge in, etc E word is *midriff* (q.v.)

diarchy See *dyarchy*

diarrhoea L, G *διάρροια*, from *διαρρεῖν*, to flow through

diary L *diarium*, daily allowance, later, daily record, from *dies*, day

diastole Dilatation (of heart), opposed to *systole*, contraction. G *διαστολή*, from *διαστέλλειν*, to put asunder Often fig

The great respiration, ebb and flood, systole and diastole, of the national intercourse (De Quincey)

diatessaron Gospel harmony. From title given (2 cent) by Tatian to his gospel harmony, *Εὐαγγέλιον διὰ τεσσάρων*, gospel made of four Cf *diapason*

diatonic G *διατονικός*, through the notes, *τόνος*

diatribe F, L, G *διατριβή*, wearing away (of time), from *διατρίβειν*, to rub through. Orig discourse, etc, from c 1800 associated with invective

dib, dabble Lighter forms of *dad*, *dabble*, cf *dibchick* for *dabchick* *Dibs*, money, earlier applied to counters used at play (cf *chips*), is perh the same word, also *dibstones*, *dabs*, used of a children's game *Dibber*, for gardening, is prob old in dial

dicast [hist] G *δικαστής*, judge, jurymen, from *δίκη*, justice

dice See *die*²

dichotomy G *διχοτομία*, cutting in two, from *δίχα*, in two, *τέμνειν*, to cut

Dick, dick¹ Rumed pet form of *Richard* Often used, as one of the commonest F names (cf *Jack*), as equivalent to fellow, e.g. *dirty Dick*, *Tom*, *Dick and Harry* So also *dicky bird* (cf *robin redbreast*, *jack daw*, etc), *dicky*, a donkey (cf *neddy*), *dick*, a leather bib, *dicky*, a detachable shirt-front, seat in carriage Some of these are no doubt old, though early records are naturally hard to find

dick² [slang] In to *take one's dick* Short for *declaration* (cf *davy for affidavit*) Hence also *up to dick*, i.e. up to declared quality

dickens Euph for *devil* cf *old Nick* From *Dicken Dickon* pet form of *Richard* whence also surname *Dickens*

I cann t tell wh t tl dicke s has am is
(*Merr W as h*)

dicker [*techn*] Ten esp ten hides L *de curia* set of ten The wide and early extension of this word which occurs in *Doine day Book* and prob existed in AS is supposed to be due to ten hides having been adopted by the Romans as unit of tribute and barter on the frontier Cf *Du daker* *Cer decher* a dicker of leather ten hides (Lud v) Icel *dekr* Norw *Dan deger* Sw *dicker* also MedL *da ra* OF *dacre* It is likely that US *dcher* orig to barter for skins with the Indians on the frontier is the same word a curious parallel to its lust origin

H hands will be too se t dicker about
(Gertrude Atherton *JA Luv e P esent* 1917)

icky¹ See *diehl¹*

dcky¹ Inferior shaky Slang from c 1800
Origin unknown

dictate From I *dictare* frequent of *dicere* to say Hence *dictator* orig in Republican Rome magistrat invested temporarily with absolute power Cf food *dictato*

diction F L *dictio-n* from *dicere* *dict* to say cogn with Ger *zeihen* to accuse (*verzeihen* to forgive) AS *don* to accuse
dictionary MedL *dictionariu* n or *dictionarius* (sc *i ber*) a collection of dictions usu arranged under subject headings and not alphabetically L word as book title dates prob from Sir Thomas Eliot's *Lat n Dictionary* (1538) an IF *ds t o n a i e* from Robert Estienne's *Dictionnaire f an o s la in* (1539)

dictum L from *dicere* *dict* to say Hence archaic F *dit* saying

didache G *didachē* or from *didō* e to teach

didapper Dabchuck For *d v e-dapper* from obs *d v e-dap* AS *dus doppa* from *dusan* to dive and second element cogn with *dip* Cf synonym F *plon son* Ger *tsichen e* diving duck

diddle To swindle Back formation (cf *peddl*) from *fer m* *Didler* name of swindling character in Kenney's farce *Passing the Wand* (1803) Cf *burke boy* coll *Mrs Grundy* etc But the selection of the name was prob due to dual *diddle* to trick (16 cent) app related to dual

diddle to totter (cf sense-history of *swindle*) and ult with AS *diderian* to fool

This was their fin d vi to fr y o horses wh our horsemen should coun at them. Howbe beca th ridrs were o b bes or their h res y colt th y ald na the dadd th one r aftr y th oth (W P t n 349)

didymum [*chem*] Named (1843) from (*δίδυμος* twin because of its close association with *larihanum*)

die¹ Verb ME *de ten* ON *teyja* replacir AS *steorjan* (f Ger *stern* and see *stare*) Uual ME form was *dey* (cf *9 dea*) See *dead* The *Die hards* Middlesex regiment (old 57th foot) on the title at Albuera (1811)

die Sing of *dicere* ME also *d de* *dev* F *dé* L *datim* from *da e* in sense I throw (cf Ger *wurfel* from *w rfen*) See *dat* Chauc MSS have pl *dee de di di e* *diss* Pl *dice* is often used as ing in 14-17 cents and the sing hardly occurs now exc in fig phrases With true t a kht as a *die* cf earlier *smooth as a die* The other senses cubical block stan ping-die are much later (17 cent) *The d e is et t* is after L *ja a est olea* ascribed to Caesar on crossing the Rubicon

dies irae Opening words of L hymn ascribed to Thomas of Celano (c 130)

dies non [*te*] For *dies non jur dicus* day not counting for legal purposes

diet¹ Fabons F *diète* L *dieta* (*hū* system of life Cf lt sp *dieta*

diet Parliamentary assembly MedL *d i a* whence F *diète* In E used (from 16 c nt) esp of such Ger bodies as the Reichsta Bundestag Landtag (though the word s foreign to (er) and also of Hung s and Poland MedL *d i a* meant also a day s journey work wa e etc corresponding thus to F *jour nés* This fact and the spec use of *diet* for Ger *tag* day (see *daysman* *Reichstag*) point to derivation from L *d* It occurs in 15 cent Sc both for form u meeting and day s wo k Tl form of the MedL word was no doubt suggested by association with *diehl¹* (q v) hence aere ment in form of the two words in the Rom langs (v t)

d i a a d i t or between e from me te or pre-scription wh a to e t Also parli ment or generally assembly Estates (17 c)

differ F *d f fere* fr m L *d f fere* from *dis* and *ferre* to bear Ident with *difer* (q v)

from which it has been differentiated in sense and sound since c 1500 With *difference*, quarrel, cf *variance* The *difference* *calculus*, dealing with infinitesimal differences, was invented by Leibnitz (1677) Hence *differentiate*, a neol first used in math

difficult Back-formation from *difficulty*, L *difficultas*, replacing (16 cent) earlier *diffical*, F *difficile*, L *difficilis*, from *dis-* and *facilis*, easy

All things seeme diffieule to the dysciple (Caxton)

diffident From pres part of L *diffidere*, to distrust Now usu of distrusting oneself

Thou dost shame thy mother
And wound her honour with this diffidence
(King John, 1.1)

diffract From L *diffingere*, *diffract-*, to break (*frangere*) apart

diffuse First as adj, F *diffus*, L *diffusus*, p p of L *diffundere*, to pour apart

dig F *diguer*, to prick, spur, orig to excavate, from *digue*, dike Of Teut origin, cf *dike* and AS *dician*, to dig Orig weak (past always *digged* in AV) Replaces (from 14 cent) native *deve* (q v) and *grave* *Diggings*, abode, is found almost as early (1838) as first record in sense of gold-diggers' camp

digamma Sixth letter of orig G alphabet, from Semit, with sound *w* or *v* So called because it (F) was the shape of two *gammas* (f)

digest Earliest (14 cent) E sense is body of Roman Law compiled by order of Justinian From L neut pl *digesta*, from *digerere*, to put apart, arrange, also *digerere cibum*, to digest food

digit [*poet*] Orig p p of AS *dihtan*, to compose, L *dictare*, whence also Ger *dichten*, to write poetry Very common in ME, to equip, order, prepare, etc., but obs after Milton till revived by Scott

Stoned window's richly digit (*Penseroso*, 159)

Why do these steeds stand ready digit? (*Lay*, 1.6)

digit L *digitus*, finger First in math sense, the Arab notation being based on the ten fingers Hence ModL *digitalis*, fox-glove, named by Fuchs (1542) after Ger *fingerhut*, fox-glove lit thumb, "finger-hat" With *digitigrade*, toe-walking (cats dogs, etc.), cf *plantigrade* (bears)

dignity F *dignité*, L *dignitas*, from *dignus*, worthy, St *dign*, dainty *Dignitary* is F *aignitaire*

digraph From G δι-, two, γραφή, writing See *diphthong*

digress From L *digredi*, *digress-*, to step aside, from *dis-* and *gradior*, I step

dike, **dyke** AS *dīc*, excavation, later also mound resulting (cf *moat* for converse ease of double sense, also Du *dam*, bank, pool) Ident with *ditch* (q v), the EAngl currency of the word being prob due to association with cogn Du *dijk*, dam Cf also Ger *teich*, pool The office of *dike-reeve*, surveyor of dams and water-courses, still exists in the fen-country

dilapidate From L *dilapidare*, orig to throw stones, *lapis*, *lapid-*, apart, as still in geol

dilate F *dilater*, L *dilatare*, from *latus*, wide With to *dilate on*, earlier also to *dilate oneself on*, cf *expatiate* and *colloq to spread oneself*

dilatory Late L *dilatorius*, from *differre*, *dilat-*, to put off

dilemma G δίλημμα, from δι-, double, λῆμμα, assumption, from λαμβάνειν, to take The alternatives are commonly called the "horns," as they catch one on both sides

Either horn of the dilemma impales him
(*Pall Mall Gaz* Sep 3, 1917).

dilettante It, from *dilettare*, to delight (q v), L *delectare* Cf *amateur*, ModE sense of which is now replaced in F by *dilettante*

diligent F, from pres part of L *diligere*, to delight in, orig to choose (*legere*) between (*dis-*) *Diligence*, stage-coach, F, is for *carrosse de diligence*, coach of dispatch Hence dial *dilly* for various vehicles

dill Plant AS *dile* (*Mall* XIII 23), cf Du *dille*, Ger *dill* Origin unknown

dilly¹ See *diligence*

dilly². Nursery name for duck, as in "dilly, dilly, come and be killed"

dilly-bag [*Austral*] Native *dilli*, bag of rushes (Queensland) See *dilly-bag*

dilly-dally Redupl on *dally* Cf *shilly-shally*

dilute From L *diluere*, *dilut-*, from *luere*, to wash *Dilution* of (skilled) labour is a neol

The May agreement made provision for dilutees being first taken from the workshops
(*Sunday Times*, Jan. 20, 1918)

diluvial Resulting from flood See *deluge*, *antediluvian*

dim AS *dimn*, dark, wickcd, cf ON *dimmr*, OHG *timbar*, Swiss dial *timmer* App cogn with Ger *dämmern*, to be twilight (cf *Götterdämmerung*), and L *tenebrae*

dime {US} F *dime* ten h part talhe Church L *dima* (sc *passi*) whence *MF* *dime* in same sense Adopted (136) in US for tenth of dollar (ten cents) With *10* *dime* *word* cf *penny* *readful* *skilling* *shilling*

dimension F L *dimensio* 10-m from *dimet* *is* to measure out from *metri* *is* *mens*

diminished Halved See *demy*

diminish Combined (c 1400) from earlier *diminuer* F *diminuer* L *diminuer* *nu* *minuere* F *minuere* VL *minuere* from *mi* *nuere* from *minuere* *com* with *mi* *nuere* less. See *minure*

Ye *small* *not* *with* *ought* from *yeet* *bricks* of *your* *daily* *task* (L v 19)

dismissive letters *of* *cl*; L *litterae* *dismissio-* *is* *or* *valedictory* *letter* from *dis* *mittere* *dis* *miss* *to* *dismiss*

dimity It *dimiti* pl of *dimit* *MedL* *dimit* *sum* from C *dimiter* of double thread *mu* *et* *cl* *tw* *is* *mit*

dimorphous From G *dimorphos* from *di* *two* and *morphos* *form*

dimple *Com* with *dial* *dimple* *dumple* *ruine* (eg *Lambeth Dumbles* near *Notting* *ham*) Ger *tümpel* *pool* and *uit* with *deep* *dip* *cl* *synon* F *fosselle* *Ger* *grube* *is*

fossell *a* *little* *pit* *small* *h* *l* *narrow* *a* *itch* *or* *trench* *also* *a* *dimpl* *on* *the* *cheek* *or* *hin* (Co-g)

din AS *dynn* *noun* *dynian* *verb* *cl* *ON* *dyn* *din* *MHC* *dynen* *to* *rattle* *San* *sknt* *dinns* *roaring*

dinar See *d* *ter*

dine F *diner* *OI* *dina* VL *disynare* *for* *d* *synu* *are* *to* *break* *fast* from *je* *jun* *is* *fin* *The* *two* *verbs* *diner* *de* *juner* *are* *from* *the* *atomic* *and* *ionic* *stems* *respectively* *eg* *d* *syn* *are* *gave* *OI* *dine* *r* *disynal* *gave* *OI* *disynare* *Diner* *for* *raising* *car* *is* *US*

ding! [archa] *To* *knock* *beat* *cl* *ON* *dengia* *to* *hammer* *A* *strong* *verb* (*da* *g* *di* *n*) *and* *the* *origin* *of* *da* *gle* (q v) *cf* *C* *x* *dengia* *Possibly* *of* *imit* *onion* (v.1)

ding! ding dong *Imit* *Peth* *ident* *with* *dir* *The* *two* *ifers* *run* *together* *in* *a* *d* *and* *g* *strugg*

dinghy dingey *Hen* *dink* *cl* *small* *boat* *du* *on* *t* *from* *lig*

dingle *Of* *late* *appearance* (17 cent.) *in* *literature* *an* *iapp* *cogn* *with* *d* *mple* (q v)

Recorded earlier once (13 cent.) *in* *sense* *of* *abyss*

dingo Austral wild dog From obs *nati* *e* (NSW) *name* *cl* *kunga* *oo*

dingy A dial (SE) word of late appearance *in* *literature* *Prob* *from* *di* *ig* *For* *changed* *sound* *of* *g* *cl* *st* *no* *3*

dinky *In* *cl* *Dainty* *spruce* *Cl* *dial* *d* *nt* (*sc* *ter* *orth*) *Origin* *unknown*

My *lady* *cl* *my* *lady* *dest* *The* *d* *wee* *and* *lanc* *is* *the* *west* (*Burn*)

A *dinky* *hit* *rad* *road* *10* *fleare*

dinner F *dine* *infin* *as* *noun* (*cl* *supper*) *See* *dine*

dinornis *Scient* *name* *for* *moa* *Coined* (1843) *by* *Owen* *from* *G* *de* *pos* *terrible* *20* *is* *hard*

dinosaur Gigantic fossil lizard From G *sauros* *lizard* (v s) *Coined* (1841) *by* *Owen*

dinothere Cynobite fossil tapir From C *dynon* *wild* *beast* (v s)

dint. Also *dent* (q v) and *dirt* *dunt* AS *dyn* *cl* *ON* *dyn* *Or* *blow* *of* *weapon* *hence* *by* *d* *nt* *of* (*sword* *axe* *etc*) *cl* *push* *off* *the*

W *b* *v* (*cl* *kl*) *vercome* *th* *doubt* *of* *ur* *in* *whet* *d* *st* *angit* *in* *open* *field* *by* *plun* *d* *is* *of* *soured* (*W* *cl* *then* 1343)

diocese I *d* *ocese* *MedL* *d* *ocesis* *governor* *s* (*in* *Church* *l* *bishop* *s*) *jurisdiction* *G* *diocesis* *orig* *house* *keep* *ng* *from* *dioc* *to* *manage* *from* *dioc* *house* *See* *for* *is* *diocesan* (*cl* *of*) *Sexually* *separate* *Coined* *by* *Linnaeus* *from* *C* *di* *twice* *dioc* *house*

Diogenes. Of *Diogenes* *cynic* *philosopher* (4 cent *BC*) *Cl* *Socratic*

dionysiac Pertaining to *Dionysus* (*Bacchus*) *Cl* *aphrodisiac* *baccharalian*

Dionysian Ataboci Also *in* *Dionysian* *a* *from* *abbot* *Di* *nyus* (6 cent) *who* *is* *supposed* *to* *have* *established* *chronology* *from* *birth* *of* *Christ* *Also* *of* *Dionysius* *tyrant* *of* *Syracuse* *and* *Dionysius* *the* *Are* *pagite* (4c *xv* 34)

dioptric C *dioptricus* *from* *dioptra* *from* *di* *dia* *through* *di* *as* *in* *opt* *s* (q)

diorama *Coined* *on* *panorama* *from* *G* *diopra* *to* *see* *through*

Dioscuri Twins C *Diokorpos* *Castor* *and* *Pollux* *twins* *of* *Leda* *From* *di* *sc* *genitive* *of* *Zeus* *and* *no* *pos* *boy*

dip AS *dippan* *cogn* *with* *deep* *cl* *Du* *doopen* *Ger* *taufen* *ON* *deupa* *Goth* *dauppan* *all* *chiefly* *in* *sense* *of* *bapture* *With* *to* *d* *p* *into* *a* *look* *cl* *to* *wabble* *in*

philology, to *skin* a novel *Dip*, candle, is for earlier *dip-candle*, made by dipping wick in tallow instead of moulding. Hence *dips*, the purser (Marryat), as *chips*, the carpenter

None of your rascally "dips"—but sound,
Round, tenpenny moulds of four to the pound
(*Ingoldsbys*)

diphtheria From F *diphthérie*, substituted (1855) by Bretonneau for his earlier *diphthérie* (1821) coined from G *διφθέρα*, *skin*

diphthong F *diphthongue*, L, G *διφθογγος*, from *δι-*, twice, *φθόγγος*, voice, sound. Prop. two vowel sounds in one syllable, as in *rice*, *found*, *foil*, but often used for *digraph*, double letter, e.g. *Cæsar*

diploma L, G *δίπλωμα*, folded paper, from *δι-λούς*, double, hence official document, certificate, etc. *Diplomatic* is F *diplomatique*, having to do with diplomas, and *diplomat* is a back-formation after *aristocrat*, *democrat*, etc.

dipsomania Coined (19 cent.) from G *δίψα*, thirst

diptera [*biol*] G, neut. pl. of *δί-τερος*, from *δι-*, two, *-τερός*, wing

diptych L *diptycha* (neut. pl.), Late G *δί-πτυχα*, pair of writing tablets, from *δί-πτυχος*, double folded, from *πτυχή*, fold. Cf. *diploma*

dire L *dirus*, terrible, cogn. with G *δεινός*

direct First as verb. From L *dirigere*, *direct-*, to make straight, from *regere*, to rule. For temporal meaning of *directly* cf. *immediately*, *straightway*. *Direct action* (pol.) is 20 cent. (cf. *Bolshevist*, *frightfulness*). *Directory* in sense of address-book is recorded (for London) in 1732. In hist. sense it translates F *Directoire* (1795-99).

dirge L *dirige* in antiphon at Matins in Office for the Dead, beginning "Dirige, Domine, Deus meus, in conspectu tuo viam meam" (*Ps* v 8). Cf. *placebo*, *requiem*.

dirge officer for dead men (*Promptuarii*)

dirigible From L *dirigere*, to direct (q.v.)

In aeronautics adopted from F *dirigible*. **driement** [*dry*] From pres. part of L *dirimere* to separate, hence to nullify

dirk I rather at a *dirk*, *dirk*. The true Gael. word is *brodhar*. Prob. from proper name *Dirk*, *Dirk* used in Din. & Sw. like Ger. *Dirck*, of a picklock, and hence perh. applied to an instrument for 'letting daylight into' the human body. Cf. double

meaning of Du word below. See also *desrich*.

opsteeker a picklock, a great knife, or a dagger (Sewel, 1727).

dirt ME, ON *drut*, excrement. AS has verb *drutan*. For metath. cf. *bird*. Used by Wye (*Philip* in 8), var. *toordis*, for Vulg. *stercora* (*AV dung*), cf. Du *drysten*, *stercorare*. *Dirty Half-hundred* 50th foot (1st bat. Royal West Kent), *Dirty Shirts* 101st foot (1st bat. Munster Fus.). The first name is said to be due to the men becoming smeared with dye from black facings of uniform in Peninsular War, the second to the regiment having fought in shirt-sleeves at Delhi (1857).

dis- L prefix cogn. with *bis* (for **dis* = G. *dis*, twice) and with *duo*, two. Hence sometimes L *de-*, from OF *des-* (*dé-*), now often replaced by reconstruction, e.g. *dis-arrange*, *dis-ange*, *disembark*, *debark*; *dis-inherit* (q.v.)

disaffected See *affect*. Sense of mutinous from 17 cent.

disappoint Prop. to break an arrangement, appointment. See *appoint*.

disaster F *désastre* or It. *disastro*, orig. evil star, L *astrium*. Cf. *ill-starred*.

disband F *débander*, earlier *desbander*, imitated from It. *sbandare* in mil. sense. See *band*.

disburse OF *desbourser* (*déboursier*), from *bourse*, purse. Cf. *out-of-pocket*. See *burse*, *purse*.

disc. See *disk*.

discard Earlier also *decart*. OF *descartier*, to scatter (cf. Sp. Port. *descartar*), for more usual *escarter* (*decartier*), VL. **exquartare*, to quarter out, remove portions (cf. It. *scartare*). Though early associated with card play it can hardly be from *card*, as *discart* could only mean to remove from the card (cf. *disburse*, *dispoise*, *disfranchise*, etc.). For formation, from L *quartus*, cf. OF. *entrecier*, to put on one side, from *terlus*, third.

discern L *discernere*, to separate.

discharge OF *descharger* (*décharger*), to unload. See *charge*. With lex. sense cf. *exonerate*.

disciple AS *discipol* and F. *disciple*, L *discipulus*, pupil, from **discipere* (contracted with *proscribere*, to teach) but influenced by *discere*, to learn. It. sense has been determined by Bible use. AS had at a *loarnere* *ceate*. In *disciple* is F. L. *discipulus*.

disclaimer AF *inim* as noun OF *des clamer* L *disclamare* Cf *altimander se maine nismo ner* etc See *claim*

discombolus Statue of quirit thrower From C βάλειν to throw See *dish*

discomfit OF *desconfit* pp of *desconfire* (d onhrs) VL *disconfite* to wipe to (s n comfit) First as pp in f

discommon To expel from community (see *common*) At Oxf and Camb (from 16 cent) to deprive tradesman of liberty to supply undergraduate

disconcert Now usu with personal object but orig of *deranger* frustrating (plans etc) See *concert*

discomfit t hrug o t of der frame t ne u propation (Flu)

discord OF *descorde* L *discordia* See *accord*

discount OF *desconts* *descompte* (*ilcompte*) from *descompter* to count off See *count* ModF now u s rather *escompte* It s onto

discourse F *discours* L *discursus* orig running to and fro from *discurrere* Etym sense appears in *d discourse*

Discourse strictly speaking i th motion or progress fth mod from one f dcm ts anther (W 13)

discover OF *descovrir* (*discovers*) to uncover as in *chess* by *discovery* (chess) See *cover*

discreet F *discret* L *discretus* orig separated from *discernere* but takin act sense in Late L Cf Ger *gescheid* clever lit separated In to *surrender at d s rel on the d s relion* is that of the victor Ye s of d s rel on fixed by E law at fourteen (Littleton s *Tenu es*) date from 14 ce it The better part of v l u la d s relion (He II v 4)

discrepant From pres part of L *d s repare* lit to sound ill jar from *crepare* to sound Cf fig ens of *clash*

discriminate From L *discriminare* to divide See *cris u*

discursive See *discourse*

discuss AF *discusser* from OF *descous* pp of *descove* L *discere* to agitate from *giare* to hake

Te c stur es et usages se mont cause p r les mail et alderman (Libe t bus p 214)

disdain OF *desdaign* *desdaign* (*desdaign*) from *desdaign* (*desdaign*) VL *d d gnt* for *designari* from *dignus* worthy See *dign*

disease OF *desaise* discomfort (see *ease*)

For strength ned sense of *disgrace*

all orig euph coinages
Th I ges M pss w s a lile d used ith o id (c h t kunge (Wm thewsley Chron 55)

disembogue [*archaic*] To come into open sea now esp of rivers Sp *de embarcar* to come out of the mouth of a river or haven (Minsh) from Sp *boca* mouth (see *de bouche*) A word from the Spanish Mar earliest examples ar *disemboque* bein from Drake Hawkins I aligh u u of ship emergin, from bay or river mouth Earlier is the simplex (v) Sp *emboc* expressing the opposite In Hahl (1141) we also find *d shock* app a Norman var of OF *desbocher*

Wh re th y ball land tra yl lodg and ymburke (G mon o t d r ll Horg 3)

destablish In ref to scheme directed against the Church of England first recorded in Gladstone's *Church and State* (1835)

disfigure For sense of *deface* *deform*

disgorge OF *de goier* (*dégorer*) App from lang of falconry (see *gorge*) Now usu fig Quot below suggests a curious picture

People found boarding ail will be made t d g e it as w s don n th as f food (D ly Vers Sep 6 o 9)

disgrace Orig loss of favour (y use) as still in F Cf in *disgrace* For strengthened sense of *disgrace* *disgrace*

Th ar Macduff lives in d gr e (Macb L 6)

disgruntle Now chief US but 17 cent L From *gr ntle* frequent of *grunt*

disguise OF *de gniser* (*déguiser*) to change costume (see *guise*) Not orig with s use of concealment Cf *disvised* n liquor (Massinger) appearance being changed by intonation

H [th proph t] is disg sed from th re t i b apparel (Purch)

disgust OF *de oust* (*dégout*) S-o *gustio* Orig di taste now strengthened in meaning

dish Ab *disc* bowl platter L *discus* quirit dish (un fig) See d k Cf Ger *n ch* (from L) table and see *dais dish* Wyc uses it al o n L sense of quirit *Dish of tea* (*coffee*) is common in 17-19 cents W th to d sh to grill cf to do for to cook one s gove settle one s hash Esp in 1st phrase dividing th n h gs (Reform P II 186) perh due to Dsrach, who often uses the verb

dishabile [archaic] See *dëshabillé* For loss of final syllable of *signal*², *défile*², etc See *habillément*

dishevelled Earlier *dishevely*, *dishevel*, OF. *deschevelé* (*dèchevelé*, usu replaced by *échevelé*), from *dis-* and *chevel* (*cheveu*), hair, L *capillus* *Dishevelled hair* is thus pleon. *disinherit* Preserves obs sense of *inherit* (q v), to make heir For earlier *dësherit*, F *dëshériter*

disjunctive. L *disjunctivus* See *join*

disk, disc L *diseus*, G *δίσκος*, quoit, its earliest sense in E (Pope's *Iliad*) See *dais*, *desh*, *dish*.

dislike Hybrid, replacing (16 cent) native *nishike* (q v)

dismal From ME *in the dismal*, with which cf mod *in the dismal* OF *dis mal*, L *dies mali*, unpropitious days of medieval calendar, also called *dies Aegyptiaci* The word is still esp used with *day* Chaucer app understood it as OF *dis mals* (*dix mau*), ten plagues

Ore durrai des jours denietz [forbidden]

Que vous disual appeletz

(AF *Art de Kalender*, 13 cent).

I trowe hit was in the dismale,

Thit was the ten woundes of Egipte

(Chaucer *Blanche the Duchess*, 1205).

dismantle Earliest (16 cent) in mil sense, to rare OF *désmanter* (*démanteler*), to strip See *manile*

dismay AF **desmaier*, for OF *esmaier*, whence ModF *émor*, agitation From *dis-* and Teut *mag*, power, as in OHG *magan* (*mogen*), to be able, E *may* Cf It *sma-gare*, Sp *desmaiar* For E preference for *dis-* cf *discard*, *dishovel*

dismiss For earlier *dismitt*, OF *desmethe* (*démettre*), from L *dimittere*, *dimiss-*, from *mittere*, to send, with usual change of prefix in VL

disorder F *désordre* The verb is for earlier *disordain*, OF *desordener*, *desordein-* (now *desordonner*) See *order*, *ordain*.

disoriented [neol] Adaptation of F *dés-orienté*, having lost one's bearings See *orientation*

The returned soldier, bewildered, disoriented, nerve-wracked (*Times Lit. Sup* Jan 19, 1920)

disparage OF *desparagier*, orig to marry unequally (cf. *mésalliance*), also earliest sense in E, from *parage*, rank, "peerage" See *peer*

disparity See *parity*.

dispart [mil] Difference between semi-diameters of cannon at base-ring and muzzle Hence, sight constructed to allow for difference App. from archaic *dispart*, to separate, OF. *dispartir* (*départir*), L *dispartire*, *-pertire*, to divide

dispatch, despatch Sp. *despachar*, to expedite, opposite of *empachar*, to impede (cf. It. *dispacciare*, *impacciare*) Has absorbed and superseded obs *depeach*, F *dépêcher*, but the two words are not related, F *-pêcher* representing VL **pedicare*, to cause to stumble, from *pedica*, fetter (*pes*, *ped-*, foot), while the radical of the Sp & It words is prob. *paet-*, from *pangere*, to fasten First used by Bp Tunstall, Commissioner to Spain (1516-17). For happy *dispatch* (19 cent) see *hara-kiri*.

dispel L *dispellere*, to drive apart

dispense. OF *despenser* (*dépenser*), L *dispensare*, frequent of *dispendere*, to weigh out Hence *dispensary*, place for "weighing out" medicines, first in Garth's mock-heroic poem, *The Dispensary* (1699) In *dispensation*, the sense of ordering, management, e.g. *divine dispensation*, *Mosaic dispensation*, is due to rendering in NT. of G *οικονομία*, office, method of administration, by L *dispensatio*, weighing out, stewardship. Sense of exemption, relaxation, springs from MedL sense of *dispensare*, to act as steward, deal administratively with special cases, whence *dispense*, from, with. The *dispensing power* (of kings) first occurs temp. Charles I.

disperse F *disperser*, L. *dispergere*, *-spers-*, to scatter (*spargere*) apart

dispiteous For archaic *despiteous*, from *aspire* (q v), revived by 19 cent poets

display OF *despleier* (*déployer*). See *deploy*. No connection with *play*

disport [archaic] OF *desporter*, to carry away, cf sense-development of *distract*, *divert* Ong trans, to amuse, intrans sense springing from reflex (cf. *abscond*) Now mostly replaced by aphet *sport* (q v.)

dispose. F *disposer* (see *pose*) Etym to put apart, hence arrange, etc *Disposition*, temperament, is from astrol use of the word (14 cent) for position of planet as determining influence

dispute F, L *disputare*, to compute; discuss; in *Vulg* to argue, contend in words

disquisition L *disquisition-*, from *disquirere*, *-quisit-*, to investigate, from *quaerere*, to seek

- disruption L *disruptio* n from *disrumpere*
rump to break apart Esp split in Estab-
 lished Church of Scotland (1843)
- dissect L *dissicare* *scil* to cut up Cf
anatomy
- dissemin [*le*] OF *dessai* *ine* See *seisin*
- disseil boom [51fr] Waggon pole Du
 shaft beam (see *boas*?) First element is
 cogn with Ger *dechsel* AS * ON *thist*
 waggon pole
- dissemble For earlier *dissimile* *dissimil* F
dissimiler L *dissimulare* After cogn
assemble *rassemble* See similar *sumulere*
 Ille *dysmell* [1 ulg *dusim* 1 bat] hym to here
 (Wye 2 Sam x 27)
- disseminate From L *disseminare* to scatter
 seed *semen*
- dissent L *dissentire* to differ in feeling
 Hence *dissent* in spec mod sense from
 17 cent First VLD ref. is to Oliver
 Cromwell as "dissenter from the disci-
 pline of the Church of England"
- dissertation L *dissertatio* n from *dissere*
 to discuss from *serere* *serit* to join com-
 pose
- dissever OF *desseler* Late L *disseparare*
 in which prefix is intens
- dissident From pres part of L *dissidē* s to
 sit (*sedere*) apart
- dissimilation [*ling*] Tendency of like sounds
 to change or disappear when occurring
 contiguously e.g. *pil riri* *eriel* *fogleman*
grow (q v) Cf *assimilation* Affects esp
 r-r l-l n-n
- dissimulate From L *dissimula* e See *dis-*
semble
- dissipate I *dissipare* to scatter from OL
sipare to throw For sense of dissipated
 cf *dissolute*
- dissociate From L *dissociare* from *socius*
 companion Cf *associate*
- dissolute Lit dissolved separated (vi)
 hence unrestrained Intermed ate sense is
 lax *Dissolution* (of Parliament monas-
 teries also of soul from body) is from 16
 cent
- Si the sendith in sl p and a d solut soul [I
 lina di soluta] hal hu gre (Wye F or xix 25)
- dissolve L *dissolvere* to loos n See *solte*
- dissonant F from pres part of L *disonare*
 to sound diversely
- dissuade L *dissuadere* from *suadere* to ad-
 vise See *suas* o i
- dissyllable See *dissyllible*
- distaff AS *distef* first element cogn with
 LG *disse* bunch of flax as in *dizen* be

- dizen* (q v) Often as emblem of female
 authority or the spindle side in gen a
 logy formerly opposed to the spear side
 Cf similar use of F *quenouille*
q *quenouille* distaff als the t *min* n *lin* in
 success on (C 15)
- distain [archaic] OF *desteindre* (*dētindre*)
 L *dis* and *tingere* to colour Now u u
 replaced by *aphet stain*
- May coward hame d stain his ame (Bur)
- distant F from pres part of I *distare* to
 stand apart For fig sense cf *stand off sh*
 Tis distance I d each tin at t ib lew
 (Campl oil Phas f H p 17)
- distemper From OF *distemprē* *trempt*
 MedL *distemperatus* disturbed ammode
 rate from L *temperare* to mix temper
 Orig of disturbing the tempers or four
 humours recognized by medie al physici-
 ans Hence as noun disease now esp
 of dogs *Distemper* to dilute mix paint
 with mixture is etym the same word OF
destempr (*dētempr*) See *temper*
- distend L *distendere* s to stretch apart
- distich L G *distich* neut of *distichos*
 from *di* two *stichos* line Cf *aerostich*
- distil Orig intrans L *distillare* to trickle
 down See *still*
- distingue F pp of *distinguer* (vi)
 distinguish Earlier *distigne* (Chauc & Wye)
 F *distinguer* L *distinguere* lit to prick
 off cogn with G *erzē* to prick For
 incorr *ish* also in *extingish* cf *astonish*
edmonish
- distort From L *distorquere* *tort* to twist
 apart
- distract From L *distrahere* -t *act* to pull
 apart For fig sense cf *distract* and for
distracted mad cf *distract* *ht*
- distrain OF *destraindre* *desteign* L *dis-*
trahere to draw asunder but in Late L
 as *ratens* of *strare* to stretch First in
 lew use (13 cent) to constrain to a cour e
 of action etc by seizure of goods Now
 usu to *distrain* *upo* s
- distract F absent minded pp of *distrare*
 to distract draw away L *distraxe* s
 Occurs in ME in sense of *distract* *ht* but
 in current us is a borrowing from ModL
- distraught [poet] Barbarous spelling of
 above perh due to obs *slought* pp of
slēch Or it may be from the latin ed
distract The three forms *dist* *act* *d* *strait*
 (*distract*) *distract* *ht* were u ed indifferently
 in ME

distress OF *destrée* (*détresse*), from *des-trecier*, VL **districhiare*, from *districtus*, p p of *distingere*, to pull asunder, etc Cf etym of *dress* Orig pressure, esp in leg sense, as *distrain* (q v) *Shess* (q v) is often its aphet form

distribute. From L *distribuere*, -*tribut-* See *tribute*

district F, orig control, then region over which control extends, MedL *districtus*, from *distingere*, in sense of binding, controlling (see *dishain*) Orig sense survives in F

district a district, the liberties, or precincts of a place, the territories, or circuit of country, within which a lord, or his officers may judge, compell, or call in question, the inhabitants (Cotg)

disturb ME *destoub*, OF *destorber*, L *disturbare*, intens of *turbare*, from *turba*, mob Now respelt after L

disyllable Prefix is G *di-*, twice Hence *dissyllable* is etym incorr See *syllable*

ditch AS *dīc*, of which *dīke* (q v) is the northern development To *die in the last ditch* is as old as Burnet (1715). With *dull as ditchwater* (mod), cf *light* (ie easy) as *ditchwater* (15 cent), and earlier *digne* (arrogant) as *ditchwater* (cf stinking with pride)

She was as *digne* as water in a ditch

(Chauc A 3964)

dither To quake Dial, but now in pretty gen use Earlier *diddler*, thinned form of *dodder*?

Several minutes of sheer dithering funk

(Daily Chron Jan 12, 1918)

dithyramb L, G *δithyrambos*, choric hymn, orig in honour of Dionysus, Bacchus

dittany From OF *ditan*, *dilain*, L *dictamnus*, from G *δίκταμον*, from *Dicle*, mountain in Crete, where it grew Cf It *dittamo* Mod Europ forms are numerous and much corrupted as in the case of most herbs (*agrimony*, *marjoram*, *valerian*, etc)

ditto It, for *detto*, said, L *dictus*, as in the said (before mentioned) month Use has been much extended in E Hence *suit of dittos*, ie all alike (18 cent) Also *ditto-graphy*, accidental repetition by copyist, *dittology*, double interpretation

ditty OF *dité*, *dité*, composition, poem, L *dictatus*, p p of *dictare*, frequent of *dicere*, to say

Ci s'ensieut [Here follows] le ditte de la flour de la margherite (Trossart)

Than Moyses soong this dittee [Vulg carmen] to the Lord (Wyc Ex vi 1)

ditty-bag, -box [naut] ? Sailors' corrupt of Austral *dilly-bag* (q v.), ? or from obs *dutty*, a coarse brown cakeo (Purch), ident with Hind *dhōṭī*, loin-cloth The latter is more likely (cf *dinnage* for *dunnage*)

The notes were missing from a ditty-box in the mess (Et Stand April 25, 1919)

diuretic L, G *διουρητικός*, from *διουρεῖν*, to urinate See *urine* Occurs c 1400

diurnal L *diurnalis*, from *dies*, day In 17 cent often for *journal*

In every mercurius, coranto, gazet or diurnal, I met with camizados, palhizados squadrons, curasiers, etc (Pref to Blount's *Glossographia*, 1656)

diva Distinguished female singer It, goddess, from L (cf *divine*)

divagation L *divagatio-n-*, from L *divagari*, to wander off

divan Turk *divân*, Pers *dīvān*, *divân*, whence also It *divano*, Sp Port F. *divan* Orig bundle of written sheets, collection of poems, e g the *Divân* : *Hâfiz*, collection of documents, register, office of accounts, custom-house, council chamber, cushioned seat, smoking-room, cigar-shop, a curious chain of meanings From Arab form come It *dogana*, F *douane*, custom-house

The captaine was received in a coach and caryed before the dawne (Purch)

divaricate To diverge From L *divanicare* See *picvaricate*

dive Combines sense of AS *dūfan* (strong intrans) with forms of its causal *dýfan* (weak trans), cogn with *dip* (q v) The *diving-bell* is mentioned by Evelyn (1661)

diverge From *di-*, apart, and L *vergere*, to turn

divers, diverse Ident words now differentiated in form and sense F *divers*, L *diversus*, turned different ways, from *duertere* The difference is expressed in F by position, e g *en divers endroits*, "dans des endroits divers"

divert F *divertir*, from L *divertere*, to turn in different directions For fig sense cf *distract*, *disport*

dives L, rich, used in *Vulg* (Luke, xvi), hence often taken as name of rich man in parable Cf *lazar*

Lazar and Dives lyveden diversly

(Chauc. D 1877)

divest Earlier *devest*, OF *desvestir* (*dévêlir*), VL **disvestire* for *devestire*, to undress, from *vestis*, garment.

divide L *dividere* to force asunder with second element prob cogn with *vidua* widow Cf *dividend* L *dividende* L *dividendum* to be divided

divine L *divinus* belonging to the gods from *divus* *divus* Earlier *divine* from F popular form as in *de-in* soothsayer *diviner* to guess one to interpret predict have supernatural knowledge In ME *divine* means both sorcerer and priest The *divine* right (of kings) came into spec use under Stuarts See Cowell's article on *king* which led to the public burning of his *Interpreter* by decree of Parliament Regularly contrasted with *human* and thus used tellingly by Milton in *human form divine* (after Gen 1:1)

division F L *divisio* n from *dividere* *divis* to divide *Division of labour* dates from Adam Smith (1776)

divorce F L *divortu* i from *divortere* archaic for *diverte* to turn away Cf L *dorsum* back for *divorsum*

divot [Sr] Sod Tap in *fail* and *dno* (16 cent) where *fail* means a thick divot It is characteristic of the sudden spread of golf that the only sense in which the word is familiar to most Englishmen is not given (1897) in the OED Origin unknown I lights of pasture ge-fu l-f i d d t (Hawley b b)

divulge Orig simply to publish L *divulgare* to spread among the people with *divulge* Cf F *divulgue*

divvy [slan] For *divine* Late 19 cent *divvie* [mil slau] Mess tin Urdu *di s/i* vessel Pers dim of *dā* cauldron pot

Dixie Happy land of Amer negroes Orig estate on Manhattan Island belonging to one Dixie (Bartlett)

dizen [poet] See *bedizen* *dizaff*

dizzy AS *dyrig* foolish used of the foolish virgins (Matt xxv) WGer cf LG *diz* OHG *izig* also Du *dizellen* to be giddy Prob like *giddy* (qv) ult possessed by a god from Aryan root *dhues* cogn with G *beug*

Dizzy Nickname of Benjamin Disraeli Earl of Beaconsfield (†1881) Cf *Pan*

djereed See *jereed*

djinn See *genie* *jinnee*

do Verb AS *dōn* WGer cf Du *doen* Ger *hun* not found in ON & Goth Past *did* is a reduplicated form AS *dyde* cf Ger *tat* (OHG *tata*) Du *deed* (ODu *dede*) and G *erben* a from *erbyu* of which

root syllable is cogn with *do* The use of this verb to form the periphrastic conjugation (*do you know? I do not know?*) or to aoid repetition has no gen parallel in allied langs though F *faire* occurs to me extant in the latter capacity The periphrastic construction dates from ME and is now normal in the negative and interrogative constructions exc with *be have* and a few other monosyllabic verbs e.g. *doe not I* In *well to do* how do you do? the verb has become intransitive fare With mod to *do* *do* *do* destroy cf archaic *to fardo* To *do oneself well* is LS after *Gr s h gūlich t n*

do [nus] Arbitrary substitute for earlier *ut* See *genat*

doab [geog] Tongue of land bet two rivers esp bet con Ganges and Jumna Pers *doab* two waters ult cogn with Tugnam (Hants) between Aon and Stour

doat See *dot*

dobbin Nickname for horse (M *reck of Len* n 2) Dim of *Dob* rhymed on *Rob* for *Robert* (cf *Dick*) See *hobby* Cf *obinna pie* etc

doche F L *doche* from *do* *e* to teach **dock** Plant AS *doce* cf obs Du *doche* Ger *docken* *doche* obs Du *alokke* vater dock (AS *doforce*) also Gael *d gha* Hence *burdock*

dock Solid part of tail Cf Mod el *dock* stumpy tail IG *dokke* bundle C r *dock* bundle plug F rh from *doch* the root of which is suggestive of a rat's tail Hence verb to dock to shorten cut off

A rem f l l t h g h low g und With dock between tw f r f t tuck draw d (Sylv H ad craft)

dock For ships First recorded by VFD in Gavin Douglas (1513) who uses *tu render L sul us furrow* (i) made in the sand by a vessel when beached But it occurs passim in *Nav Acts* (1495-9) in which also are many details with regard to the royal dock of Portsmouth the first dock in the mod sense commenced by Hen VII in 1473 According to the editor of *Nav Acts* the word was applied as early as 1434 to the bed made on the mud by the vessel when drawn up as far as possible at high tide which was fenced round while repairs were in progress Th s agrees with Gavin Douglas use of the word and points to identity with IG *doke* channel runnel ? cf Norw *doke*

hollow, dial E *dohc*, furrow *Dock* was known to the Hanse merchants as an E word as early as 1436 (v 1) and has been borrowed by most Europ langs

Inimicum findete rostris
Hanc terram, sulcumque sibi prenat ipsa carina
(*Aen* x 295)

Gegeven deme manne, de dat schip in de docke lade, 6d (*Hanserecense*, 1436)

We caused an anchor to be laid right astern as her dock [i.e. the furrow the grounded vessel had made on the mud-bank] directed us

(Phineas Pett, 1613)

dock⁴ For criminals Orig rogues' slang (cf *jug*) Used by Ben Jonson (*Alchemist*, v 4) Then unrecorded till revived by Dickens Flem *dok*, *docke*, lutch, pen Perh spec use of *dock*³

docket Memorandum, summary, customs certificate Earlier (15 cent) *doggette*, obs It *doghetta*, bendlet in heraldry (Torr), dim of *doga*, cask-stave The form has been influenced by *cocket* (q v) with which it is commonly associated Cf hust of *label*, *schedule*, etc

doctor L from *docēre*, to teach Applied esp to various great schoolmen, e.g. *doctor angelicus* (Aquinas), *inimicibilis* (Ockham), *mirabilis* (Bacon), *subtilis* (Duns Scotus) In spec sense of *doctor of medicine* already in ME With fig sense, to *doctor* (wines, statements, etc), cf to *cook* (accounts, etc) *Doctors' Commons* was orig the common table of the Association of Doctors of Civil Law in London (incorporated 1768, dissolved 1858) in buildings (demolished 1867) in which five courts were held In literary allusions usu with ref to wills or marriage licenses

Seynt Austyn, the firste doctour of Englishe men
(Trev ii 43)

Who shall decide, when doctors disagree?
(Pope, *Moral Essays*, iii 1)

doctrine F, L *doctrina*, from *doctor* (q v) *Doctrinaire*, F, was coined c 1815 and first applied by extremists to supporters of an ideal "doctrine" of compromise in pol matters, now to unpractical extremists

The dictatorship of a small and extreme oligarchy of doctrinaire socialists and syndicalists

(Obs June 15, 1919)

document F, L *documentum*, proof, example, from *docēre*, to teach. Mod use, as in *human document*, due to F naturalistic school (the Goncourts, Zola, etc), goes back to etym sense

dodder¹ Plant ME also *doder*, cf Du, Dan *dodder*, Ger *doller* Not found in AS, but prob cogn with *dodder*², from shaking *dodder*² To quake, quaver Also dial *dade*, *dadder*, *daddic*, *doddic*. Cf. Norw dial *duddra*

doddered [*poet*] Usu. with *oak* After Dryden, rendering Virgil's *veteres*, *jam fracta cacumina*, *fagos* For *doddard*, formed, on *pollard*, from obs *dod*, to poll

Onys in the year he was dodderd, for the heere hevysde hym (*Wyc 2 Sam* xiv. 26).

He passes now the doddered oak (*Rosby*, vi 3)

dodecagon G, from *δώδεκα*, twelve, *γωνία*, angle

dodge From 16 cent, in sense of shuffle, play fast and loose, lit and fig App cogn with Ger *ducken*, to dodge, duck, earlier also *docken* (Hans Sachs) Current sense of noun, esp with *artful*, is due to Dickens **dodo** Extinct bird (Mauntius), clumsy and of poor flight Port *doudo*, stupid Cf *dottlerel*, which is port related

A Portuguese name it is, and has reference to her simpleness (Sir T Herbert, 1638)

Dodonaeon Of *Dodona* (Epirus), where was oracle of Zeus in oak-grove

doe ME *doo*, AS *dā*, perh cogn with L *dama*, whence Ger *damhirsch*, doe *Doe-skin*, cloth, is coined on *buckskin*, first used of leather and then of material for breeches

Doe, John See *John*

doff "In all its senses obsolete, and rarely used except by rustics" (Johns) Contr of *do off*, cf *don* and rarer *dup* (see *dub up*)

Ht hum of dy de isern-byrman [coat of mail]
(Beowulf)

dog Late and rare AS *docga* (usual word is *hound*), adopted in several Europ. langs in sense of E dog, mastiff This spec. sense survives in *dogged*. Origin unknown With *fire-dog* cf F. *chenet*, prob at first in shape of dog A *dog-cart* had orig a box under the seat for sportsmen's dogs For *dog-days*, *dog-star*, see *canicular* Dog's ear, in books, is 17 cent *Dogwatch*, short watch (naut), may spring from earlier *dog-sleep*, short and fitful It is also explained by naut humorists as for *cu-tailed* (two hours instead of four), or from its wakeful character (v 1) Often *dog-* implies inferiority, e.g. *dog-cheap*, *-latin*, *-violet*, so also to go to the dogs and Ger *auf den hund kommen* But *dog-rose* renders MedL *rosa canina*, for

C *κρυποδον* perh because supposed to be efficacious against bite of mad dog

But at 1 or o'clock t. a ship wakes p. No self respecting na i man sleeps during th dog watch (Taff 17)

Dogberrydom From *Dogberry* foolish constable in *Much Ado about Nothing* Cf *Bumbledom*

doge F Venetian L *dux* du leader duke

dogger North Sea (e p Du) fishing boat though not now in Du use Hence the *Do ger Bank* Prob related to *dog* cf cat oia, name of a vessel in several langs and of very old date Name prob arose in E (14 cent.) and was adopted in Scel Du & F (*dog* 4)

dog 4e canis molossus, ca is magnus. Gal *dogu* 1 p d *gso* (X1)

dogu 4e *cytha* m *por* (3)

doggerel First in Chauc applied by the host of the Tabard to the *Tale of Sir Thopas* Prob from L *dogu* cask stave Cf 16 cent *dud con verse* (see *dud, con*) Ger *stobesim* stave rime or *knittelvers* cudgel verse Du *klupfelvers* (for earlier *knipfel* cudgel) E *pa kistaff verse* (see *fish staff*) and metr sen. e of Prov *bastonnet* little stick also *rhopli* (verse) from C *poralor* cudgel

"Now swich a rym th. do el I bite he!

This may wel be rym d'gerel, quod h (B 2114)

doggo to lie ? Like a cunning dog
dog gone [US] App a fantastic perversion of god-damned

H 2 as tre herous 2 a doggon lach n (Ridgw II Culture)

dogma C *dogma* opinion from *do* or to seem Usu treated as G with pl *dogmata* in 1 -15 cents

do ly Orig name of material introduced for summer wear (17 cent.) From *Dooly* who kept a shop in the Strand The name is of F origin from *Ouilly* (Calvados)

Coarse Dooly napkins, fringed at each end (Swift)

dot [archaic] Chiefly in *not worth* a dot Du *dot* earlier *doyl* eighth part of stiver O *th* est piece from *thita* to cut. Cf Ger *dot* from Du E *dot* *stisu* northern place-names is ident

doited [Sc] Crazy Prob for *doit* See *dit* *doit* far niente It sweet do nothing

doldrums Slang *d* *u* *m* dullard *doll* *u* *s* dumps Hence naut. state of being becalmed From *dull* after *lunrum*

dole¹ Share esp in charitable distribution (eg at funerals) and in to do e o r t 15 d l parallel form to *dall* deal Also in *happy man be his d l* i e lot a very common Tudor phrase

Happy man h ppy dol so sa 3che ad hol (H ywood 136)

dole² [poet] Sorrow Esp in *doleful* O *dall* tonic stem of OI *dolour* *dial* to grieve L *colere* The more correct *tule* survives in Sc and is used by some mod poets Mod F *dul* Late L *dol* *um* grief is not quite the same word

dolente [mis] F *dolente* conned from G *del* *pos* deceptive because of difficulty of determining its constituent

dolichocephalic [etn] Longheaded From G *dalys* long Cf *del* *ach* *ephal*

doll Short for *Dolly* Cf S *d o l y* a doll and synonym F *marionnette* *d* *ub* *l* *dim* of *Mia* 10 In earlier use it was stock name for a mistress or pet and a child's doll was called a *baby* Cf also *dol* in various mech application esp (in dial) the three legged beater for treating clothes in a *dolly tub* also called a *peggy* or *marden* *doll* a wooden block t m l e p *minodes* *pos* also *hild* & *baby* (Dial Cant. Cree)

dollar Earler (16 cent.) also *daler* LG & archaic Du *daler* (*daler*) Ger *ku* *er* for *Jochimsstaler* coin minted at Silver mine of *Joa hinstal* (Bohemia) from 1570 on ward Cf Ger *heller* from *Schwab* *sch* *Hal* *Aim* *ghy* *do* *ar* was coined by Washington Irving (c 1836)

Hls grt t *gou* *god* *l* *ugh* *is* *to* *m* *ke* him receive the best fri ad (E Vern y 639)

dollop Orig in CAN 1 a thick-growing tuft or clump (Tu. ser) Cf Norw dial *dolp* lump

dolly varden Pattern style of dress From *Dolly* *varzen* (Barnaby Rn 2) F t her christen name see *doll* Her paternal ancestors prob came from *Ferdien*

dolman Hussar jacket F *dol* *dolman* *in* Turk *dolm* *in*

del *men* Turk *h* *g* *ne* *long* *at* *or* *pp* garment collared & d laced w th long button d wue to the girdle-st 14C (tg)

dolmen Cromlech Explained as Bret. *tol* table *men* stone But prob a misapp ca tion in Latour d Auvergne (18 cent.) of Corn 2 *new* hole of stone Cf *men* *del*

dolomite [geol] Named (1794) from *Dolomieu* F geologi t

dolour OF *dolour* (*douleur*), L *dolor-em*,
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dolphin ME also *delfyn*, *daulphin*, etc., OF *daifin* (*dauphin*), VL **dalpinus*, for *delpinus*, from G *δελφίς*, *δελφῦν*. Though not app. recorded in AS, it was a common personal name in 11 cent.

dolt From 16 cent From *dull*, perh contr
of *dullard*

dom Port, lord, *L. dominus* Title of royalty,
high ecclesiastics, nobles, cf *Sp don* As
title of Benedictines and Carthusians short-
ened from *L. dominus*

-dom AS *-dōm*, cogn with to *do* and *deem*, cf Ger *-tum*. Often used to form playful moral compds and nonce-words, e.g. *bumbledom* *topsy-turvydom*, *devil-may-care-dor* (} Galsworthy)

domain *f* domaine, *L* dominium OF also *demaine* (see *denesne*)

Domdaniel Magic submarine hall From F
continuation (1788-93) of *Arabian Nights*,
where adopted by Southery in *Thaaba*

dome F *dôme*, It *duomo*, cathedral, L
dome (Der), G *döpus* F & L senses are
due rather to G *êdym* rendered house top
by Fynd

domesday 'list'; ME spelling of *doomsday*,
preserved in *Domesday Book* (1086)

Hic liber eo indicatus. Do nesdet nuncupatur, id
est eius juben per metonymiam

(Dialeto de Secenario, 1525)

domestic *L. domesticus* of the house and
home, common

domicile P. L. *domicilium*, from *domus*,
house. Hence *domiciliary* *ut*, F. *utile*
domicilium, where each has its F. sense
of each.

dominate From *L. domari*, from *domus*,
master, from *domus* home

domine. And he, Du domine, I don't see,
from L. domine, to 'lord n' over First
in South (Lords' List, in 1) Cl
see the list of 'Lords'

dominal Arch. Returning to the Lord of
the Lord Day. Mail. Large scale. C
F. From the Sunday, Of dom. rch, la
dom. rch.

Dominican Black Tree from order of St
Dionysius from the Dominican (1221).
(1121-1221)

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by priests, and in some way connected with *L. dominus*. The game of *dominoes* comes from the phrase *faire domino*, to put the last piece and win. Cf. *faire capot* (also a hooded cloak) at piquet, but the exact metaphor is not clear.

Utantur caputio vulgariter ung domino (Duc.).

don¹ Title Sp, L *dominus*, orig. title of high rank, but now general Cf evolution in use of *sir* and *F. monsieur* Univ. sense, orig. contemptuous, is from 17 cent

don² Verb For *do on*. Cf *daff*
donate From L *donare*, to give.

doña, dona Sp & Port, L. *domina* Hence
slang *dona(h)*, sweetheart.

Donatist Christian sect in NAfr (1 cent)
From *Donatus*, leading member

donga Ravine (SAfr) Native word
dongola race Paddling in punts (from c

1890). ? Arbitrary perversion of *gondola*,
? or from *Dongola* on the Nile.

donjon [hɔ̃sɔ̃] See *dungeon*

Don Juan Libertine The legend is of Sp.
origin Cf Lovelace (from *Clarissa Harlowe*).
used in F for a lady-killer. Cf also
Lothario.

donkey Slang or dial word of late appearance, as shown by quot below ? Cf. dial *dunrook*, sparrow from *dun*, brown (cf. *Dan Bunch*, i.e. Sir Brown, applied to the ass in Chauc.) But possibly from name *Duncan* or *Domine*, cf. *needy*, *dirty*, and dial *cuddy*, used in same sense. Slang *donkey's ears*, a long time, is allusive to the length of donkey's ears.

These excursions in neighbourhood of London, 1772, being made in company, on her father's and mother's lives, the latter again, being entirely for the ladies' use (H. Key's Memoir, p. 27).

donna It. L. *gallina* Cf *doris*

Donnybrook Fair Bacchanalia and Saturnalia
held at Donnybrook and Dublin, till 1855.

donor OL, donor (donneur) & donor +
from donor, to give

donzella It form of *donzel* (q.v.).

double Hand drill, later, Sander & S.
wing cradle later. Also earlier & L.H.
for 1, (Porch)

[illegible]

door. As the pump with the two
lower of the three valves, the
door, both doors have been in use

what is set up (cf *stir ut*) cogn with G
 þ *jur* Hence *doomsday* last judgment

Doomsday Book See *domesday*

door Combines AS *drun* (fem) and *dor*
 (neut) with which cf Ger *Tür* (fem)
door for (neut) gate. *Aryan* cf Du
deur ON *durr* Goth *danr* C *thura* L
fures See also *durba* Some of the cog
 nates were orig plurals two leaves of
 loor *Doormat* is now (1917-18) much used
 in allusion to the fact that a member of
 the Cabinet who had gone back on his
 colleagues was asked to wait while they
 discussed his position *Dead as a doornail*
 is in *Fiers Ploum* (V 1 161)

Frankness, in stak th pla of doornail con
 drem in (S and Y T m) J n 20 1919)

dope Lubricant (LS) From Dn *d'open*
 to dip Hence *d'pe* to drug (nool)

Dep gth fabri th e ers th planes, rudders
 and 1 rous (D 13 Ek on Jun 1 19 2)

Th are to work go will never h men
 toed in West E d dope les. O is coc
 and th other is h rola (D 13 J fr Dec. 1910)

dopper [S 4/r] Old fashioned and puri
 tanical beer orig Anabaptist Dn *dooper*
 lit dupper Baptist. See *dip*

dor Insect AS *dora* prob buzzer Al o
 called *natchan* or *clock* from loud buzz

Dora Acoustic of Defence Of Reason Art (1914)
 Cf *An as*

Ev n Dora i tim d where Ireland is con erned
 (Refer e June 4 9)

dorado Dolphin Sp L *deusatis* gilded
 See *d'ry*

Doras society See *Acts* ix 36

Dorian Dore Of Do is division of ancient
 Greece cf *Aeolic* 4th *Ionian* *Doric* is
 often used for broad Scots

dorking Fowl From *Dorkin* (Surr) Cf
orpinion

dormant F pres part of *dormir* L *dorm*
 mi e to sleep

dormer Orig dormitory OF *dormeor* from
do m (replaced by *d'hoir* L *dormi*
torium) Hence *dormie* *shadow* *roof*

dormitory L *dormitorius* m sleeping place
 (V 1)

dormouse ? From north in dial *dorm* to
 dose F *dormir* and *mousse* Cf. archaic
 Du *slap-muys* (Hil.)

dormy [d'off] ? From *dormir* asleep further
 exertion being unnecessary ? Or from
 dial *dorm* (v. 5)

dorsal MedL *dorsus* is from *dorsum* back

*dory*¹ Fish F *dorée* p p f m of *dore* to
 glid L *deaurare* Cf *dorado* Now often
 called *John Dory* (cf *Jach Sp at* and s e
John)

dore th *doree* or Saint I ters fish lvo (th gh
 n t so properly) the goldfish s gold s (Cotg)

*dory*² Boat (LS & Wind) Orig unknown
dose F MedL C *Edoris* from *Edora* to
 give

doas [slang] Bed in lod'ing hou Also
 (18 cent) *dore* Prob ident with obs
dorse *dass* back in various sense F d s
 L *dorsum*

dossal *dossel* [cel] Ornamental hanging
 at back MedL *dossale* See *dos er*

dossier F bundle of papers hence record
 of individual Cf obs E *dossier* basket
 carried on back from F d *sier* in earlier
 sense from *dos* back VL *dorsum* for
dorsum F d s *sier* has also the meaning
 of *dossal* (v s)

*dot*¹ AS *dott* speck head of boil not found
 between AS and to cent Cf Du *lot* also
 as endearing name for small child archaic
 Du *dotde* plug Ger dial d the nipple
 of breast. Of obscure origin and hist
 D th shaky is perh rather connected
 with *dolder* or with *dote* and o ed Cf
 obs *doddy-poll* earl e (c. 1400) d 14 *poll*
Dot and go (carry) one t go limpingly is
 from child's halting method of calculation
 putting do vn dot as reminder to carry one

Th official Fremde blatt *dot* Cou t C ern
 and crosses his Ps to him
 (Dial Ch Apr 4 91)

*dot*² F *douty* L d *lot* corn with *dore*
 to g e

dote *doat*. W *dote* for F *radote* First
 (12 cent) as p p enfeebled 13 age Of
 Teut origin Cf obs Du *dote* to dote Du
dut *dotage* (er te f 11 flibbergisted
 With to *dote* en cf to be fond of F *raffo*
 le d

dottle See *dolla*

dottel Species of plover 1 of (d al) From
 d te (cf d'Jo)

dorel *du d'ragus* (F m f Furr)

dot al, flu en quod d'wed (b)

dottle Plug of wood united to barrel in pipe
 Dn of d s of wh h ong me ring was
 perh clot

Orth in shot of th in t t 4 t t 1 th p p e ca
 th ba e t f b h hure d t th e black Jack

dotty See *d'x*

douane F custom house See *d'ian*

Douay bible E version of *Vulg* made at College of Douai (1584-1609).

double F, L *duplus*, from *duo* and root of *plere*, to fill Fig, e.g. in *double-dealing*, opposed to *simple*. *Double or quit* is in Sidney's *Arcadia* With *double-dyed* cf *engained habit* *Double entendre* is in ModF *double entente*

doublet F, prob from *doublet* in sense of lining The F word is obs in sense of garment, but is used of double words of ident origin, e.g. *caniff*, *capive*, *dish*, *dish*, *papa*, *popc*, *pursue*, *prosecute*, etc

doubloon [*hist*] Orig double pistole F. *doublon*, Sp *doblón*

doubt ME *dout*, F *douter*, L *dubitare*, ult from *duo*, two, as *dubious* (q.v.), cf G *δουῶ*, to doubt, from *δοῦν*, in two ways For restored -b- cf *debt* In OF & archaic E also to fear (see *doughty*), as in Bruce's "I doubt I've slain Comyn," and in dial, e.g. "I doubt (= I don't doubt) he's lost the train"

I do doubt that the Duke of Buckingham will be so flushed that he will not stop at any thing (Pepys, Mar 4, 1669)

douce [Sc] F *doux*, L *dulcis* Cf *dour* Hence *douceur*, naturalized in ME, but in later senses of pleasant speech, gratuity, now treated as foreign

douceur Gratuity F, lit sweetness (v.s.)

douche F, It *doccia*, water-pipe, jet, Late L **ductia* for *ducho*, from *ducere*, *duct-*, to lead (cf *conduct*)

dough AS *dāg* Com Teut, cf Du *deeg*, Ger *teig*, ON *deig*, Goth *daigs* Ground-idea kneading (see *lady*), cogn with G *τεῖχος*, wall Cf *duff* *Doughboy*, US infantry soldier, is said to be a nickname from the shape of the buttons orig worn by the regular army suggesting the kind of biscuit called a *doughboy* in US and in 17 cent E

doughty AS *dyhtig*, altered to *dohhtig* by influence of *dohhte*, past of cogn *dugan*, to be fit, to avail, cf Ger *tuchtig*, doughty, *taugen*, to be fit Pronunc is abnormal and app affected by F *douté*, in its OF sense of redoubtable, dread, as epithet In 1371 the citizens of Berwick address Edward III as "nostre tres puissant et tres douté sire" See *doubt*

Le plus fort et le plus douté homme qui oncques fust ne jamais sera (*Livre du Chevalier de la Tour*)

Doukhobor. New sect Russ *dukhobor*, from *dukh*, spirit, *borot'sya* (reflex), to fight

doum, dom Palm Arab *daum*, *dūm*

dour [Sc] Opposite of *douce* F *dur* or L *durus*, but the vowel is exceptional

douse, dowse To strike (e.g. a *douse on the chops*), beat down, plunge in water, etc Of LG origin, cf. archaic Du *doesen*, "pulsare cum impetu et fragore" (Kil) With to *douse the glim* (naut) cf earlier to *douse topsails* In the former expression there is association with dial. *dout*, do out, with which cf *don*, *doff*

dove Com Teut, though not recorded in AS (see *culver*), cf Dū. *duf*, Ger *taube*, ON *dufa*, Goth *dūbo*; prob cogn with *dive*, from dipping flight (see *cushat*) With *dove-tail* cf F *queue d'aronde*, swallow's tail, similarly used

If you have writ your annals true, 'tis there That like an eagle in a dove cote, I Fluttered your Volscians in Coriol (Cor v 5)

dow See *dhow*

dowager OF *douagere*, from *douage*, dower (q.v.)

dowdy Orig a shabby woman, from ME *dowd* Origin unknown ? Cogn with *dudā*

Dido, a dowdy, Cleopatra, a gipsy (Rom & Jul ii 4)

dowel Headless peg for connecting pieces of wood or stone ? F *douille*, socket, L *ductile*, ? or related to synon Norw *Dan dyvel*, *dybel*, Ger *dbel*, app from same root as *dub*, to strike

The spokes and dowels [ar felys, *Vulg* modiol] of the wheels (Wyc i Kings, vii 33)

An importer of wooden-work, dowels, etc, appealed for exemption (*Lloyd's Weekly News*, Jan 21, 1917)

dower, dowry F *dotaire*, Late L *dotarium*, from L *dos*, *dot-*, dower, gift. Dowry represents AF. *douaire*, cf *history*, *glory* dowlas [archaic] -Coarse linen (1-Hen IV, iii 3), from *Daoulas* (Finistère) Cf *lochram down* Hill, esp. chalk-hills of south, hence roadstead facing the North Downs AS *dūn*, cf Du *dunn*, F *dune*, sand-hill Of Celt origin and found in very old place-names, e.g. *Dumbarton*, hill-fortress of the Britons, *Autun*, L *Augusti dunum*, etc, ult cogn with *town* Hence adv & prep *down*, for earlier *adown*, AS of *dūne*, off the hill Thus *downhill* means etym hill-hill To *down tools* is a good example of the L power of forming verbs from preps, cf to *out* (an opponent), to *up* (and speak), etc

The waiters immediately declared a strike and downed aprons (*Daily Chron* Mar 3, 1920)

down¹ [*prep & adv*] See **down**¹ With *down* east cf. *dejected* For fig sense of *downright* (13 cent) cf *upright* *straight-forward out and out*

down² Of birds ON *dunn* whence also Ger *daune* Downy artful is associated with this in *downy bird* but is from adv *down* in slang sense of being down on (a situation) practically the same as being up to (snuff)

dowse¹ See *douse*

dowse² To divine presence of water or minerals *Dowsing rod* is in Locke (1691) Said to have been introduced into Devon and Cornwall by Ger miners temp Eliza beth and app connected in some way with Ger *deute* to declare interpret also dial *dauten*

doxology Γ *doxologie* MedL G δόξα γλῶσσαι from δόξα glory

doxy [*archaic slang*] Beggars wench Prob from archaic Du *docks* doll OHG *toeka* of unknown origin See *doll*

doxy² Opinion Playful for *orthodoxy* etc Cf *-ology* 1311

Orthod y is my d ay and h t rology is y u doxy (J Q doxy Adam. 17 8)

doyen Senior (ambassador professor etc) Γ form of *doan*¹ (q v)

doyley See *doily*

doze Orig trans to stupefy (17 cent) Cf Dan *döse* to make dull Sw dial *dusa* to sleep Ger *dusel* doze LC *dōs* sleepiness? ult cogn with AS *dads* stupid The E word came from Scand

dozen OF *dozine* (*douaine*) from *douze* twelve VL *dodeca* for *duodecim* with suffix from I *-ena* as in *centena* etc

drab¹ Cokur Orig cloth then colour of undyed cloth earlier *drap-coloured drab colour* Γ *drap* cloth Late L *drappus* of unknown origin See *trappings* Sense of colourless persists in mod fig use

drab² Slut. Perh the same word as *drab*¹ Cf Sp Port *trapo* rag and Ger *lump* rogue orig rag Desoe (*Vern Cav* ch iv) uses rag in sense of wench following camp But analogy of *trapes* (q v) suggests possible connection with LG *daben* Ger *traben* to trot

drabble To trail esp in water or dirt. Hence sail called *drabber* LG *d abbein* to paddle in water

drachm Coin weight dram (solid or fluid) Γ *drachme* earlier *dra me* L G δραχμή orig handful from δρασσεσθαι to grasp

Draconic From *Draco* archon of Athens (621 B C) severe lawgiver

draff Dregs esp of malt ON *draf* offal cogn with Du *draf* Ger *traber* (orig pl) cf AS *drēfan* to make turbid Ger *trübe* turbid

draft Var of *draught* (q v) from which it is now differentiated in some spec senses

drag North m dial form of *drau* (q v) AS *dragan* or cogn ON *draga* In sen c of vehicle *dra* is a doublet of *dray* and was orig applied to a wheelless cart hauled by hand a sledge In the *drag hunt* a red herring (see *herring*) is gen used Frequent *drabble* has been affected in sense by *drabble* as in *a gle lost*

dragoman Γ MedL *dragumannu* Late G δραγουμανος Arab *tarjuman* from *tarjama* to interpret cf Chaldee *tarjān* (see *tarjama*) Numerous early forms and ars in E and other langs e.g obs Γ *tuchman* Γ *truchement* dro man OF *drusment* (12 cent) Brought early from Byzantium by Crusaders

dragon Γ L *draco* n G δραων δρακοντ To son *drakon* s teeth alludes to armed soldiers who sprang from dragon s teeth sown by Cadmus

dragonnade [*hist*] Γ intimidation of Protestants temp Louis XIV by quartering dragoons on them Cf to *dragoon* which is allusive to bullying of Sc Covenanters by the military

Les dragons ont été d tés bo m d aires
J sq del les prés te re qu'on on p é
sealer at tendront lo vrage parfait
(Vine d Sé l'ant O t 29 683)

dragoon Γ *dragon* from end of 16 cent for mounted infantry earlier called *corabins* or *arquebusiers a cheval* In early 18 cent soldiers are classed as horse foot or dragoons F *d agon* orig kind of musket cf *falconet culverin* etc

d agoo mu k teers in united wh serve some-
times a foot and some times a horseback
(311 Dtd 17083)

drain AS *drāhman* to strain a liquid cogn with *dry* Not found by NED between AS and 16 cent but it occurs in autnames e.g *John alle Drene* (Som rset 13 cent) *Simon Dransland* (Cambridge-shire 1213)

drake¹ [*archaic*] Dragon AS *draca* dragon from L (see *dracon*) Survives in *f s d ake* and as anglers name for species of ephemera used in fly fishing W Ger cf.

Du *draak*, Ger *drache*. Perh an early Church-word

drake² Bird First in 13 cent Cf Sw *anddrake*, Ger dial *draak*, for OHG *an-trahho* (*enterich*), from *anut*, duck, with doubtful second element, perh ident with ON *-reht*, ruler, as in *landreht*, king, cf Ger *gänserich*, gander

dram Popular form of *drachm* (q v) Sense of liquid measure, as in *dram of poison* (*Rom & Jul* v 1), is later

drama Late L, G *δράμα*, action, from *δρᾶν*, to do, act Cf theat sense of *act* Hence *dramalurge*, F, G *δραματογράφος*, from *ἔργειν*, to work, *dramatis personae*, L, characters of the play

drape Orig to weave cloth (see *drab*¹) Current sense first in Tennyson Cf *draper*, orig cloth weaver, F *drapier*

drastic G *δραστικός*, active, from *δρᾶν*, to act Cf *drama*

drat Earlier 'od rot, disguising *God rot*, cf *zounds* For change of vowel cf *Gad I slap my vitals*!

"What are they fear'd on? fools! 'od rot 'em!"

Were the last words of Higginbottom

(*Rejected Addresses*)

draught From *draw* in all senses, with specialized spelling *draft* in some For very wide range of meanings cf. those of F *trait*, from *traire*, or Ger *zug*, from *ziehen*, to draw, one of the two words which Mark Twain regarded as constituting the real Ger lang The game of *draughts* (F *dames*, whence Se *dams*) is from ME sense of move

Atte ches with me she gynn to pleye,

With hir false draughtes dyvers

She stal on me and took my fers [bishop]

(*Chaucer Blanche the Duchess*, 651)

Dravidian [*ling*] Group of ancient agglutinative langs in Southern India (Tamil, Telugu, Canarese, Malayalam) Name given by Bishop Caldwell (†1891) from Sanskrit *Drāvīda*, a geog term, perh etym ident. with Tamil

draw AS *dragan* Com Teut, cf OSax *dragan*, to carry, Ger *tragen*, to carry, ON *draga*, to draw, drag, Goth *gadragan*, to carry Ground-idea, to pull, covers all senses (cf *draught*, *draft*), a line being "drawn" by "drawing" a pencil across paper Cf endless meanings of F *trier*, to draw (whence *trior*, a drawer) To *draw* (out) a person is a metaphor from "drawing the badger" In *hanged*, *drawn*,

and *quartered*, *draw* has the sense of disembowel A *drawn* game is prob for *withdrawn*, the stakes being "withdrawn" in absence of decision; cf *drawing-room* for earlier *withdrawing-room* *Drawers*, garment, is described as thieves' slang in 16 cent With *drauback* (com) cf. *backwardation*.

My lord saluted me kindly and took me into the withdrawing room (Pepys, Dec. 21, 1663)

It was not so much for myself as for that vulgar child—

And I said, "A pint of double X, and please to draw it mild" (*Inglodsbv*)

drawcansir [*archaic*] Braggart, swashbuckler Character in Villiers' *Rehearsal* (1672), parodying *Almanzor*, Arab, the victorious, in Dryden's *Conquest of Granada* Cf *Bombastes*

drawer, drawing-room See *draw*

drawl Du *dialen*, cogn with *draw* Orig to lag, loiter, cf. F *traîner*, to lag, *coït traînant*, drawing voice

draelen cunctari, morari, cessare, tardare, trahere moram, neetere moram (Lil)

tra ner sa parole to speak draylingly, draw-latch like (Cotg)

dray Orig without wheels Cogn with *diag*, *draw* (q v) Cf Sw *drög*, sledge, dray

dread First as verb ME *dreden*, aphet for *adreden*, AS *adrædan*, which was formed by wrong separation of synon *ond-rædan*, of which second element is cogn with ON *hræða*, to be frightened, cf OHG *inratan* Thus the *d-* is artificial *Dreadnought* was used from c 1800 of thick material or garment (also *fearnought*) It is also an old naval ship-name, revived (1906) for all-big-gun battle-ship, first of its type The *Dread-naught* was a Queen's ship in 1596 (Purch) For adoption as name of type cf *monitor* (q v)

dream Com Teut, cf Du *droom*, Ger *traum*, ON *draum* Must have existed as **dræam* in AS, but the fact that there was another *dræam*, joy, music, seems to have led to its disuse, in favour of *swefn*, until ME period

Y seig a swefn [*later var. dream*]

(Wyc Gen xli 22)

dreary AS *dræorig*, dreary, bloody, from *dræor*, gore, shed blood, from *dræosan*, to drip Cf cogn and synon Ger *traurig* *Drean* (Milt) is a back-formation The orig figure was prob not from gore, but from "drooping" idea

dredge¹ To remove mud First in *drag-boat* (15 cent) Cf Du *drag* earher *dragge* harpago vericulum (Kd) cogn with *dra*

dredge² To sprinkle with flour earher with spice etc From obs *dreage* sweetmeat VL *dragie* F *dragie* ult like obs It *triggea* from G *triggyuara* (meat pl) sweet meats Also used like F *dragde* the coarse graine called bolymong (Cot.) of a mixture of cereals

Th Food Controller h made a dredge corn order (Mar F d No 21 937)

dree [archaic] To endure perform in to *free one's word* Ab d t g m cf ON t *veja* to perform Goth *drisan* to serve as soldier also AS *dryhtin* lord the Lord OHG *trihin* Surviving in Sc and north and revived as literary word by Scott Were it n t bet t ones to to dye Than are n ocs in language thus to dree? (Ch u Trist 41)

A young g. He man who h d spent h s but e o too fely t Oxford, and w n now dree g his m ard in the backwood (B ban Yoma s-land)

drag ON *drag* usu in pl dreibund [hist] Ger three bond alliance between Germany Austria Italy (1893) also called the *trip* s (It)

drench Orig to make to drink as still in vet practice AS *drencan* causal of drink cf Ger *brinchen* from *trinken* Common in ME in sense of *d own* (q v) e g the *d enching of Pharaoh*

And thei camen a d filliden both hit bocha, o th t th i w ren l oust d enchild (Wye. L k 7)

Dresden china Manufactured at Meissen (Saxony) and named from capital Hence *D is len shepherd s*

dress F *dresser* VL *d recharre* to make straight (cf t *dress the ark*) hence make ready put in order cf It *dressare* s ON p *deresta* All mod senses spring naturally from primitive e g a *d essing*, (down) is a setting to n hts cf *hair dresser* *up her-dre cer* As roun costume first in Shaks Food was orig dressed on the *dresser*

For t dress oare (set in to the way of pees (W c L 11 1-9))

dribble Frequent t obs d id com with *d up d op* Hence *d ible* small in tal ment etc

Lyk drunkard that dribbes (Sk Iron)

drift From *drice* (v) 119 what one is driving" at In fi h ng d *furp* (with a

net all wed to drive with the tide) is contrasted w th *traulin*

Tilly his drift wa to h ve k pt th k g s arm d Sa ons s d (hyde bam Pointe 16 4 36)

drill Tool Du *dril* cogn with L *to l* (q v) cf *nostril* Also D *dr len t* pierc Hence (1, cent) E *drill* to *drillen* to exercise soldiers usu explained as from the idea of moving them round but more prob from that of vexing torment ing (cf *bore*) See examples bel w Du *drilen* also means to drill (soldiers) t fool deride

d llen t drill thrill (Lu h w)

sch bu h m d m k l t t t t m

ery gl e t m t b

be d rill drill ex pl t poor

cou try p m p t b

drill¹ Furrow in which seed is sown From obs *d rill* rivulet rill cf obs *drill* t flow trickle earh r *trill* used of w nding course Corn Ger dial forms su rest It connection with drill² from idea of sinuous course percolation

drill² [m t] See drill¹

drill³ Falm Farber d l i a corrupt of Ger *d rill* k OHG *d rick* adaptation of L *trihix trihe* three thread from *trihium* thread Cf *rill* samit dim ty

drink AS *d r i n* Com Teut cf Du *drinck* n Ger *trinken* ON *drékka* Goth *d r i k h a n* The noun AS *a inc* would normally have g n southern *dri ch* (cf *a cack*) but has been influenced by the verb State of *drink* is in Shaks (11 d m 6) W th adj use of p p d *unk* earher *drunken* as still wh n used attrib (a *drunken man* fro e etc) cf Ger b *trunk n* *trunken* In each case the pas ve participle has acquired semi-act v meaning (cf *obe e*) *Dri rhard* (16 cent.) is perh Du d *onkaa* J

drop Scard form of AS *d r e p a n* wh nce dial *drop* cf Norw Dan *dryppe* Cogn with *drop* bat expressing a lighter movement cf Ger *t r i f e n*

drive AS *drifan* Com Teut cf Lu *driven* Ger *treiben* ON *d r i f a* Goth *d r i b a n* All senses, trans and intrans spring from ground idea of active movement Latest development is cen in to *dri e a* *rears g trade* (kn d bargain) ON *past drive* still in 11 and abs in i sed by Hood Noun *d o v e* when a *driver* is Ab *dr f* See also *drif*

To a level r ad der r s and t e

They dr d the whk m (f r n e t a m)

drivel Earlier *drevel*, AS *dreftian*, to slobber, hence to behave like chuld or idiot Ult cogn, but not ident, with *dribble*

drizzle Frequent of obs *drese*, AS *drēosan*, to fall in drops See *dreary*

drogher [naut] Du *drooger*, lit drier, earlier *drogher*, ship that caught and dried herring and mackerel Now only of Wind coasting cargo-boat Prob taken there by French, as Jal has *navire drogueur* (1525) much earlier than first E record (18 cent)

drogue [naut] Drag attached to harpoon or boat For *drug*, dial form of *drag*

droit [leg] F, right, law, L *directus*, straight, right Cf *fort*

Lord Phillimore said that droits of the Crown went to the Navy, and droits of the Admiralty to the Exchequer (*Westm Gaz Dec* 17, 1918)

droll F *drôle*, earlier (16 cent) *drolle*, amusing rascal Perh MHG *holle*, clown, ult ON *holl*, legendary giant

drome For *aerodrome* (see *hippodrome*)

They commandeered an aeroplane at an adjacent drome (*John Bull*, Aug 31, 1918)

dromedary F *dromadaire*, Late L *dromedarius* (se *camelus*), from G *δρομάς*, *δρομαδ-*, runner, from *δραμῆν*, to run

dromas a kinde of camelles with two bunches on the backe, marvellous swift, and may abyde three dayes journeying without drinke (Coop)

dromond [hist] OF *dromon*(t), swift ship, Late L, Byzantine G *δρόμων*, from *δρόμος*, racing (see *dromedary*) Very common in OF epic and hence in ME romance Obs from 1600, revived by Scott

drone Male of honey-bee, hence, idler AS *drān*, with LG cognates, whence Ger *drohne*, replacing HG *trene* (still in Saxony and Austria) Orig imit, of Laconian *θρῶναξ*, a drone As verb, and in *drone* of bagpipe, from buzz of insect

droop ON *drūpa*, cogn with *drop*

drop AS *dropa* and verb *dropian* Cf Du *drop*, Ger *tropfen*, ON *dropi*, cogn with *drip* Orig globule of liquid falling, then applied to other substances The very wide extension of senses is curious, nor is there any gen F or Ger equivalent to the verb

Lo! Jentiles as a drope of a boket [*Vulg quars stilla situle*], and 15 moment of a balauance ben holder (*Wyc Is* xl 15)

dropsy Aphet for ME *ydropsie*, OF *idropsie* (*hydropsie*), from G *ὑδρωψ*, dropsy, from *ἵδωρ*, water Wyc (*Lihe*, xiv 2) has *ydropsie*, later var *dropesie*

droshky Russ *drozhki*, dim. of *drogi*, wagon, pl of *droga*, shaft Hence also Ger *droseike*, cab, through Pol

dross AS *drōs*, *drōsna*, cf Du *droesem*; Ger, *drusen*, dregs, husks Ult cogn with *dreg*, drought AS *drūgoth*, dryness, from root of *drýge*, dry In ME also of thirst

drove, **drover**. See *drive* Persistence of *drover* for earlier *driver* is due to desire to differentiate from coachman, etc

drown AS *druncnian*, to be drunk, to get drowned, from pp of *drincan*; cf Ger *ertrunken* (intrans), *ertränken* (trans), to drown See *drink*, *drench* With vulgar *drownd* of educated *astound*, *sound*! In early use also of ships (v 1)

xx li to Peter Paule [an Italian diver] towards recovering of thordynance of the Mary Rose, drowned at Portsmouth

(*Privy Council Acts*, 1549)

drowsy From verb *drowse*, to be sleepy, sluggish Cf AS *drūstan*, to become sluggish, orig to fall, decline (see *dreary*). But, as there is no record between AS and 16 cent, it is likely that the E word was borrowed from cogn. obs Du *droosen*, "dormitare, dormiscere" (Kil)

drub Earliest records (17 cent) are from Eastern travellers and refer to *bastinado* Turk *durb*, from Arab *daraba*, to beat

drudge App connected with AS *drēogan*, to perform, endure (see *dree*), but first found in 15 cent

drug, **drugget** That these words belong together is shown by the fact that F. *c'est du droguet* (earlier also *c'est une drogue*) corresponds to E a *drug* in the market (formerly *drug* alone) *Drug*, F *drogue*, found in most Europ langs, is prob from Du *droog*, dry (cf. origin of *cunt* and *dried*), and *drugget*, F *droguet* (16 cent), may have been applied to material manufactured without moisture, or perh playful allusion to *droogh-doeck*, *droogh-klead*, dish-cloth (v 1 and cf *lorehon*) Earliest record in *NED* for *drug* is AF *drogges de spice* (1327), app dried spices Another theory is that F *drogue* represents Arab *hryāq*, from G., as *treacle* (q v), and a third connects it with Arab *drāwa*, chaff, refuse *droogh* torridus, aridus, siccus, exsiccus- (Fil). *droogh-doeck* sudarium, linteam (ib) *droogh-klead* linteam quo vasa terguntur (ib) *droogh-scherrei* [to dry-shear] tondere pannum, tondere pannum siccum panni villos laneos bene siccos tondere (ib) *droogherje*, *drooghe ware*, *droogt kruid* pharmacia.

aromata sui o drog qd arisa e i cant a Phar
mae ra lent corpus exicant & e i gu t
lumentu erò dī runt nihl (16)

Druid Earliest (16 cent) always in pl *L d mtae druides* {Caes} Cf OIr *drui* Gael *draoi* the source of *L* word Also Welsh *derwyddon* soothsayers from *deru* true cogn with *E true*

drum 1 rom 16 cent replacing in mil. sense earlier *taber naker* Rather earlier is obs *drumslade* corrupt of *Du l o n n. Islag* or *Cer trommelslag* drum beat Cf MHG *tumbe trumme* trumpet drum Of unlit origin In 18 cent a tea fight etc not unaptly styled a drum from the noise and emptiness of the entertainment (Smollett) In a *drum head court* *u r a l* the drum is used as extempore tabl for court *Drum pre* (nool) is for Ger *trommelfeuer* *Drum m r* commercial traveller (chiefly US) contains a reminiscence of the cheap-jack's drum as means of attracting customers cf to *dum up* scruts

Drummond light Limeblit Invented (c 1821) by Capt *Drummond*

drunk drunken See *drunk*

drupe [bot] Stone fruit *L drupa* (sc of *ca*) *C cypripa* over ripe olive

Druse Tribe and sect in region of Lebanon Arab *Durā* (pl) from founder *Ismail al-darazi* i.e. the tailor (11 cent) with whose name of *D r* see the tailor bled in the *Jungle Book*

druse [min] Cer *dru* cf Czech *drusa* But app of Ger ori in and ident with *dr se* gland tumour

dry AS *dryge* cf Du *droog* Ger *trocken* also ON *draugr* dry stamp *Dry humour* is etym a contraction in terms (see *his on*) *Dry up* is so-called from effect on palate *Dry* in sense of teet tal is US *Dry i ght* untinged by prejudice (Bacon) is derived from a doubtful passage in Heraclitus *Dry go f e* orig dealt with by *d y* (not liquid) *neasi* is now US for drapery etc. A *drysalter* dealt in drugs dyes etc. Liter pckles preserved meats etc. To *dry up* (slang) from the figure of a babbling fountain is US

W confid sure th Mr I l l i p J m e s B Bey wo 13
dry up (A cherbocker 31 x 1856)

dryad I G Δρ & Δρυα- from δρ δρ tree oak

Dryadust Titious antiquary to whom some of Scott's novels are dedicated

dual For *diad* C δ as δ ad sufficed by *L d o* Cf *monal*

dual *L duax* from *duo* tw > Esp as gram term and (hist) in the *Dual M narchy* Austro Hungary

duan Gael song canto Introduced in Macpherson's *Ossian* (1765)

dub Late AS *dubban* to dub (a knight) Cf I *aduber* It *adlobbare* ON *dubba* The chronological relation of these words has not been cleared up but *aduber* still means to strike tap in Walloon Pr b the origin is a Teut radical imit of a light blow (cf *dab* *db* and *dis* to poke thrust) Later senses of *dub* flow those of *aduber* to trim put in order etc Hence *dubb r e* (l b m) for preparing leather See also *adobe*

dubious *L dubiosus* from *dub* mi doubt from *d o*, t o cf Ger *z ifel* doubt from *zwei* two also AS *tuto* doubt cogn with *two*

dub up [slang] To pay fork out Archai *d b d up* to open from *do up* Cf *d ff don*

ducat F It *ducato* orig struck (1140) by Roger II of Sicily ruler of the *ducato* luciv of Apulia Later associated with Venice and the *doges*

duchess F *duchesse* Late *L duca* 1 (v 1)

duchy F *duché* *L ducatus* from *du d c* See *auk*

duck Bird AS *duce* dive from *d can* to duck *di e* cf Du *duken* Ger *tauchen* Com Teut name represented by AS *enot* (see *drak*) As term of end armement in Shaks (*D can* v 1) *Dicks and drakes* as game and fig is 16 cent *La n duck* defaulter is 18 cent With *duckling* double dim of *goshing* The ugly *duckling* which turned out to be a swan is from Huns Andersen For *Dumby* *du k* see *bummalo* and cf Welsh *rabbit*

Do y s k n w h t s bull and b u r d l a t
duck ? (H rac W l p 1)

duck* Verb See *duck**

duck* Lab c Du *doek* linen cogn with Ger *tauch* cloth Also in Scanl langs Ori gin unknown

duct *L ductus* from *ducere* *duct* to lead Cf *ductile* *L ductilis*

dud Garment Usu pl and no v slang in MF rough cloak etc Origin unknown

dud [s arg] Failure esp (mil) shell that

does not burst, from US sense of sham article, etc ? Du *dood*, dead

The Boches fire a lot of duds now

(*Lloyd's Weekly News*, April 29, 1917)

dude US slang c 1883 ? Ger dial *dude*, fool, cf hist of *fop*

dudeen [Ir] Short clay pipe Ir dim of *dud*, pipe Cf *caubeen*, *colleen*, etc

dudgeon¹ [archaic] Kind of wood used for knife-handles, etc Hence haft of dagger (*Macb* ii 1) Usu contemptuous, the wooden handle being contrasted with metal, ivory, etc Cf *dudgeon verse* (16 cent) for doggerel (q v) Nashe uses *dudgeon* repeatedly as contemptuous adj Earliest is AF *digeon*, but prevailing ME form is *dogeon* Prob from MedL *doga*, cask-stave (see *dochet*) Jamieson quotes *dugeon*, app in sense of cask-staves, for 1551, and connects it with Du *dung*, ident with *doga* *dagud* à *roëlles* a scottish dagger, or dudgeon haft dagger (Cotg)

dudgeon² Resentment In 16 cent always to take in *dudgeon*, also found as *endugine* Prob from It *aduggiare*, to overshadow, from *uggia*, shadow, of doubtful origin Cf to take *umbrage*

aduggiare obscurcir par son ombre; donner ombre, donner de l'enuie ou de la jalousie, estre en haine, ou estre odieux (Duez)

aduggioso ombrageux, jaloux, & odieux (ib)

due ME *dewe*, OF *deu* (*dā*), owed, VL **debitum* for *debitum*, from *debēre*, to owe Mod sense, as in the train is *due*, is evolved from *due time*, proper time (Chauc) To give the devil his *due* is in Shaks (1 *Hen IV*, 1 2)

duel F, It *duello*, L *duellum*, archaic form of *bellum*, from *duo*, two

duenna Sp *duenia*, mistress, governess, L *domina*

duet Earlier *duetto*, It, dim of *duo*, two.

duff Var of *dough* (q v)

duffadar Urdu, Pers *dafadār*, cavalry non-commissioned officer

duffel Fabric. From *Duffel* (Brabant)

And let it be of duffil gray (Wordsworth, *Alice Fell*).

duffer Sc *doufart*, from *douf*, deaf, stupid In some senses affected by *d'uff*, to fake up, cheat, etc, thieves' slang of unknown origin

dug [archaic] From 16 cent Origin obscure. ? Ult cogn with Sw *dägga*, Dan *dægge*, to suckle

dugong Cetaceous mamml. Mal *dūyung*.

which is *dugung* in Philippines. Adopted by Buffon as *dugon* (1765)

dug-out US for canoe hollowed from tree-trunk, underground dwelling Since 1914 for retired officer rejoining army

duke F, *duc*, L *dux*, *duc-*, leader For sense of spec rank cf Ger. *herzog*, "army leader," of which the Rom derivatives of *dux* are usu transls Thus accounts also for the (semi-learned) form, which, if the word had passed through the normal OF process, would have been *dois*, *doiv* (cf *croir* from *cruc-em*) The first E titular *duke* was the Black Prince, created Duke of Cornwall (1337), but the word was in much earlier use in gen sense In slang sense of fist, e g *put up your dukes*, it may be a different word The *Dukeries* (Notts) is for *Dukery* (1829)

A duk shal gon out that shal governe my peple of Yrael (Wyc *Matt* ii. 6)

dulcet Respelt, on It *dolcelto*, for ME *doucel*, F, dim of *doux*, sweet, L *dulcis*

dulcimer OF *doulcemer*, usu *doucemel*, for L *dulce melos*, sweet tune Orig a stanged instrument and wrongly used (*Dan* iii. 5, etc) for bagpipe

Dulcinea Don Quixote's idealized mistress Cf *Egeria*, *Beatrice*, etc

dull AS *dol*, foolish, cf Du *dol*, Ger. *loll*, mad See *dwell*

dulse Edible seaweed Ir & Gael. *dulseag*

? For *duille usge*, water leaf Cf *whisky*

duma Russ, orig thought, idea, from *dumat'*, to think, reflect Occurs in ORuss compds, e g *bojarskaja-duma*, council of boyars, i e nobles, *gorodskaja-duma*, town-council, from *gorod*, town (cf *Novogorod*, *Belgrade*, etc) The last *Duma*, first summoned 1906, suppressed 1917, is short for *gosudárstvennaya-duma*, imperial council Some authorities hold *duma* to be cogn with *doom*

dumb AS *dumb* Com Teut, cf Du *dom*, Ger *dumm* (OHG *tump*), stupid (cf E *dummy*, *dolt*), ON *dumbr*, Goth. *damps*, dumb, Ult cogn with *deaf*, with which it is oec synon in Teut, and perh. with G τυφλός, blind The orig *dumb-bell* was a rope apparatus, also used to teach bell ringers *Dumbfound* appears to be formed by analogy with *confound*

dum-dum [mul] From *Drumdum*, mul cantonment near Calcutta, formerly headquarters of Bengal artillery Hind. *dum-dama*, mound

dummy In various senses from *dumb*
Dummy *whist* is as old as Swift

dump¹ Use the *dump*s Cf *Da dump* haze
 etc Ger *dumpf* oppressive gloomy cogn
 with *damp*

For With rington needs must I w II

As on in dol f d mps

To when his legs w re smitten II

H fought pon the stumps (*Chaucer* c 1600)

dump ME *domp* to fall heavily (cf *thump*)

In mod use (chiefly US) to thro down

hence *dump* refuse heap and verb to

dump unload commodities on another

nation (neol) It re belongs prob also

du ip used of various small or *dump*s

objects (cf *dab* of paint *pal* of butter)

Dumpling orig from Norfolk is a double

dim

The Anti Dumping Bill is in print and the second

read g w II probably be taken at 21 week

(O.E. D.V. 3 1919)

dumpling See *dump*²

du¹ Colour AS *duun* from Celt cf Gael

Ir *don* Welsh *dwn*

du² To demand payment First in Bacon

(c 1626) who quotes from a plain old

man at Buxton that soll becomes Origin

unknown Quot 1 from a letter (c 1488)

dealing app with extort onate demands in

connection with subsidies, suggests that it

may have been a stock name of the *John*

Dw Richard Rot Tommy Atkins type

² cf *darbies*

I must pr y you for th re versns of Jern to h ip

hym for yo r ten tes and turn or I John Dyn

will wver cowl th m (*P. son Let B* 33)

To d n, word lat ly t ken p by f n d

tug nes to detand rivestly or pre a man to

pay for commod ties f ken up on trust, or other

d bt (Wls 1)

dunce Earl et *dunstan* From *John Duns*

Scotus (tc 1308) the Doctor Subtilis whose

disciples were regarded by the Renaissance

humanists and reformers as opponents of

the new learning and enlightenment He

is supposed to have been born at *Dun* in

Berwickshire

The old b kring curer, Dunces dnc ples d l ka

d flo alled Scot ts th ch dre d l knew

(Foud)

dunderhead Cf *So duncered* stupefied But

hist of *Elmerbuss* (1 v) suggests possible

association with *blinde*

Dundreary whiskers Long flowing side-

whiskers (Procd Ly weepers) as worn by

Lo d Du early in Tom Taylor's *O*

American Consul (1858)

dune F *Da duin* earlier *dune* See *d* c 1

Dunelm Signature of Bishop of Durham

MedL *Di nelmensis* from *Direlm* or *Dan*

ahn earlier forms of Durham

dung AS *d n g* cf Ger *dun* Sw *dynga*

Norw *d i ja* dun heap Thought to be

cogn with ON *dyngia* underground

dwelling ² orig vint r lair of the old

Tentans covered with dung for heating

purposes

dungaree Fabric Hind *d ingri* coarse

calico

dungeon donjon F *d yon* Late L *d*

minion Orig central tower keep of

castle vaults under which were used

prisons In OI also *danyon* (cf *d i ger*)

² whence the *Dane John* at Canterbury

(see *Dane*)

dunswassal [hist] Highland gentleman f

secondary rank Gael *d i ne man u sal*

noble In *Bonn s Di nter*

dunlin Bird From *dun*¹

Dunmow Rutch Feward for harmonious

married life Established (r 44) at *Dun*

more (Ess) by Robert Fitzwalter

dunnage [na t] Matting bru hwood etc

used in packing cargo Fig sailors kit

Earlier also *dinna* r the uncertainty of

the vowel making conjectures u less

ccc t dmdch bordarum pro all ita lome et

dennat d u na t (11)

xx i hreg h r r he w s fied l ved low

f John M II r aver for dca ge u dot the ordare

ladyn in h re (be) 1 Lyn

(N 1000 175-9)

duncock [d i t] Hedge-sparrow From *dun*

with *dun* suffix -ock Cf dial *rudfock*

red breast

dunstable [archaic] Plain straightforward

etc. Orig allusion to road to *Dunstable*

(Edgware Road) part of Watling Street

famous f r straight and even character

Th is the pt in *dunstable* f the m tier Mls

(Care Ha low 1

duo It lust L *duo* two Cf *i o*

duodecimo For L *in duodecim* (folded) in

twelve cf *qua to folio* etc

duodenum [du d] Intestine So called by

medieval anatomists because twelve (*Ja*

deni) inches long

duologue From L *duo* two after *mono*

logos

duomo It cathedral See *me*

dupe F ment with *dupe* dial form of

h ppe the hoopoe L *upus* regarded a

stupid bird. First in thieves argot (1417)

OIG *g tuelan* to be torpid Sense development of *lar* is somewhat similar

Wba u thel turnedes æ n th hld dwelt in J ru l m (Wye L 4s II 43)

dwindle From earlier (now Sc) *dæine* AS *dūnan* to waste away cf Du *terdwijnen* to vani h ON *d fna* First in Shaks (*1 Hen IV* III 3)

dwt Hybrid abbrev *d* for L *denarius* ut for weight Cf *cwt* and see L s d

dyad Correct form of *duad* (q v)

dyarchy Double government From G *dyo* two Cf *monachy* Earlier is *diachy* from G *di* twice

dye AS *dæg* (noun) *dægian* (verb) of unknown origin Mod spelling *dye* (*dye* in Johns) is for convenience With fig uses e.g. *double dyed villain of the blackest* (*deapest*) *dye* cf *engrained*

dyke See *dike*

dynamic F *dynamique* perh coined by Leibnitz G *dynamikos* from *dynamis* power

dynamite Coined (1867) by Alfred Nobel Sw inventor (vs)

dynamo Shortened (1882) from *dynamo electric machine* (Siemens 1867)

dynasty F *dynastie* Late L G *δυναστεία* lordship from *δυναστος* prince from *δυνασ* to be powerful (vs)

dysentery OF L G *δυσεντερία* from *δσ* *εντερ* sck in the bowels from *δσ* pejorative and *ντ* pa bowel Cf *enteric dyspepsia* L G *δυσπεψία* indigestion from *νεντρος* cooked digested (vs)

e- L for *ex* out of

each AS *ēac* for *ā gēlic* ever like See *ay* and cf Ger *jedlich* MHG *ī gēlich* of similar formation The *i* lost in E as in which survives in Sc *ih* (cf Du *ih*) Earlier eqvivalent to *every* (q v)

Fbr us cl pen sch w ter a see (W y)

eager F *gre sour* L *acer* acr sharp keen cogn with *acid* Cf *ī ī eg r* Frons sart u es a *re cherachee* for keen warrior It is a nipping d eag r (*H w l i*)

eagle F *aigle* L *aquila* orig black eagle from *aquilus* dark whence also *aquil* the north wind (darkening the sky) Replaced AS *earn* whence poet *erno* (q v)

eagre Tidal wave esp on Humber Severn (see John Hal fax ch iv) Recorded as MedL *āgra* c 1125 and then not till

c 1600 AS *ē gor* flood tide suits the sense but the *g* would have given *y* ON *ē gar* water bor r has been suggested (cf *auger*) If th is right bore² may belong to *bore*

ean See *yeen*

ear Organ of hearing. AS *ea* e W Aryan cf Du *oor* Ger *oh* ON *ara* Goth *aus* L *auris* G o e OIr *ó* To set by the ears is from fighting of animals (cf F *un chien hargn iv a for jours l oreill déchirée*) To ear ma h was orig used of sheep and cattle but fig sense dates from 16 c nt Within (out of) *earshot* is formed on *pistol shot* etc

It took s jou [] to my h de

For allyed ut at (th t) oo e

That in that ther h d d le (w t aub)

(Rm f R 35)

ear Of corn AS *ear* Com Teut of Du *ar* Ger *ähre* (orig pl) ON *ar* Goth *ah* From an Aryan root *ak* pointed as in L *acus* needle

ear To plough Obs but occurs several times in ft and Shaks AS *eria* W Aryan cf ODu *eria* OHG *erian* ON *eris* Goth *arim* L *arar* G *apo v* Ir *ar* in Com 17th th and L *arum*

The o e l k w o d th ; ang sees th t th ground (l v v)

earring [naut] Small rope fast ning corner of sail to yard Prob for *earring* its earlier spelling Cotg gi es it s v *colier* lit necklace

earl AS *eo l* nobleman warnor later spec sense under Cnut being due to association with cogn *jael* (q v) After Conquest adopted as equivalent to *count* See also *alle man*

early AS *ē lice* (adv) See *e* and *like* ly Norm *Dun earle* has also become an adj The trans tion is via such phrases as *early riser*

earn AS *earnian* cf OHG *a non* to earn Ger *e nle* harvest

earnest Serious AS *earnost* earnestness fierceness of obs Du *ernst* OHG *e nust* (ernst) The adj is evolved from the noun which survives only in *ne rust*

earnest Pledge orig small payment to ratify bargain ME *ernes* alt red by natural association with *e est* the two words being often quibbled on (vs) *Eres* is a corrupt of *a les e les* still in dual use a dim formation from F *arrhes* L *arra* an earnest penny earnest

money" (Coop), cogn with G *ἀρραβών*, of Heb origin

Now your jest is earnest
Upon what bargain do you give it me?

(Com of Errors, II 2)

argentum Dei God's penny, earnest money In Lincolnshire called "erles," or "arles" (Blount, *Law Dict*)

earth AS *eorthe* Com Teut, cf Du *aarde*, Gei *erde*, ON *jörð*, Goth *airtha*, & ult cogn with L *arvum* What on earth? what earthly use? are app so mod that they may be euph substitutions for stronger expressions Cf *what in the world?* To run to earth is from fox-hunting

After a cross Channel flight one notes a marked difference between the French and British earth-scapes (*In Airman's Outings*)

earwig AS *earwiga*, ear beetle, from the widespread belief that it creeps into the ear Cf synon Ger *ohrwurm*, F *peee-orille*, "the worme, or insect called an earwig" (Cotg)

ease F *aïse*, back-formation from *aisance*, comfortable circumstances, in OF convenience of situation, L *adjacentia*, neut. pl of *adjacens*, lying near A trace of the origin survives in *casement*, used in Sc of conveniences about a house, such as sheds, farm-buildings, etc, and corresponding to ModL *adjacentiae* in same sense, cf also *chapel of ease*.

easel Du *ezel*, ass, Ger *esel*, L *asinus* For change of consonant cf *kettle* For other Du art-words cf *landscape*, *sketch*, *lay-figure* For sense cf F *chevalet*, casel, lit little horse

east AS *ēaste* (noun), as adj *ēast-*, only in compds, e g *ēast-seaxe*, East Saxons, Essex Aryan, cf Du *oost*, Ger *osten*, ON *austri*, L *aurora* (for **ausōsa*), Sanskrit *ushas*, dawn. Adopted, with the other cardinal points, as naut term by the Rom langs, e g F *est* Near (*far*) East, Eastern question are late 19 cent

Easter AS *Ēastre*, usu in pl *Ēaston* (cf Ger *Ostern*), heathen festival at the vernal equinox in April (q v) in honour of Teut goddess of dawn (see *east*) As this coincided more or less with the Christian Paschal festival, the name was adopted as its WGer transl after the conversion Forms of *pascha* are found in LG and in Goth *paska* Wyc always uses *Pasche*, Tynd *Easter* Easter-eggs, a mod revival from Ger (cf *Christmas-tree*), were in ME *pace*-eggs, still in dial

Easterling [*hist*] Native of Eastern Germany, Baltic coast, a region known collectively as *Eastland*, also erron used by early antiquaries for *sterling* (q v) From obs adj *easter*, after Du *ooster*, *oosteling* easy. See *ease* Easy-going was orig used of horses

eat AS *etan* Aryan; cf Du *eten*, Ger *essen*, ON *eta*, Goth *itan*, L *edere*, G *ēd-*, Welsh *ysu*, to devour, OIr *ithe*, devouring, Sanskrit *ādun*, eating See *fiel*¹, tooth To eat one's terms (*dinners*) is colloq for to keep terms at one of the Inns of Court

eaves AS *efes*, cf ON *ups*, dial Ger *obsen*, church porch, prob cogn with *over* Orig sing (cf *alms*) Hence *eavesdrop*, for earlier *eavesdrup*, AS *yfesdrype*, space round house liable to receive roof-water, hence used of listening at doors or windows

Juratores dicunt quod Henricus Rowley est communis evys-dropper et vagator in noctibus (Nolting) *am Bar Rec*, 1487)

ebb AS *ebba*, cf Du *eb*, *ebbe*, Ger *ebbe* (from LG), prob cogn with Goth *ibuks*, backward Fig esp in low(est) ebb.

Ebenezer Nonconformist chapel Heb *eben ha ēzer*, the stone of help (1 Sam vii 12) Cf *Bethel*

Eblis. Arab *iblis*, chief of spirits expelled from Paradise See Beckford's *Vathek* - ebon, ebony L *hebenus*, *ebenus*, G *ēberos*, prob from Heb. *hobnīm* (Ezek xxvii 15), cf F *ébène*, Ger *ebenholz* The formation of the E words is not clear Hence *ebonite*, trade-name for vulcanite

Ebor Signature of archbp of York, Late L *Eboracum*, AS *Eoforwic*

ebriety F *ébruité*, L *ebrietas*, from *ebrius*, drunk

ebullition L *ebullitio-n-*, from *ebullire*, to boil out Now usu fig

écarté F, pp of *écarter*, to discard, put aside, because player may discard certain cards, VL **equartare*, to divide into four. Though associated with *card*, it is not etym connected with it See *discard*

Ecce Homo Picture of Christ wearing crown of thorns L, behold the man (John, vii 5)

eccentric Orig *math*, opposed to *concentric* From G *ἐκκεντρος*, out of centre See *centric* For sense-hist cf *delirium*

ecclesiastic. F *ecclésiastique*, L, G *ἐκκλησιαστικός*, from *ἐκκλησία*, church, orig assembly of Athenians, from *ἐκκαλεῖν*, to call out The LXX used *ἐκκλησιαστής* to

render Heb *qohaleth* one who addresses an assembly (Solomon) The *Ecclesiastical* Cor mission dates from 1836

echelon [mil] F *échelon* rung of ladder dim of *échelle* ladder OF *eschē* le L *scala* This is the usual explanation but there is an archaic F *échelle* body of troops OF *eschēle* *eschē* e OHG *scdr* (*schur*) band cogn with *share*

echinus Sea urchin L G *ἐχίνος* hedge hog Cogn with AS *ī* Ger *igel* hed_ec hog

echo L G *ἠχώ* personified as nymph from *ἠχῆ* sound

éclair F flash from *déclarer* to light up (v1) app from the lightness of the confectionary Cf *col-au vent*

éclaircissement F from *déclarer* to clear up OF *esclares* from L *clarus* clear re presenting *VL* *exlarescere* Very common in 18 cent E

éclat F from *déclarer* to burst out perh from a *VL* *exclappative* from the unit *clap*

eclectic G *ἐκλεκτικός* selective from *λέγω* to pick out

eclipse F *éclipse* L *ἐκλείψω* from *λείπω* to fail In Chaucer and *Piers Ploum* Hence *eclipse* apparent orbit of sun so called because eclipses can only occur when moon is near this line That is ke of [Gurnik] d at which has eclipsed the galaxy of ion. (J has)

eclogue L G *ἐκλογή* from *λέγω* to select Spenser's spelling *aecl* g1e (*Shepherd's Calendar*) is due to a mistaken etym from *ae* *ly* goat as though *g* at herd's song

ecod See *egid*

economy L G *οικονομία* house management oldest sense in E from *oikos* house *νέμω* to manage rendered in Church L by *dispensa* o *Polit cal economy* (18 cent) translates F *écon mie pol i q e*

écor F unbleached OF *escure* from L *ex* and *crudus* raw

ecstasy ME *extase* OF *extasis* (*extase*) MedL C *εκστασις* from *ἐκ* out of *ιστασις* to put esp In *ἐκστασις φρενός* to drive out of wit Cf to be beside oneself

The we en f l lid with wounding and extasis (WY Act bl)

ecto From G *ἐκτος* outside

ecumenical See *ecumenical*

eczema G *ἐκμα* from *ἐκ* out *ζω* to

boil

edacious From L *edax* *edac* voracious A favourite word of Carlyle

Edda Ancient Icel poems Younger or prose *Edda* compiled (c 1230) partly by Snorre Sturluson Elder or poetic *Edda* (c 1200) *Edd* is the name of the great grandmother in one of the ON poems but can hardly be the ori in of the word which appears to be connected with ON *thrund* poetry

eddish [dial] Aftergrowth of grass stubble Also *erri h* a risk AS *etisc* park pasture For variant n of consonant cf *pa h paddock* C1 evenon dial *ed ox* AS *ed rowu* and so *eddi*

eddy ME *edy* cf ON *itha* whirlpool Prob cogn with obs prefix *et* again backwards (cf OHG *i* ON *ith* (oth d) and ult with I *sterum*)

edelweiss Ger noble white

Eden Heb *eden* pleasure deh ht

edentata [b of] Order of mammals without front teeth From L *edentia* e to emote teeth

edge AS *ec* Com Teut cf Du *es* Ge *cke* corner ON *egg* cogn with L *aies* G *ἐκς* point Oltest *enar* edge of sword *Vol to put too fine an ed e (point) on it* to express oneself bluntly With to set teeth on ed e cf Ol *ascer* (now replaced by *acer*) VL *d a s* e *bee e* *Ed ed* tools is *1 e* at fig 16 ent in to *ed e* in (off at h) it is sometimes for *hed e* (q v)

agacer to edge urg pro ok ger *z* *as* perat also *i* seth teeth on edge (Cotg)

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edifice F *édifice* L *aedificium* from *aedes* building (cf *aedile*) Cf *tfi* F *édifier* L *aedificare* to build For fig sense cf *struct*

edition F *édition* L *ditio* -n from *ter* to give out from *er* and *ditio* *Ed it* a back formation from *ed har*

educate From L *educare* cogn with *ducere* to lead out hence *educ* *duct* on to

edulcorate From Late L *i ora s* from *dis* *cor* sweetness

-ee Prop from F pp ending -*e* L -*atu* as in *deban-tee* *refugee* *pas commitee* (j v) Hence extended to *ba gae devotee* *di tee* etc. *Ch nee* *Pecture* *marquet* etc.

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egret Lesser white heron *F. egrette* dim from Ollg *heigr* heron See *egrette* heron

Egyptian In various Bibl allusions e.g. *bond of darkness* (Ex x 22) *spoils* (xii 36) *fi sh pots* (xvi 3) also *corn in Egypt* (Gen xli 1) See also *gypsy* *dismal*

eh MF ey cl *F. ek* Ger *ei* Natural exclamation

eider-down Oñ *aihter dunn* in which first element is gen of *aihter* eider-luck Hence by wrong separation *eider* and *eider duck* cl Sw *ejderdun* Norw *ederdun* whence *L. edelion* See *doun*

eidolon Spectre *G. εἰδωλον* See *idol*

eight AS *eahla* Arvan cl *D. Ger acht* Oñ *illa* Goth *ahiti* *L. octo* *G. ok* OIr *ocht* Sanskrit *astaka* Orig a dual *Piece of eight* (*Treasure Island*) translates Sp *pieza de ocho* (8c reals) *Eight d vs* week became common in the Great War owing to lit transl of *huit jours* in *F. despatches*

eikon See *icon*

eiropenon Offer of peace Neut of *G. εἶρη* is from *ιρηνη* peace

eisteddfod (clustering of Welsh bands) From *W. lsh eistedd* to sit

either Orig adj each of two both AS *ēther* for *ē hwaether* from *i ge hwaether* for which *ee av v whether* Cf MHG *gehweder* OHG *e g uedar* now replaced by *j dueder*

O lth is or anijes in Hemdt
(Joh xix 3)

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eke To augment Usu with *out* Has replacement (under influence of obs noun *eke* addition) MF *erke* AS *ē an*, Com Teut cf OSax *ē an* Ollc *ouhhan* Oñ *aiht* Goth *auhan* cogn with *L. augere* C. u sure to increase *Tio* adv *eke* AS *ēac*

(cf *Du oek Ger aich*) was perh orig an imperati e add

D. lht I m w o thy w o to such
A don th so fool's that h w r w ooh
With sorrow (Ch n F i i 7 4)

elaborate From *L. laborare* to work out from *es* and *laborare*

elaeo From *G. ελαιον* oil

elan *F. elance* from *elans* from *elancer* to launch out. See *laurch*

eland S Afr antelope *Du elk* Ger *elend* (now *elenter*) O Lithuan *elk n* c gn with *G. ill* *v. laur* Welsh *elam* hind lawn and ult with *elk* The elk is still found in East Prussia Earlier *F* forms from Ger or from *F. elin* are *ellan* *ell n* applied to the elk proper Some of its folk lore attributes are due to mistaken association with Ger *elend* wretched

la elan wild b st *elk d* (Coiz)

U w th lk most fearful n la hlk
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beast (ib)

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They called 15 elders of him th t h f receaved his sight (Co m d. Joh i 15)

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v) ON *alfr* See also *oaf* Now equiva-
lent to fairy but orig rather used of
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in names e.g. Alfred Albern Alnberon
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Wieland's transl (1764) of *Midsummer*
Night's Dream Elfin first in Spenser's
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elvene land (cf hist of *faery*) *Elf* locks are
tangles caused by fairies esp Queen Mab
cf synon Norw Dan *myrlok* v ith first
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Th th t very M b

Th t pl is the manes of h rses in th night
A d bakes th elf locks n fo l l h hairs
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(*Rom* L Jul 4)

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Elgin marbles From Parthenon at Athens
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Hence *elision* Cf *collide*

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elixir MedL Arab *alshir* from Late G
ἐξήκω drying powder for wounds from
ἐξω dry Used in ME both of philo-
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Th philosophes stoan

Elxer clept, w sech a l t echon
(Ch G 262)

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ment of final *h* our lan_g of ven being
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Now only in fig allusions to the
in *h* and the *ell*

ell pse. Back formation from *elipse* pl of
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to come short from λ π ν to leave
In comic sections the inclination of the
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Elmo In *Saint Elmo's fire* corpusant It.
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cf Ger *Helenenfeuer* The saint whether
Elmo or *Helen* is prob as apocryphal as
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λαμπη torch

elocution L *elocutio* n from *loqui* to
speak out Orig used of literary style in
gen

éloge F praise esp academy speech L
elogium G *eloy* v m sense of elegia
inscription on tomb

Elohist Author of those parts of the Hexa-
teuch which are characterized by the use
of *Elohim* (Heb pl) gods instead of
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elo(g)n [lag] To remove F *loigner* from
élo L *ex* and *loin* distant L *lon* e cf
purlain *Elongate* from Late L *elonga* e
had form rly the same sense

do g t to m i s t d f o r long
(Blo nt)

elope AF *aloper* app from ME & dial
lope *loup* (q v) to run ON *hlaupa* cogn
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else AS *eltes* (adv) otherwise geniti e of
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- elytron [biol] Wing case G ἑλτρον, sheath, from ἑλέω, to roll round.
- elzevir Prop *elzevier*, name of famous family of Du printers (1592-1680) Cf *aldine*
- 'em Unstressed form of ME *hem*, AS *him*, dat pl of pers pron, 3rd pers, which supplanted acc *hīc*, and was itself early superseded by *them* (q v) No longer literary, but regularly used by the late Dr Furnivall
- em- F, assimilation of *en-* to following labial Cf L *im-*, *in-*
- emaciate From L *emaciare*, from *macies*, leanness
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- emasculate From L *emasculare*, to castrate, from *ex* and *masculus*, male
- embalm Altered spelling of ME *embaume* (Chauc), from *baume*, balm
- embargo Sp, from *embargar*, to impede, restrain (esp ship or goods from leaving port), VL **imbarricare* Cf *bar*, *embarrass*
- embark F *embaiquer*, cf It *imbicare*, Sp *embarcar*, see *bark*² Orig trans, to put on board Fig sense, e.g. to *embark on an enterprise*, appears early, cf to *launch a scheme*, *float a company*, etc
- embarrass F *embarasser*, It *imbarazzare* or Sp *embarazar*, to put within "bars"
- embassy Earlier also *ambassy* See *ambassador*
- embattled See *battlement* Confused also with archaic *embattle*, to prepare for battle, OF *embatailler*
- embay [naul] To detain within a bay² (q v)
- embellish F *embellir*, *embelliss-*, from *en*, and *bel* (beau), L *bellus* Cf, for formation, F *enrichir*
- ember Usu pl ME *emer*, *aymer*, with intrusive *-b-*, AS *āmerge*, *āmerȳe*, cf OHG *eimuria*, ON *eimyrja* First element is

- cogn with ON *emr*, steam, vapour, and second with Norw *mbrje*, mass of glowing ashes, cf Norw *ildmōrje*, embers, of which first element is cogn with *ann-eal* (q.v.)
- ember-day. Usu pl AS *ymbren-dæg*, *ymbren-dæg*, from *ymb-ryne*, revolution, from *ymb* around, from prep *ymb* (cf Ger *um*), *ryn* running, cf ON *imbrudagar* (from AS whence Norw *imbriedage*, last week of Advent. Fixed by Council of Placent (1095) for Wed Fri Sat following First Sunday in Lent, Whitsunday, Holy Cross Day (Sep 14), St Lucia's Day (Dec 13). But synon Ger *quatember*, MedL *quatuor tempora*, suggests possible influence of *foliety m* in E word also, and, as a fast, has prob been associated with *ember*¹
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- ember-geese Also *imber* Norw *imbr*, probably because usu appearing on the coast during the Advent ember-days (v s), cf. its G name *Adventsvogel*
- embezzle AF *enbesiler*, to damage, was steal, from OF *besillier*, from *besil*, treatment *Bezzle* was formerly used same sense In 16-18 cents often associated in form and sense with *imbecile* and used for weaken, impair OF *besil* is of unknown origin. It may be ident with *bezel* (q v), with idea of slicing pieces off cf F *écorner* (knock the corners off) *fortune* (*ses revenus*)
- He hath embeazld his estate (Burton)
- embezzle* this word seems corrupted by an ignorant pronunciation from *imbecil* (Johns)
- emblem F *emblème*, L, G *ἔμβλημα*, mla work, from *ἐμβάλλειν*, to throw in B fig sense is oldest in E
- emblem* is properly any fine work cunningly in wood or other substance, as we see in chessboards and tables, notwithstanding it is commonly taken for a sweet moral symbol, consisting in picture and words, by which some weighty matter is declared (Blount)
- emblemment [leg]. Profit of sown land O *emblaement*, from *emblaer* (*emblaer*), sow with corn, blé, MedL *bladum* T latter is perh L *ablatum*, what is carried off, cf Ger *getreide*, corn, MHG *getrege*, what is carried (*tragen*) But it may be Celt (cf Welsh *blawd*, flour)
- embody Hybrid, from F *en* and E *body* coined (16 cent) to render L *incorporare* Cf *embolden*, replacing earlier *enhardy*, *enhardir*

enchorial Inigenous From G *ἐγκύριος* from *ἐν* an i *κύριος* country Formerly used for *demotic* (qv) after *ἐγκύρια γραμματα* (on I osetta stone)

enclave Territory surrounded by foreign territory Common in mod use in ref to Afr coast colonies *Γ* from *enclaver* to hut in Late L *enclavare* from *clavis* key

e close a met or or falock g any entry into or within other thing a ly g on a thin a o t or also a march, bound, or limit of t m e y or i n d e t on a precinct or liberty (Cotg)

enclitic [gram] L G *ἐνcliticus* from *ἐν* and *κλί* to lean because an *enclitic* word leans its accent on the preceding word See *enclit*

enclose *Γ* *enclorre* *enclos* VL *enclaudere* for *incluere* See *close*

encomium L C *ἐγκύμιον* (sc. *προς*) eulogy (of victor in Bacchic festival) from *ἐν* and *κύμιος* revelry See *enimie*

encore *Γ* ? L *ἐνcora* ad *horam* cf *It. ancora* Its E use is typical of our treatment of foreign words I & It both use *bis* Me Froth ended out ancor ~ (Addison)

encounter Archaic *Γ* *en ontre* Late I *en ontrare* from *en* and *contra* cf *It. in ontrare* Sp *en ontra*

enclivus [grof] To-sd "stone lly Coined (179) by Harenberg from C *ἐν* and *κλίω* lly

encroach OF *erroccher* to hook in from *croc* hook See *erach* Now usu with *on* but trans in ME Or possibl from the much commoner F *a cacher* with prefix change as in *inveit* It seems to have been esp. used of fencing in land not necessarily to the prejudice of others *En'rouchement* and *emprote* *enl* occur differently in this sense in *Survey of Vsa* or of *Pennsylvania* (150)

Th' mighty men accroach ever upon the poor *myghtow* i les p *ua* a *accroach* i to-synars i r lears *pooves* *vo* lo (Pal g)

encumber See *embar* With *without* *en cumbran* e (children) cf earlier use in ref to younger sons who from the point of view of the heir were *encombrances* on the estate

encyclical From Late L *encyclicus* for *encyclis* G *ἐνκύκλιος* from *ἐν* an i *κύκλι* circ Cf *encycl* (letter) Now only of Papal epistles.

encyclopaedia Late L pseudo-G *ἐνκυκλοπαιδεία*, for *ἐνκυκλιος* *παιδεία* all round

education See *encycl cal* *peda* *ogue* Esp the *Γ* *Encycl* *pedis* edited by Diderot (151-65)

end AS *ende* Com Teut cf Du *einde* Ger *ent* ON *ender* *ende* Goth *ande* cogn with Sanskrit *anta* edge L *ante* *bel* re C *adtra* With sense of small piece as still in odd *and* *end* *nav-end* cf *Use of bout* *end* eg *bout de p elle* piece of string With to *make ends* *n et* cf F *joindre les deux bouts* (de l'an) At a loose end is part of an unattached rope To *keep one's ends* *pr* is from *en* *ket*

endeavour From *Γ* *pyra* *se* *n* *tie* *en* *devoir* to set to work make it one's duty *Devoir* is L *debere* to owe

I ab lip t me in d vert (ul illy o r nt nt

(Ff mpton Lst 437-8)

I b e end a n red (Rab j m us en d'our nu) to moderate his t n nical chal r

(Urquh t Rabi u)

endemic From C *ἐν* in *δῆμος* people Cf

epidemic

endive F Late L *nydia* from L *nyctis*

inidius cf *It* Sp *enluis* Prob of East

ern origin

endo G *ēdō* within

endorse Altered from earlier *end* *se* *Γ* *a*

d *sser* from *en* and *dos* back VL *dossum*

for *dum*

He n mo on ry tre I will endorse

(Spe ver Col u Clout)

endow OF *endouir* from *en* and *douer* L

dolo *se* from *do* *dol* *dower* Later senses

influenced by *end* *u* (q v)

endue *Γ* *end* *e* L *indice* in which

sense of cover invest is due to influence

of L *induo* to clothe cf G *ēdō* *ev* to

put on Quite confused with *enfour*

adare *n* *t* *indued* with a ye gif *en* that h th

no *dower* (Coop)

With all my world goods I thee endow

(13 arrag Sere c)

E d e him plentifully with h only p lta

(Pretor f r the King's M 1 str)

endure *Γ* *e d* *er* L *idn* *are* from *durus*

hard See *d*

enema [med] Injection G *repa* from

ἐν *en* to send in L *u* mispronounced

enemy *Γ* *enemi* L *amicus* from *n*

neo and *amicus* friend Has supplanted

exc poet native for *How goes the enemy?*

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Wee commente sa of a p oigall man that bee

i no m n l o b t his owne (John King 124)

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This great commonwealth of nations known as the British Empire

(D. Lloyd George, in H. of C., July 3, 1910)

empiric L, G *ἐμπειρικός*, experienced, from *ἐν* and *πειρά*, trial, experiment Prop physician working from experience, as opposed to dogmatist, hence, quack

emplacement F, site, from *en* and *placer*, to put

employ F *employer*, L *implicare*, from *in* and *plicare*, to fold, bend; cf It *impiegare*, Sp *emplear* "The senses are derived from the Late L sense of *implicare*, 'to bend or direct upon something', the classical senses 'enfold, involve' are represented by *imply*" (NED) *Employé*, F, clerk, esp in government, is 19 cent

emporium Prop a mart L, G *ἐμπορίον*, from *ἐμπορος*, merchant, lit farer in, *ἐν*, cf *πορεύεσθαι*, to travel

Paris, London, small cottages in Caesars time, now most noble emporiums (Burton)

empress OF *empresse* (replaced by *imperialtrix*) Recorded in E earlier than *emperor* (q.v.)

empressment F, eagerness, from *s'empresser*, to hasten, be eager See *press*.

emprise [archaic] OF *emprise*, p.p fem. of *emprendre*, VL **imprendere*, from *in* and *prehendere*, cf *enterprise*, *impresario* Now only poet, esp in high (bold) *emprise*

emption Obs exc in compds (*preemption*) L *empho-n*, from *emere*, *empt*, to buy, orig to take (cf sense-hist of *purchase*)

empty AS *æmettig*, from *æmetta*, leisure, opposite of *gemōt*, meeting, discussion (see *moot*). The *æ-* is neg Cf *vacant*

empyrean. Earlier is adj *empyrean*, used with *heaven* From G, *ἐμ-υρος*, fiery, from *ἐν* and *πῦρ*, fire By early writers confused with *imperial*, e.g. *heaven imperially* (Caxton)

empyreumathical Having burnt taste. From G *ἐμ-υρεῖν*, to set on fire (q.v.)

emu. Prob from Port *ema*, crane, ostrich, applied to exotic birds of ostrich-like appearance. Origin unknown

The bird [perisorey] called *ema* or *eue* (Pursh) *ema* a sort of ostrich first found in the island called Moluccas, and particularly in that of Banda (Nesbit)

emulate From L *æmulari*, to rival

emulsion From L *emulgere*, *emuls*-, from *en* and *mulgere*, to milk

emunctory From L *emungere*, *emunct*-, to blow the nose

en- F *en*, L *in*, in. See also *in-* *En-* also represents cogn G. *en* and is substituted for AS *in* in *enlighten*, *enliven*, cf *embody*, *embolden*

enact To put into form of an act Their sense is oldest in E

I did enact Julius Caesar (*Hamlet* iii 2)

enallage [gram] Substitution of one form for another G *ἐναλλαγή*, from *ἐναλλάσσειν*, to change The use of *Elohim* as sing is an example (see *Elohist*)

enamel Orig. verb From *en-*, in, and obs *amel*, enamel, F. *émail*, OF *esmail*, OLG *small* (Ger *schmelz*), whence also It Sp *smalto* Cogn with *smell*. For formation cf *enamour*. For E *a-* replacing OF *es-* cf *abash*

ammell for gold smythes esmael (Palsg.)

enamour F *enamourer*, from *en* and *amour* Usn in p.p Cf Sp *enamorar*, It *innamorare*, whence *innamorata* (q.v.)

encaustic F *encaustique*, L, G *ἐγκαυστικός*, from *ἐγκαίειν*, from *ἐν* and *καίειν*, to burn See *ink*

enceinte [fem] F, p.p fem of *enceindre*, to gird round, L *inungere*. Cf *preincinct* *Enceinte*, pregnant, is L *incincta*, to which Isidore (6 cent) gives late sense of ungirt, but precise meaning is doubtful Cf It *incinta*, Sp *encinta*

enchant F. *enchanter*, L *incantare*, from *cantare*, to sing Cf hist of charm, spell

enchase F. *enchâsser*, to enshrine, now usu replaced by *chase* (q.v.)

enchiridion Handbook G *ἐγχειρίδιον*, from *ἐν* and *χείρ*, hand, with dim suffix

enlarge See *large* With fig to *enlarge upon* cf *amplify* With archaic sense of releasing setting at large cf *F & arm*

M. E. & Bu-ton-eni ged-th-in (roe deer) between
Chisford & d Loughton

(Daily Chron Feb 6 1950)

enlighten From! *h²* Cf embolden endure:
For current fig. sense of *P. delz* ver

To break open a window which will enable them
the room mightily (Perry, Aug 27 1866)

enlist To put on a list of *enlist* Prob from
Du *inlysten* I r earlier *list* in same sense
It belongs to the period of Du mil. words
(cf *louch* *roster* etc.)

King Charles the Second listed himself there in the Honorable Artillery Company when he was Prince of Wales.

(Chamberlayne *Present State of Europe* 1692)

enmity *AT enmi / F inimité* VL ²inimicitias *lat* See enemy

ennead Set of nine. G. breas d v ab- from
dix a n ne Cf chil d tread etc

ennial. See anno. I sense was orig much stronger.

5 d'un mètre en pl une vous pl à ex l à en m
(F)

enormous From earlier *enōm* F. *enorme* L. *enormis* from *ex* and *norma* rule pattern For current sense cf *monstrous* *prodigious* *formidous* Itym sense persists more clearly in *enormity*

enough AS *genog* whence *enox* *genōt*
whence *enough* Com Test *en* *du*
genoe Ger *gent* Oñ *en* *7* Goth
genōks Orig adj from *is genāt* it
suffices cogn with L *narci* *7* *nact* to
obtain Cf Ger *regnen* to content
rlea e

enounce *F. monaster* L. as in part from *ac*
and *minuere* to prodim. See num. 10

enow [arclaw] See *enw* & In Sc phrases (*U ends enow*) it is u u a survival of the AS pl adj

enrage From *rage* (qv) Hardly from *r*
eurage which is intraps only

enroll F *enr* *er* from *erle* 1 t roll (q.v.)
Cf *enlist*

ensemble (archaic) For earlier *assemble* OF
ensemble (*ensemble*) with prefix *chan* e.g.
in ensemble ensue int'lig See *example*
sample

ensconce Orig to place in a *scence* (q.v.)
small fortification

ensemble E together I_0 in $\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{M}}$

ens gn *F en. gne* L assign a neut pl of
ins gne conspiracy from *si* want sign
cl It : s.gne Orig signal watch ord

then badge banner (esp na flag) and officer carrying the banner now obs in E but still in US & F na t's (*genser ne de roussen*). In both main senses rrupted in Tud r F into *ancient* eg *ancient Pistol*.

ensilage ɪˈ from *ensilare* (neol.) adapted
from Sp. *ensilar* to put into a sil. (c. 1)

Orig trans: *ense* is archaic

Seek peace and love 41 p r s j it
 (Ps x A PB)

ensure AF *en ure* altered from F *a u er*
Now differentiated in sense from *usi o*
(933) So also *asure*

entablature (a ch; Through F from It
initial I turn from initial form from L
L. Landa board tablet The other F term
is entablature (1 cent)

entail To determine success on so that no possessor may bequeath at pleasure *F entail'd to cut into (cf Medd, m-a-e and see tailor) & hence also obs entail curving now replaced by m-a-i Sense development is not clear. Fr meaning e.g. to entail seris consequentness is from idea of inevitable connection.*

entellus Elod monkey Named (179) by
Dufresne from *Entellus* (4ca 437 sqq)
Cf 24cs

entente cordiale F friendly understanding
a relation and way between a *approche*
ment and an alliance No *imply* end it
as in the *Entente Cordiale* The phrase is
much older in F in gen sense and has
been current in F at various times in the
19 cent

mes cordiaux témoignages d'un bon vouloir
q'changeront entre ces b'is d'ous États
peu ten qui d' e d' l'adresse de la Chambre des
Dep 14 de 340- (Autre)

enter. Enter L. intrare from in and *tra e
(f. trare) of It. intrare. Sp. entrar.

In Γ only intrans *entree* *dans* whence *our e ar int*. Practically, all senses of *entre et entre* (q) were formerly expressed by the earlier *entre*. See *tra*.

enteric. (δ τ pores from τ per intestine
upward

enterprise F pp fem *olent' pœnd' e* from
er'v' L. mœr and *pr' d' e L. f' end' v'*
 for *prœbend' e* to take *seu'v' L. mœr* is
 ult cogn with *Γ* *unter* cf. *undertake* lit.
 equivalent of *e* *i* *pr' nd' e* Also used as
 verb hence adj *ent'v' in*

energumen Demoniac G *ἐνεργούμενος*, pass part of *ἐνεργεῖν*, to work upon (v 1)

energy F *énergie*, Late L, G *ἐνέργεια*, from *ἐν* and *ἐργον*, work Earliest in rhet sense, from Aristotle In phys first used (1807) by Young

enervate From L *enervare*, to deprive of sinew, *nervus*, replacing earlier *enerve*, F *énervé*

enfant terrible F, terrible child See *infant*
enfeoff AF *enfeoffer*, OF *enfieffer*, to endow with a fief (q v)

Enfield Rifle From small-arms works at *Enfield*, Middlesex

enfilade [mil] Orig noun, in F *prendre d'enfilade*, from *enfiler*, to arrange on a thread, *fil* (see *file*) Earlier used of a series of apartments, vista of trees

enforce OF *enforceier*, to strengthen (cf *reinforce*) Current sense due to phrase to *put in force*, into active operation

engage F *engager*, from *gage*, pledge Hence adj *engaging*, from idea of winning to one's side Mil sense springs from that of "committing" troops to combat *Engaged*, for native *betrothed*, is 19 cent and not found in F See *gage*¹, *wage*

engender F *engendrer*, L *ingenerare*, from *genus*, *gener-*, race

engine F *engin*, L *ingenium*, wit, skill, cf *It ingenio*, Sp *ingenio* In ME wit, skill, craft, etc, as well as any mech device (see *gin*) In 19 cent chiefly for *steam-engine* Hence *engineer*, for ME *enginour*, OF *engineor*, esp maker of mil engines

Right as a man hath sapiences three,
Memorie, engyn, and intellect also

(Chauc G 338).

England, English AS *Engla-land*, *Englisc* Earliest sense of *England* is territory of Angles, as distinct from Saxons, but *English* is used without distinction The above are the only E words in which *en* has become *in* without ult change of spelling (*ink*, *string*, etc) A *Little Englander* prefers a little England to an empire *Old English* is now often used for *Anglo-Saxon* (up to c 1150), cf *Middle English* (c 1150-1500) *Plain English* is the opposite of *double Dutch* The *King's English* is in Shaks (*Merry Wives*, 1 4) To *English*, translate, is used by Wyc

Hearls [here's] a stammerer taken clipping the Kings English, and the constable hath brought him to you to be examin'd (*Look about you*, 1600)

englut F *engloutir* See *glut*

engrailed [hei] Indented with curved notches F *engrêlé*, lit pitted with hail, *grêle*, OF *gresle*, from verb *gresler*, ? OHG *grisilon*, to drizzle.

Armes de France a une bordeure de gueules, en greslee (14 cent).

engrain In *engrained rogue*, *habit*, etc, orig dyed in grain (cf *double-dyed*), i.e. in cochineal (q v), and, by extension, fast-dyed

All in a robe of darkest grain (*Penseroso*)

engrave Archaic F *engraver* In mod sense from 17 cent See *grave*²

engross¹ To copy AF *engrosser* (cf *MedL ingrossare*), to write large, from F *grosse*, large letter, fem of *gros* (see *gross*)

engross² To monopolize From F *en gros*, in the bulk, wholesale, as compared with *en détail*, retail, hence *engrosser* (hist), monopolist, profiteer, whence mod sense of absorb See *grocer*

enhance AF *enhauncer*, altered from OF *enhausser* (replaced by *exhausser*), from *hausser*, to raise, VL **altiare* The *h-* of F *haut*, high, is due to contamination with OHG *hōh* (*hoch*) The *-n-* may be accounted for by influence of *avancer* or of Prov *enansar*, to bring forward, VL **in-altiare*, but an intrusive nasal is not uncommon in AF and we find also the simple *hauncer* for *hausser*

Si sayly sus, haunça l'espec, si lery fey qe la teste
voia en my la place (*Fouliques FitzWarin*)

He that shal meeke hym self shal ben enhaunsid
(Wyc *Art* xiii 12)

subductarius that wheer with any thing is haunsed,
up (Coop)

enharmonie Lit in harmony (q v)

enigma L, G *αἴνigma*, from *αἰνέσθαι*, to speak obscurely, from *αἶνός*, apologue

enjambement [meh] Continuation of sense of metrical line into next line F, from *enjamber*, to stride over, from *jambe*, leg (see *gambon*²)

Les stances avec grâce apprirent à tomber,
Et le vers sur le vers n'osa plus enjambrer
(Boileau, *Art Poét* 1 137)

enjoin F *enjoindre*, L *inungere*, to join on Orig to impose (penalty, etc)

Penance that the prest enjoyneth
(Piers Plowm B vii 112)

enjoy OF *enjoir*, from *joir* (*joir*), VL **gaudere* for *gaudere* See *joy* Mod meanings represent rather F *joir* (*de*) and *se réjoir*

Day From G *ἐπαυρος* from *επαύω* to intercalate from *ἐκ* on *αὐγὴν* to bring
eparch [h st] Governor bishop G *ἐπαρχος*
ruler over

epaulement [mil] F *épaulement* from
épaule shoulder (v i)

epaulet(te) F *épaulette* dim of *épaule*
shoulder OF *espole* Late I *spuals* used
for *scapula* shoulder blade cf It *spalla*
shoulder See *spatula* *espatel*

epenthesis [ling] Insertion of sound e g
b of I *nombre* L *numerus* C *πενθ* one
from *πεν* upon *ε* in *τιθῆναι* to place

epergne From 18 cent app at first to hold
pickles Prob from F *épaquer* to spare
(q v) but connection is not obvious It
may be from character of ornamentation
as *épa gne* used of a varnish intended to
spare those parts of an ornament which
are not to be gilt

epexegesis Additional explanation C see
epi and *exegesis*

ephah Dry measure ident with *bat* Heb
from Egypt

ephebe Greek of 18 to 20 G *ἐφηβο* from
ἐκ upon *ἡβη* early manhood

ephemera G neut pl *ἐφήμερα* (sc ζω)
from *ἐκ* upon *ἡμέρα* day Often now
taken as fem sing (sc *musica*)

ephod Heb *ἐφֹד* from *ἐφάδ* to put on
ephor Spartan magistrate G *φορος* over
seer from *φ* and *παρ* to see

epi C *ἐκ* on besides Also *ἐπ* *ἐφ*
epic L G *ἐκ* us from *ἐπος* w rd, narra
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L *epidemia* from G *ἐκ* (and *δημος* people
Cf *ἐνδμ* *ε*

epidermis G *ἐπιδερμ* from *δερμα* skin
epigastrium [anat] G *ἐπιγαστριον* from
γαστρ stomach

epigenesis [biol] Theory that germ is
brought into existence by successive accre
tions From *epi* and *genesis* (γίγ)

epiglottis [anat] G *ἐπιγλωττι* from *γλωττ*
tongue

epigone Usu in pl less distinguished
successors of great generation In common
use in Ger G *ἐ-γο* as those born after
esp sons of the Seven again T H bes

epigram F *ἐπ* *π* *π* L G *ἐπ* *π* *π*
from *ἐπιγράφειν* to write upon. Earli
used indifferently with *ἐπ* *π* *π* G *ἐπ*
π *π* *π*

epilepsy F *ἐπιεπ* L C *ἐπιεπ* a from
ἐπιεπ *π* to take hold of Began t
replace (16 cent) earlier falling sick etc

epilogue F L G *ἐκλογος* peroration of
speech Earliest E sense speech or poem
recited by actor at end of performance

Cf *prologus*

epiphany F *ἐπιφάνει* L Late G *ἐπ*
φάνει, manifestation from *φαίνω* to
show OI & ME also used derivatives of
φ *φ* *φ* (see *φ* *φ* *φ*)

epiphyte [bot] Plant growing on another
from C *ἐπ* *π* *π*

episcopal See *bishop*

episode G *ἐπεισόδιον* coming in besides
from *ἐκ* on *εἰ* into *ὁδὸς* way Orig
part of C tragedy int interpolated between
two choric songs

epistemology Theory of knowledge From
C *ἐπιστήμη* knowledge

epistle OF *epistle* (ep l) L G *ἐπιστολή*
from *ἐπιστ* *π* *π* from *στρέλλ* to send
The alphabet still is common in ME

epistrophe f del, Periphrasis of same word
at end of successive phrases G *ἐ*
στροφή from *στροφή* to turn

epistyle [arch] Architrave G *ἐπιστύλ* or
from *ἐπ* *π* *π*

epitaph F *ἐπιτάφιος* L G *ἐπιτάφιος* from
ταφ *π* *π*

epithalamium L G *ἐπιθάλμιον* from
θάλμιος bride-chamber First in Greek
epithet L G *ἐπιθετός* from *τίθε* as, to
put on

epitome L C *ἐπιτομή* from *ἐπιτεμν* to
cut into

epoch L v L C *ἐποχή* stoppage station
from *ἐπ* *π* *π*

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entertain F *entretenir* Cf *attain*, *maintain*, etc Orig to maintain, support, take into service Forgen, senses of Ger *unterhalten* Mod use of *entertainment*, "dramatic performance, the lower comedy" (Johns), is 18 cent

I will entertain Bardolph, he shall draw, he shall tap (*Merry Wives*, i 3)

enthrall See *thrall*

enthusiasm Late L. G *ἐθουσιασμός*, ult from *ἐθεος*, possessed by a god, *θεός*, cf *dizzy*, *giddy* The back-formation *enthuse* is US

enthymeme [log] L. G *ἐνθύμημα*, from *ἐνθυμῆσθαι*, to infer Used by Aristotle as an argument on grounds of probability, and in mod logic of a syllogism with one premiss suppressed

entice OF *enticier*, to provoke, VL **intiliare*, from *titio*, firebrand Cf obs *athice*, F *athiser*, to poke the fire The aphet *tice*, now used at cricket and croquet, is older than *ethici* (13 cent)

entire F *entier*, L *integer*, *integr-*, with accent shifted (*intēgr-*) in VL; lit untouched, from root *tag* of *tangere*, cf It. *intero*, Sp *entero* As a drink, *entree*, replacing what had previously been a mixture ("three threads") of ale, beer, and twopenny, is recorded for 1715

entity Scholastic L *entitas*, from *ens*, *ent-*, Late L pres part of *esse*, coined on *absens*, *praesens* Cf *nonentity*

entomology F *entomologie*, from G *ἐντομολογία*, insect, from *ἐντέμνω*, to cut into Cf *insect* (q v)

entourage F, from *entourer*, to surround, from *en* and *tour* (q v)

entozoon [biol] Parasitic animal within another Mod coinage from *ento-*, G *ἐντός*, within, and *ζῷον*, animal

entrail(s) F *entraille(s)*, Late L *intraalia*, neut pl, inwards, from *intra* Both F & E, now only pl, were orig used as collect sing OF had also *entraigne*, Late L, *intraima* (cf. Sp *entrañas*)

entrain¹ To involve F *entraîner*, to draw along with See *train*

entrain² [mil] Coined, on *embark*, from *train* Cf *embus*

entreat OF *entraster*, from *traster*, to treat (q v) The sense-development is to handle, deal with (cf Bibl use), enter into negotiations (cf to be in treaty for), make a request. Mod sense, to implore, is thus a long way from orig meaning See *treat*.

entrechat [dancing] F, earlier *entreehas*, *enteehasse*, later spelling being due to supposed connection with It *intrecciato*, intricate App. from *chasser* (cf *chassé-croisé*)

entrechasse a crosse caper (Cotg)

entrée F, p p fem. of *entrer*, to enter Applied to dish which is introductory to the roast

entremets. F, lit between courses, i.e. between roast and dessert. See *mess* ME had *entremess*, from correct OF *entremes*

entrench Coined from *trench* (q v) to express sense of F *retrancher*

entrepôt F., from *entreposer*, to deposit provisionally. Cf *depot*.

entrepreneur F., lit undertaker, contractor Cf *impresario*

entresol F, apartment between ground floor and first floor Altered on *sol*, ground, from earlier *entresole*, from OF *sole*, beam, flooring, L *solum*

enucleate From L *enucleare*, to remove the kernel, *nucleus* Until recently in fig sense only

enumerate From L *enumerare*, to number off See *number*.

enunciate See *enounce*

envelop F *envelopper* See *develop*

environ F, orig adv. & prep., from *en* and OF *viron*, circuit, from *vire* (see *veer*) *Environment* in scient. sense (Spencer, etc) appears to be an E. formation unconnected with OF *environnement*

envisage F *envisager*. See *visage*

envoy¹ "Sending" of a poem, now usu. concluding stanza of a ballade (as in Chauc) F *envoi*, verbal noun from *envoyer* (v 1)

envoy a message, or sending, also, the envoy, or conclusion of a ballet or sonnet, in a short stanza by it selfe, and serving, oftentimes, as a dedication of the whole (Cotg)

envoy² Emissary Altered (late 17 cent) from *envoyee*, F *envoyé*, one sent, from *en* and *voie*, way, L. *via* Cf *defile*², *signal*², (treasure) *troue*, etc

envy F *envie*, L *invidia*, from *invidē*, lit to look upon (grudgingly); cf It *invidia*, Sp *envidia*

eoecene [geol] Lowest division of tertiary strata From G *ἥως* dawn, *καινός*, new Cf *eoethic*, of earliest Stone Age

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The occ. use of *error* in lit. sen. o. (from 16 cent.) + latinism.

Th d ms lsb adl nge through th woul (T *anyson* G *ch* & *lyne* 74).

ersatz [neol] Ger replacement from *er* *setzen* from *setzen* to set place.

There will be [in G many] in ch rsatz d moe v t d mite (D *by Chron* Sep 23 1915).

Erse [lin] Early Sc *erische* AS *Irise* or ON *Irskr* Irish Orig (14 cent.) equivalent to Gaelic.

All th Erischre (A *gy*) and the III (B *bo*).

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Doe ed n ture oftent mes b aks to th I t t r a n g r u p t m (I H I t z).

eryngo Caend root *i* sea holly (Merry Hues v 51) It or Sp *eringio* L G *iperyo* dun of *iperyos* name of the plant.

erys pelas G *ἐρύσιλος* cogn with *ἐρύσιλος* red *πῆλ* skin Cf *γῆνη* nt skin in inflammation G *ἐρύσιλος*.

escalade I *es* a *is* from *es* *al* to climb scale cf It *scalata* See *scale* Cf escalator (US).

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but orig point of time, as in *epoch-making* This is for earlier *epoch-forming*, app adapted by Coleridge from Ger

epode L, G *ἐπὶ ῥόδῳ*, after-song See *ode*

eponymous G *ἐπώνυμος*, giving name to, from Aeolic *ὄνυμα*, name, G *ὄνομα*

epopee, epos See *epic*

Epsom salts Said to have been first obtained in 1675 from spring at *Epsom* (Surrey)

epulary. Of banquets From L *epularis*, from *epulum*, feast

equable L *aequabilis*, from *aequare*, to make level

equal L *aequalis*, from *aequus*, level, just *Egal*, F *égal*, also existed up to c 1600

Deth maketh egal and evene the heygheste to the loweste (Chauc *Boeth* 15, 575)

equanimity F *équanimité*, L *aequanimitas*, from *aequus* and *animus*

equate From L *aequare*, to make equal Hence *equation*, *equator*, Late L (*circulus*) *aequator dici et noctis* Both are in Chauc, but the Elizabethan sailors usu. say *equinoctial* (line) The *personal equation* was orig astron, with ref to degree of accuracy of individual observer

equerry F *écurie*, stable, associated in E with *écuyer*, equerry, orig esquire, squire *Écurie*, OF *escuerie*, may be from OF *escuyer* (cf formation of *scullery*), but some authorities connect it with OHG *scūra* (*scheuer*), barn, whence MedL *scuria*, stable The mod *equerry* is due to association with L *equus*, horse, the usual early forms being *queiry*, *querry*, for AF *esquire* *de guyrie*, OF *escuyer* *d'escuyrie*, "a query, in a prince's stable, the gentleman of a lord's horse" (Cotg)

equestrian From L *equestris*, from *eques*, horseman, knight, from *equus*, horse *Équestrienne*, female circus-rider, is app intended for F

equi- F *équi-*, L *aequi-*, from *aequus*, equal

equilibrium L *aequilibrium*, from *libra*, scales

equine L *equinus*, from *equus*, horse, or borrowed from much earlier F *équin*

equinox F *équinoxe*, L *aequinoctium*, from *nox*, *noct-*, night In Chauc

equip F *équiper*, ONF *esquiper*, for *eschiper*, from ON *skip*, or AS *seip*, ship Orig naut, cf ON *skipa*, to arrange, "make ship-shape," MedL *eschipare*, to man a ship, and F *équipage*, ship's crew Some

senses perh partly influenced by some mental association with *equus*.

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equity F *équité*, L *aequitas*, from *aequus*, in sense of fair

equivalent F *équivalent*, from pres part of Late L *aequivalere*, to be of equal value

equivocation Late L *aequivocatio-n-*, from Late *aequivocare*, to call alike

era Earlier (17 cent) also *aera*, L, orig pl of *aes*, brass, in sense of counters for calculation The word arose in Spain, hence *aera Hispanica*, on which *Christian era* was coined during Renaissance.

eradicate From L *eradicare*, from *radix*, *radic-*, root

The third affirmeth the roots of mandrakes do make a noise or give a shriek upon eradication (Sir T Browne).

eraze From L *eradere*, from *radere*, *ras-*, to scrape

Erastian [*theol*] Opponent of Calvinist tyranny. From *Erastus*, G *ἐραστός*, lovely, "hellenization" of *Liebler*, Heidelberg physician (16 cent)

ere, AS *ær*, adj adv prep conj 'Orig a compar, cf Du *eer*, Ger *cher*, *eh*, ON *ær*, Goth *air*, early, *airis*, earlier, a by-form or, from ON, survives in Bibl or ever See also *early*, *erst*

The lions brake all their bones in pierces or ever they came at the bottom of the den (Dan vi 24)

Erebus G *Ἔρεβος*, place of darkness between earth and Hades

erect L *erectus*, from *erigere*, from *regere*, *rect-*, to direct

eremite [*poet*] Learned form of *hermit* (q v)

Nature's patient, sleepless eremite (Keats, *Last Sonnet*)

erethism Morbid excitation F *éréthisme*, from G *ἐρεθίζω*, to irritate

War causes a general erethism (Daily Chron May 9, 1919)

erg [*phys*] Also *ergon* Unit of work G *ἐργον*, work

ergo L, therefore

ergot Disease of corn F, cock's spur, from form of noxious fungus

Erin Early Ir *Eienn*, gen of *Eriu*, cf Gael *Eireann* Cogn with *Hibernia* and *Ireland*

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Tied msel sheal long rro thro gh th w ald (Tennyson G th d Lynce)

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escalade I Sp *escalada* from *as* *ir* to climb scale cf H *calata* See *scale* Cf *escalator* (U s)

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esperanto Artificial universal lang, invented (c 1900) by Dr Zamenhof of Warsaw, and named ? from F *espérer*, to hope, ? or Sp *esperanza*, hope, both from L *sperare* Cf *iolapiük*, *ido*

espigle F, roguish, arch According to Oudin (1642) from Till *Eulenspiegel*, hero of popular Ger. stories (mentioned 1515)

espionage F *espionnage*, from *espion*, spy, It *spione*. See *espy*, *spy*

esplanade F, Sp *esplanada*; cf It *spianata*, from *spianare*, to level, L *explanare*, to level out. Orig in fort. For transition to sense of open space, promenade, cf *boulevard*

espouse OF *espouser* (*épouser*), L *sponsare*, from *spondere*, *spons-*, to betroth; cf It *sposare*, Sp *esposar* For orig. sense see Matt 1 18 *Spouse* (q v.) was used as verb up to c 1600, when it was replaced by *espouse* *Espousal*, *spousal*, was formerly used in pl only, OF *espoissailles* (*épousailles*), L *sponsalia*

esprit F, L *spiritus*, adopted in L in spec sense of wit, also in *esprit de corps*, *esprit fort*, free-thinker

espy OF *espier*, whence also *spy*, from which *espy* is now differentiated in meaning (see *especial*) Romanic **spiare* (cf It *spiare*, Sp *espíar*), OHG *spehōn* (*spīhen*), cogn with L *specere*, to look.

-esque F. suffix, It *-esco*, Late L *-iscus*, OHG *-isc*, cogn with E *-ish* Often in neols and nonce-formations

Mr Harvey's "The Beast with Five Fingers" is tinged with the Poesque

(Times Lit Supp June 19, 1919)

Esquimau F. form of *Eskimo* (q v)

esquire OF *escuyer* (*écuyer*), L *scutarius*, shield-bearer, from *scutum*, shield, cf It *scudiere*, Sp *escudero* The doublet *squire* is much earlier The two words were used indifferently of chief attendant on knight, landed proprietor, while *esquire*, as title of address, formerly limited to certain ranks, is now extended by courtesy to the educated class in gen It was once as correct to write to Mr John Smith, *Esquire*, as to Sir John Smith, *Bart*

There was also one [letter] for me from Mr Blackburne, who with his own hand subscribes it to S P Esq, of which God knows I was not a little proud (Pepys, May 25, 1660)

ess S-shaped, e g *ess-pipe* (in drain), *collar of esses*

-ess F *-cssc*, Late L *-issa*, G *-issa*, only in *βασιλισσα*, queen

essart For *assart* (q v.)

essay F *essayer*, VL **exagiare*, from Late L *exagium*, weighing (cf *examen*), from *ex* and *agere*, cf It *assaggiare*, Sp *asayar* For development from orig sense, preserved in *assay*, cf hist of try Mod sense of noun is from Montaigne (1580) imitated by Bacon (1597)

The word [essay] is late, but the thing is ancient (Bacon).

esse In MedL phrase in esse opposed to
in posse

essence F *L'essen* is from **essens* essent
fictitious pres part of *esse* to be Thenoun
imitates G *lōa* from stem of pres part
of *esse*, to be Hence *essential* Sense
of extract common to the Rom langs
whence that of scent etc is prob due to
Paracelsus (cf *quintessen* e)

Essene Ascetic Jewish sect L. G. Ταση or
of uncertain origin

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establish OF *establis* *establis* (*establis*)
 L *stabilis* from *stabilis* *stabilis* from
stare to stand Aphet *stabilis* is earlier
 and more usual in ME. *Established Church*
 is recorded for 1660 (Declaration of
 Charles II) Cf *establishment* used (from
 17 cent) of the Church and also of or
 organized forces We have even coined
establishmentarianism

estafette [mil] F It. *staffetta* a running
post or courier (Fior) from *staffa*
stirrup of Teut orig n an *loogn* with *step*
estaminet F Walloon *estaminet* café with
smoking room Orign unknown ? Cf
C'er *stamm* asl regular customer (at café)
stammisch table reserved for such

estancia Cattle farm (Sp Amer) Sp lt
standing of stance stance

The champal wh. b they have chosen t place
their stances a dungenios pon (Furth xvi. 00)

estate OF *estat* (*estat*) L. *status* from *stare*
to stand Cf *stat* earlier used indifferently
with *estate* Oldest sense rank condition
standing as in *men of law* (14c) *estate*
three Estates of the Realm orig clergy
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senting the three Estates (15c) Sense of
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estop [*leg*] To preclude by one's own previous action. Archaic form of *stop* (q.)

Cccc def ult so lb S b an tre ty estops her
from launig an sa ult for th B charist
art ug m nt (D. Chron June 17 917)

estovers {*leg*} Necessaries allowed by law (Johns) esp right of taking wood OF **estovers** to be necessary whence also obs **stover** fodder The Rom cognates point to L *stupere* to be stunned rigid ? then e used of the inevitable The more reasonable suggestion that the verb is evolved from L *est opus* it is needful presents phonetic difficulties

estrade F Sp *astrado* carpeted part of
room I. *feather n.p. of it* *eye to stare*

estrangē OF *estrangier* to make strange
(to v.)

estrav Archaic form of *stray* (a v)

estreat Ong true copy. OT *estrate* p p
 fem of *estrate* (*extraire*) L. *extrahere* to
 extract Now usu in to *estr* it ba l by
 procuring copy thereof for purposes of
 prosecution

si de arch pol boket gedyt by m scymantus
(1 omcy 1 r.)

estuary I. *aestas* sum lit tidal from *aestus*
tide cogn with *aestas* summer and C
auf x to burn Cf *torrent*

esurient. From pres part of *Esuriere* de
siderative of *edere* as to eat. Chiefly used
allusively to Juvenal *Graculus esuriens*
(iii 78).

et cetera L. and the others of G. et cetera
Loren

etch Du elsen Ger al en causal of sen
to eat Cf easel lay figure landscape
et usk perkyen to eat int coppe with strong
wal r (lie aqua) (rus) or otherwise (H sham)

external F alters VL acromialis from
acromialis for testis & from actin age
Proceeded in ME by elerine

The doses were all of adamant ^{born}
(Ch ₃ A pool)

etesian Regularly occurring winds in Medi-
terranean hence also trade winds From
G degrees annual from 100 year

Ethanim Seventh Jewish month (1 King viii 2) Heb (יָרֵחַ הַאֲדָמִים) *Yihādāmim* month of swollen streams.

ether Also *aether* L G *aether* from *aithrō* to burn, shine Orig the clear sky or the subtle fluid supposed to permeate the universe Later adopted in phys and chem Orig sense survives in *etheral*

An tolle work G ḡmōus from ḡbos
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spalliera a poultron, or shoulder-piece Used also for any roses, trees, vines, flours, or rosemary set and growing up alongst and against any wall (Torr)

esparto Sp, L *spartum*, G. *σπάπρον*, rope made of *σπάπρος*, name of plant

especial, special F *spécial*, OF also *especial*, L *specialis*, from *species*, kind; cf *esponse*, *sponse*, *esquire*, *squire*, etc The prefixing of *e-* to initial *sc-*, *sp-*, *st-* is regular in OF We have often double forms, usu with differentiated meaning

esperanto Artificial universal lang, invented (c 1900) by Dr Zamenhof of Warsaw, and named ? from F *espérer*, to hope, ? or Sp *esperanza*, hope, both from L *sperare* Cf *volapuk*, *ido*

espigle F, roguish, arch According to Oudin (1642) from Till *Eulenspiegel*, hero of popular Ger. stories (mentioned 1515)

espionage F *espionnage*, from *espion*, spy, It *spione* See *espy*, *spy*

esplanade F, Sp *esplanada*; cf. It. *spianata*, from *spianare*, to level, L *explanare*, to level out, Orig in fort For transition to sense of open space, promenade, cf *boulevard*.

espouse OF *espouser* (*épouser*), L *sponsare*, from *spondere*, *spons-*, to betroth, cf It *sposare*, Sp *esposar* For orig sense see Matt 1 18. *Spouse* (q v) was used as verb up to c. 1600, when it was replaced by *espouse* *Espousal*, *sposual*, was formerly used in pl only, OF *espousailles* (*épousailles*), L *sponsalia*

esprit F, L *spiritus*, adopted in E in spec sense of wit, also in *esprit de corps*, *esprit fort*, free-thinker.

espy OF *espier*, whence also *spy*, from which *espy* is now differentiated in meaning (see *especial*) Romanic **spiare* (cf It *spiare*, Sp *espíar*), OHG *spēhōn* (*spāhen*), cogn with L *specere*, to look

-esque F suffix, It -*esco*, Late L -*iscus*, OHG -*isc*, cogn with E -*ish* Often in neols and nonee-formations

Mr Harvey's "The Beast with Five Fingers" is tinged with the Poesque

(*Times Lit Supp.* June 19, 1919)

Esquimaux. F form of *Eskimo* (q v)

esquire OF *escuyer* (*écuyer*), L *scutarius*, shield-bearer, from *scutum*, shield, cf It *scudiere*, Sp *escudero* The doublet *squire* is much earlier The two words were used indifferently of chief attendant on knight, landed proprietor, while *esquire*, as title of address, formerly limited to certain ranks, is now extended by courtesy to the educated class in gen It was once as correct to write to Mr John Smith, *Esquire*, as to Sir John Smith, *Bar*

There was also one [letter] for me from Mr Blackburne, who with his own hand subscribes it to S. P. Esq., of which God knows I was not a little proud (Pepys, May 25, 1660)

ess S-shaped, e g *ess-pipe* (in drain), collar of *esses*

-ess F -*esse*, Late L -*issa*, G -*issa*, only in *βασιλισσα*, queen

essart F For *assart* (q v)

essay F *essayer*, VL **exagiare*, from Late L *exagium*, weighing (cf *examen*), from *ex* and *agere*, cf It *assaggiare*, Sp *asayar* For development from orig. sense, preserved in *assay*, cf hist of try Mod sense of noun is from Montaigne (1580) imitated by Bacon (1597)

The word [essay] is late, but the thing is ancient (Bacon)

and ὤψ, face, but perh corrupt of some native Afr word

ethnic L, G ἔθνικός, from ἔθνος, nation.

Hence *ethnology*, *ethnography*

ethology Science of ethics (q v) Revived by J S Mill

ethos G ἦθος See *ethics*

etiolate To make white and sickly, orig of plants From F *étiole*, from Norm *étieuler*, to turn to stubble, from *éticule* (earlier *esteule*), stubble, OHG *stufala*, early agricultural loan-word from L *stipula* See *stubble*

etiology See *aetiology*

etiquette F *étiquette* (OF *estiquette*), whence earlier E *ticket* (cf Ger *etikette*, label) Earliest F sense is label, note, etc "stuck" on a post From root of Ger *stechen*, to put, causal of *stechen*, to stick, pierce First in Lord Chesterfield (1750) Cf *that's the ticket*, i e quite correct

etiqueter to note, marke, or title a booke, bag, or bill, on the outside, the better to remember, or conceive on a sudden, the subject of it (Cotg)

etna For heating liquids From *Etna*, volcano in Sicily Cf *geyser*

Etrurian, Etruscan. Of *Etruria*, ancient country of Italy

ette F, VL *-tta*, dim suffix, prob of Celt origin Now often jocular, e g *suffragette*, *mimnionette*

etui. Earlier also *etace*. F *étui*, case, OF *estui*, from *estiner*, *estoyer*, to put away, AS *stōwigan*, from *stow*, place This does not, however, suit all the app related words in the Rom langs See *tweezers*

etymology F *étymologie*, L, G *ἐτυμολογία*, from *ἐτυμον*, neut of *ἐτυμος*, true (whence E *etymon*) Orig used of the true, literal sense of a word according to its derivation

eu- G *εὖ*, well, from *εὖς*, good Opposite of *caco-* and *dys-*

eucalyptus Coined (1788) by L'Héritier from G *καλυπτός*, covered, the flower, before opening, being protected by a cap (v s)

eucharis S.Amer plant G *εὐχαρίς*, pleasing, from *χάρις*, grace

eucharist OF. *eucariste* (*eucharistie*), Church L, G *εὐχαριστία*, thanksgiving, from *χαρίζεσθαι*, to offer willingly, from *χάρις* (v s)

euchre [US] Earlier (1846) *uker*, *yuker* Du *jocher*, player, "joker" Cf *bower*, *joker*, and, for init *eu-*, naut *euphroe*, dead-eye, from Du *juffrouwe*, maiden

It was euche the same

He did not understand (*Heathen Cliver*)

Euclid G *Εὐκλείδης*, Alexandrian mathematician (c 300 B C)

eud(a)emonism From G *εὐδαίμων*, happy, lit with a good demon (q v)

eudiometer For testing purity of air From G *εἰδιος*, from *εὖ*- and stem *Δι-* of *Ζεύς*, god of the sky

eugenics Coined, app by Galton (1883), on *ethics*, *politics*, etc, from G. *εὖ*- and root *γεν-*, to bring forth. Cf name *Eugene*, G *εὐγενής*, well-born

euhemerism Interpretation of mythology, as sprung from human history. From *Euhemerus*, G *Εὐήμερος*, Sicilian writer (c 316 B C)

eulogy G *εὐλογία*, praise Cf *eulogium*, a MedL word app due to confusion between above and L *elogium* (see *elogé*)

Eumenides The Furies G, the gracious ones, a propitiatory name, from *εὐμένης*, kind, gracious

eunuch L, G *εὐνοῦχος*, orig bed-guard, from *εὐνή*, bed, *ἔχειν*, to have, keep Hence, castrated man. Also fig

Only a moral eunuch could be neutral
(Prof Thayer, of Harvard, Jan 26, 1917)

euonymus Plant L (Pliny), G *εὐώνυμος*, of good name, lucky, perh a propitiatory name, as the flowering of the plant was supposed to presage pestilence Cf *Eumenides*

eupatrid Athenian aristocrat G *εὐπατρίδης*, of a good father, *πατήρ*

eupeptic Opposite of *dyspeptic* (q v).

euphemism G *εὐφημοσμός*, from *εὐφημίζω*, to speak fair In G. applied to words of good omen

euphonium Mus instrument Coined (19 cent) after *euphony*

euphony F *euphonie*, G *εὐφωνία*, from *εὖ*- and *φωνή*, voice, sound.

euphorbia Genus of plants L *euphorbia*, from *Euphorbus*, physician to Juba, king of Mauretania

euphrasy Plant eyebright MedL, G *εὐφρασία*, cheerfulness, from *εὐφραίνω*, to cheer, from *εὖ*- and *φρήν*, mind

euphroe See *uphrore*

Euphuism Style of Lyly's *Euphuus* (1578-80) The name, G *εὐφυνής*, of good nature, *φύνη*, growth, was suggested to Lyly by a passage in Ascham's *Scholemaster* (1570) Cf F. *gongorisme* (Gongora), *marinisme* (Marini), similarly used c 1600, and *marivaudage* (Marivaux) in 18 cent. Sir Pierce

Shafton (*Monastery*) is a caricature of a Euphuist
 euraquilo See *ei rochi d m*
 Eurasian Modern name for persons of mixed European and Indian blood [*European*]
 Asian devised as being more euphemistic than *half caste* and more precise than *Ea t Indian* (Yule)
 eureka For *heureka* G *εὑρη* a perf of *εὑρω* to find exclamation attributed to Archimedes when in his bath he realized that specific gravity would enable him to test Hiero's golden crown
 euroclydon [*Bull*] Only in *1st xxvii 14* (A1) App G *εὐροκλῶν* east wind λ *δω* billow but better reading is *εὐρακλῶν*
Eu oaquilo (L uig) from *Aquilo* north wind whence *euraq* is o (R1)
 Eusebian [*theol*] Of Eusebius name of several early Church fathers
 Euskarian [*e/n*] Pie Aryan From Basque *eushara* the Basque lang the Basques being regarded by some ethnologists as relic of a pre Aryan race
 Eustachian [*anal*] From *Eustachius* It anatom st (17574)
 Euterpean From *Euterpe* muse of music G *εὐ-* and *τερπν* to please Cf *Terpsichorean*
 euthanasia Gentl and easy death G *εὐθανασία* from *θ* a os death Earlt 17 cent) *euthanasia*
 evacuate From L *evacuare* from *vacuus* empty
 evade F *élader* L *eludere* from *vadere* to go First in orig sense to escape as also *elasion* Cf sense of *elasion*
 evanescent F *évanescent* from *pres* part of L *evanescere* from *vanescere* from *vanus* vain
 evangel F *évangile* Church L *evangelium* G *εὐαγγέλιον* good tidings from *εὐαγγέλλω* to announce Cf It Sp *evangelho* See *angel gospel* Hence *evangelist* *evangelical* the latter adopted by various Protestant sects and in l esp applied since Wesley to the Low Church party
 evanish [*poet*] OF *evanir* *e vaniss* (*évanouir*) See *vanish*
 evaporate From L *evaporare* from *vapor* vapour
 evasion See *evade*
 eve even evening *Eve* is shortened from *even* still in *evensor*, *evenside* (cf *morrow* for *morn*) AS *æfen* Both are in Chauc WGer cf Du *avond* Ger *abend* ON

aphann (Goth has *andanahs* before night) With *ete* day before cf Ger *Chri tabend* Christmas eve *Sonnab* d Saturday With *even* g AS *æfnun* from *æfen* an to grow towards evening cf *morn* g *Lien* al o becomes *e en* esp in *Hallow e en*
 evecton [*astron*] L *ectectio* n from *ecch* r from *ex* and *vehere* *ect* to carry Cf *colection*
 even AS *æfes* *æfs* level equal (cf double senses of L *æquus*) Com Teut cf Du *even* Ger *eben* ON *asfn* Goth *ibns* See *aient* The usual mod meaning of the adv seems to have arisen (16 cent) from earlier sense of emphasizing identity as in Bbl style cf F *même* same self even and adv use of *j st*
 Who Th most eq t Cl uil
 Ev be [F l *mim*] (*st ch Ad i 3*)
 Truth will ut n in an affidavit (Lord B n)
 evening See *eve*
 event OF L *eventus* from *evenire* from *venire* *venire* to come Cf *ouïsme* Coloured in sense by F *événement* eg *taller nisme* d *ist événement* With *event* al of *actual* *Eventual* is US (18 cent) With *wise* after the event cf MedL *sapere post factum*
 I th phot thoos l *new* nt t d (t speak Yankee bly) (De Quincey)
 ever AS *æfre* prob relat d t d ever (see *ay*) There is no corresponding compd in any Teut lang With ellipt *did you ever?* cf well *I never!*
 everglade [LS] Marsh esp the *Everglades* (Florida) As the compd makes no sense and swamps are not glades it is prob a corrupt of some native name
 everlasting MF coinage to render *eternal*
 every L *ex* *tere* from *venire* to turn
 every AS *æfe* *æc* (or *31*) i e ever each Not orig distinguished in meaning from *each* (jv) *Et riniere* represents two distinct formations viz *eter* *ynhere* AS *gehader* and *every* ul e
 E eu h of you st l bryng an h d eik vghtes (Ch uo A 35)
 evict From L *vincere* *evict* to prove from *vincere* to conquer Orig to re over property etc spec mod sense being 19 cent
 evident From *pres* part of L *evidere* from *videre* to see (cf Late L *evidere* to appear) For *passi* e *ense* what is clearly seen cf F *concler* *voiant* Leg *evidence* tends to displace *a tie* s from c 1500 To

turn King's evidence was formerly to turn evidence (Defoe)

evil AS *yfel*, cf Du *euvel*, Ger *übel*, Goth *ubils* Prob related to *up*, *over*, as exceeding bounds Mod form represents Kentish *evel* (cf *weevil*) In gen sense replaced by *bad* Evil eye (Wyc Mark, vii 22) is in AS.

Deliver us from the evil one (Matt vi 13, RV)

evince See *euel*, which it has replaced in sense of giving proof

evirate From L *evirare*, from *ex* and *vir*, man, cf synon *emasculate*

eviscerate From L *eviscerare*, to deprive of *viscera*, bowels

evoke F *évoquer*, L *evocare*, from *vocare*, to call

evolution L *evolutio-n-*, from *evolvere*, from *volvere*, *volut-*, to roll The doctrine (theory) of evolution is 19 cent, esp Herbert Spencer, but the word was used in a somewhat similar sense (*epigenesis*) by Bonnet in 1762

evulsion L *evulsio-n-*, from *evellere*, from *vellere*, *vuls-*, to pluck

ewe AS *ēowu*, fem of *ēow*, sheep Aryan, cf Du *oor*, Ger dial *au(lamm)*, ON *ær*, L *ovis*, G *oīs*, OIr *úí*, Sanskrit *avi*, Goth form only in compds, e.g. *awēlhi*, flock

Live-lamb, sole treasure, is from 2 Sam xii

ewer OF *euwier*, from *eau*, water, L *aqua*

Cf F *évier*, sink, L *aquarium*, and southern *aiguère*, ewer, L *aquaria*

ex¹- L *ex*, out of, cf *e-*

ex²- As in *ex-chancellor*, an extended use of such L phrases as *ex consule*, *ex magistro equitum*, (one who) from being consul, master of the knights (now holds a different position) Later such phrases were replaced by *exconsul*, *exmagister*, cf *proconsul*, for *pro consule*

exacerbate From L *exacerbare*, from *acerbus*, from *acer*, sharp, keen

exact Adj L *exactus*, from *exigere*, to weigh, prove, from *ex* and *agere* (cf *examine*) The verb represents L *exigere*, *exact-*, in its lit sense of to force out

exaggerate From L *exaggerare*, to heap up, from *agger*, mound Cf *to make mountains out of mole-hills*

exalt L *exaltare*, from *altus*, high Cf *enhance*

examine F. *examiner*, L *examinare*, to weigh accurately, test, etc, from *examen*, *examin-*, orig "the needle or tongue in a

balance" (Coop), for **evagmen*, from *evigere* (see *exact*)

Juppiter ipse duas acquato examine lances
Sustinet, et fata imponit diversa duorum
(Aen. xii 725).

example Partially restored from earlier *en-sample*, *sample* (q.v.), F *exemple*, L *exemplum*, from *eximere*, *exempt-*, to take out, from *ex* and *emere*, to procure, buy Oldest E senses (Wyc) are pattern of conduct (*good example*) and instance of punishment as deterrent (cf *exemplary*).

I thought it a good occasion to make an example of him, for he is a proud, idle fellow
(Pepys, Jan 29, 1669)

exarch Governor of distant province (Byzantine Empire), bishop (Eastern Church), L, G *ἐξάρχος*, from *ἐξάρχειν*, to take the lead See *arch*²

exasperate From L *exasperare*, from *asper*, rough, harsh

Excalibur OF *Esealibor*, with numerous vars, from MedL *Caliburnus* (Geoffrey of Monmouth, c 1140) There is in Ir legend a sword *Caladbolg*, app hard-belly, i.e. the devourer

ex cathedra L, from the (teacher's) chair

excavate From L *excavare*, from *cavus*, hollow

exceed F *excéder*, L *excedere*, to go beyond. For archaic adv use of *exceeding* cf archaic *surpassing*

excel F *exceller*, L *excellere*, to rise above, cogn with *eelsus*, lofty Hence *excellent*, *excellence* For use of latter as title of eminence (*majesty*, *worship*, etc) Par *excellence*, replacing earlier by *excellence*, is after L *per excellentiam*, on account of pre-eminent fitness

excelsior L, compar of *excelsus*, lofty (v.s.), adopted, app under the impression that it was an adv, as motto for seal of New York (1778), and popularized by Longfellow

except First as adj, passing in ME into prep. L *exceptus*, p.p. of *excapere*, to take out, from *capere*; cf Ger. *ausgenommen*, F *excepté*, *hors mis*, of which the former still commonly agrees, e.g. *ces dames exceptées*, while OF has *hors mise la reire* To take *exception*, i.e. object, is from use in Roman law of *exipere* (*adversus aliquem*), to derv that the opponent's declaration covers the case *Exception proves the rule* is abbreviated, with alteration of meaning, from

exceptio probat regulam in casibus non exceptis

Ex apt [out taken] n ll be of ech kynde a coupl (*Pers Plowm B I 24*)

excerpt From L *excerpere* from *carpere* *carpi* to pluck

excess Γ *exces* L *excessus* from *excedere* from *cedere* *cess* to go For fig senses which are earliest in L. cf *trespass*

exchange Restored from ME *eschauge* OE *aschanzer* (*schan* *er*) Late L *exambiare* See *change*

exchequer ME *escheker* cheker OE *eschequer* (*schiquer*) chess board cf MedL *scaccarium* It *scaccario* Orig the table marked out in squares on which the revenue accounts were kept by means of counters Cf *check* *chequer* chess

Disce p 12 Quid t scaccum
M g ter Sacer m t b l est S p ponitur
item scaccarius p r i p a n s u t r u n o p a n c h
empt not quilibet sed n g virgus dicit t
t tantibus a s u s u l p e d i s v l p a l m a e
t i s p a t i o I n s p t u s t e m a k u l r u t i x t
o r d i e u o n d q b u s a l a s d t u r
D u p u l 2 Q e e n t t h u y a n o m i s t
M a g i s t r h i l l a m h r o t a d p r a e n s u r o c c u r r i t
q m q o d s a c r a s i t u l i l l i m m h b e t f o r m a n
(*Dialogus d S c c a u t e m p H o n I I*)

excise! "A hateful tax levied on commodities and adjudged not by the common judges of property but wretches hired by those to whom excise is paid" (Johnson)
First adopted (1643) in unit of Holland
Earlier also *accise* Archaic Du *accijs* (II xham) OF *accis* VL *accen* us from *accenare* to tax (cf *cess*) confused at various times with *excise* (cf *sallo* *se* and see quot from Spenser below) not *assise* in early sense of tax ModDu *accys* is a reversion to suppose L original or is influenced by *cyns* tax interest L *census* (cf Ger *zins*) Cf Γ *acti* *e* MedL *accisa* *excis* *a*

All the t wnes of the Lowe-Count es doe use upon themselves an e cle of a l thing & t w de th m ynten us f th w re
(*Spenser State of Lond*)

excise To cut out From L *excidere* *ex* s fr m *caule* *e* to cut

excite L *excitare* frequent from *c're* *cit* to set in motion Coll x use of *excit* ng is 19 cent

exclaim Γ *exclamer* L *exclamare* See *clit*
exclude L *excludere* from *claudere* to shut
The hist *excl* *clonist* aimed at excluding the Duke of York (James II) from the succession

excommunicate From Church L *e com munitate* to expel from communion (q v)
F *excommun* *er* is much earlier

The sh lie count feat (1 w g b s q y n a g u l c l a t) you (Tend Joh x i 2)

The R Ger l d n an by toll bout 300 m who erel ad the sacre t l has h pel that a y Catholi polueme wh i ted l n p i t e on scripti on in force would be excommuni ated d med th t the curse f God was l d toll w th m e v ry lar 1 and he asked hi h uers to kill th m at s ght (*Daily Ch on Jun 28 9 8*)

excoriate From L *excoriare* to flay (m *cornu* hind

excrement excrete excretion From L *excernere* from *cernere* *v l* to separate & it
excrecent From *pica* part of l *excrece* *ce* to grow out See *erect*

excruciate From l *excrucare* from *cruc* *v* *crux* cross as instrum nt of torture

exculpate From L *ex* and *culpa* fault cf It *scolpare* MedL *exculpa*

excursion L *excursio* *n* from *ex* *currere* *e* from *currere* *curs* to run Cf *excursu* digression *Excursion train* is recorded for 1850

excuse F *excuser* I *excusare* from *ex* and *causa* cf *a* *cuse*

exeat [*unus*] L l t him go out from *exire* cf *theat* *exit* *exiunt* *i* *t* earlier *exat* *evant*

execrate From L *execrat* (m *ex* *ecra* from *sacra* *e* to devote (to good or ill) from *sacer* *sac* holy Wyc has *execrable* *excrati* *n* following L of l *h*

execution Γ *excutio* *n* *cut* *n* for *executio* *n* from *exsequi* to follow out from *sequi* *sequi* to follow The *exe* *u* *tioner* executes the sentence of the law as the *e* *cut* *r* does the provisions of a will but the words were formerly used indifferently

Dell veng o r to exulters pal
T r i y y w ung drone (*Hm l i 2*)

exegesis C *ἐξήγησις* from *ἐξηγέω* *h* to interpret from *ηγ* *ω* *h* to lead

exemplar Rev pelt on L *exemplar* (from neut of adj *exemplaris*) for ME *l* OF *exemplere* Cf *sample*

exempt F L *exemplus* p p of *ex* *mere* to take out from *emere* to buy obtain In Γ title of cavalry officer *ex* mptd from certain duties (cf Ger *gefreiter* lance corporal Later applied to police-officer In L officer of Yconen f the Guard a *wo* *evon* an attempt a the i procure

- exenterate** From L *exenterare*, to disembowel From G (see *enteric*)
- exequatur** Formal permission L *ex(s)equatur*, let him perform, execute
- exequies** OF, L *ex(s)equiae*, "the trayne of a funerall pompe" (Coop), from *ex(s)equi*, to follow See *exequite* and cf *obsequies*
- exercise** F *exercice*, L *exercitum*, from *exercere*, to keep at work, orig to let farm-beasts out to work, from *arcere*, to shut up
- exergue** [mumism] Small space left for inscription on coin or medal F, coined from G ἐξ ἔργου, to represent F *hors d'œuvre* (q v)
- exert** From L *exercere*, *exsert-*, to put forth, from *severe*, to knit To *exert oneself* is evolved from to *exert one's powers*, etc
- exeunt** L, they go out
- exhale** F *exhaler*, L *exhalare*, from *halare*, to breathe
- exhaust** From L *exhaustire*, from *haustire*, *haust-*, to draw, drain Cf synonym F *épuiser*, from *puits*, well
- exhibit** From L *exhibere*, *exhibit-*, from *habere*, to have, hold *Exhibition*, scholarship, preserves obs sense, to furnish, provide, which *exhibere* had in Roman law
What maintenance he from his friends receives,
Like exhibition thou shalt have from me
(Two Gent 1 3)
- exhilarate** From L *exhilarare*, from *hilaris*, cheerful. Cf *hilarious*
- exhort** L *exhortari*, from *hortari*, to encourage, for *horit-*, from synonym *horui*, cogn with G χαίρειν, to rejoice, and ult with *yearn*
- exhume** F *exhumer*, MedL *exhumare*, from *humus*, ground
- exigent** From pres part of L *exigere*, from *ex* and *agere* Hence *exigency*, urgency Cf F *exigeant*, exacting, now often used in E See *exact*
- exiguous** From L *exiguus*, scanty, from *exigere*, to weigh out See *exact*
- exile** F *exil*, L *exilium*, from *ex* and root of *salire*, to leap As applied to a person app from F *exile*, influenced by L *exul*, but it may be a transferred use of the abstract, cf *message*, *prison*, which in OF & ME also mean messenger, prisoner
- exility** Slenderness L *exilitas*, from *exilis*, thin, for **exagilis*, cogn with *exiguous*
- eximious** Select From L *eximius*, from *eximere*, to take out See *exempt*
- exist** F *existere*, L *ex(s)istere*, from *sistere*, redupl form of *stare*, to stand
- exit** Sometimes L *exitus*, going forth, from *exire* (cf *adiſ*), but usu a verb See *exeat*
- ex libris** L, from the books Adopted as book-plate from Ger
- exo-** G ἔξω, outside
- exodus** L, G ἔξοδος, way out, from ὁδός, way Adopted by Vulg from G translators
- ex officio** L, in virtue of one's office
- exon** See *exempt*
- Exon** Signature of bishop of Exeter, AS. *Exanceaster*.
- exonerate** From L *exonerare*, to unburden, from *onus*, *oner-*, burden Orig in lit sense, e g of a ship For fig sense cf *discharge*
- exorbitant** From pres part of L *exorbitare*, to depart from one's orbit (q v) Cf *delirium*
- Exorbitant** from the milde course of law and justice (NED 1599)
- exorcize** Late L *exorcizare*, G ἐξορκίζω, from ἐξ, out, ὅρκος, oath Cf *conjure*
- exordium** L, from *exordiri*, from *ordiri*, to begin, orig to start weaving
- exoterie** G ἑξωτερικός, from ἔξω, without Cf *esoteric*
- exotic** L, G ἑξωτικός, from ἔξω, without
- expand** L *expandere*, from *pandere*, *pan-*, to spread
- ex parte** L, from (one) side (only).
- expatriate** From L *ex(s)patiare*, to walk about, from *spatium*, space, whence also It *spaziare*, Ger *spazieren*, to walk Still oec in orig sense For fig sense cf *dilate*
- Milton, when he has expatiated in the sky, may be allowed sometimes to revisit earth (Johns),
- expatriate** Mod formation on L *patia*, country Cf earlier F *expatrier* See *repair*²
- expect** L *ex(s)pectare*, to look out for, from *spectare*, frequent of *specere*, to look
- expectorate**. Euph for *spit*² (chiefly US). From L *expectorare*, to ease the mind, make a "clean breast," from *pectus*, *pector-*, breast
- expedite** From L *expedire*, *expedit-*, orig to free the foot, *pes*, *ped-*, from fetters (cf opposite *impede*) Hence *expedient*, helping on, *expediency*, now usu in bad sense, *expedition*, rapid setting forth.
- expel**, expulsion L *expellere*, from *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive

expend **expense** L *expendere* from *pendere* *pens* to weigh Pecon fructed from earlier *spend* (q v) *Expenditure* is MedL *expensitura*

experience F *expérience* L *experientia* from *experiri* *experiri* from *pe* i e to go through In ME also used like F *experiri* na for *experiment* With *experimantal* cf *empiric* *Expert* as noun is 19 cent

expiate From L *expiare* from *piare* to purge sinne to please God by sacrifice (Coop) from *piu*

expire F *expirer* I *ex(s)pirare* from *spi* ra e to breathe Earliest E sense is connected with death b t the verb was orig tran e g to *expire one* soil (life last breath etc)

explain Earlier (16 cent) *explane* L *explanare* to make smooth *planus* Altered on plain Cf *esplanade*

expletive L *expletivus* fill n_o out from *ex* plere from *plere* *plere* to fill (see plenty) Current sense of rhetorical padding is 19 cent

He a so t t plathe t th breakfast t bl serving to stop g p (O W 11 lines)

explicate **explicit** From L *explicare* from *phicare* *phicare* to fold For *explicit* *sa* th cf *implicit* *Explicit* at end of medieval books was usu taken as third person sing hero ends and sometimes replaced by *explicitum* but it was orig hort for *explicit* *sa* th liber the book is unroll d (Duc 949)

explode L *explodere* *explodere* opposite of *applaud* from *plaudere* to clap (at the theatre) Current sense (17 cent) from that of *expul* ve noise Etym sense still in *exploded theory*

explosive to dryv out w th noy d buk or with lapping of h d's (Coop)

F It ens to me to b w th congru u to write m ck from m *sica* espec ally as the k b been ploded by gen ral corse t from th d f vati es m *sica* d m m f

(Ash *Pris t D* at s 75)

Congre e and F sq har sh w th b ds on va se n years only t be plod d and p t down last lly (Lamb O Com ly)

exploit Earlier *exploit* OF *exploit* *exploit* L *exploit* *s* unfolded (see e *pl* ale) The verb is very common in OF with gen sense of progress achievement its earliest meaning in ME Current sense of verb e g to *exploit* a mine is from ModE pre

serving exactly the orig sense (cf *le* *elope*)

M It b en espl tet ml Damnes D us au t

(Köl 365)

[H progresses v ry well wh in the Ie d God b (ps)]

explore F *explorer* L *explorare* from orig sense cry shout of *plorare* to weep (cf *lascry*)

Specul t_o ab e pl sto hoc d flert q od pecu l tor hostidit sil ut perip cit pl at e p l cl n re c oscit (Fest)

exponent From *pres* part of L *exp* e See *expo* nd

export L *exportare* from *po* lare t carry

expose F *exposer* See *pose* *Exposé* F p p explanation sho ung up i 19 cent *Exposition* is sometimes used aft r F for exhibition Som senses of e p run parallel with those of *expound* (q)

ex post facto For MedL *ex post* i to from what is done afterwards

expostulate From L *expostulare* intens of *postulare* to demand used like F *dém* nd r *raison* to seek satisfaction

expound ME also *expon* OF *response* e *pandre* L *exponere* to put forth The OF verb has been replaced by a *poser* See *compound* p *ound* For *excreant* d cf *soi* nd¹ *bo* e d² and vulgar d *on* t

F mothe ho t po yde (Tynd p ded) t bi d scipit alle tho gis (W y M k 4)

express First as adj F *express* L *express* I t s juce ed out sig clearly stated from *exprimere* from *primere* *pre* s For sen e development of Ger *a* *isdruch* *express* on lit out press a *isdr* *isdruch* expressly An *express* train orig ran expressly to a certain station

exprobation Peprorch L *exprobatio* n from *exprobare* See *opprobri* m

expropriate From L *expropriare* to deprive of one's own (see *proper*) Current sense of organ ed theft appears to have arisen among Ger socialists

There m g u d n t agree that any compa sation wh t sho ld be paid t th p se t m d al own ex t e th n ral right to be q lired by th St t (R p t f Coal Comm ton, J ne 3 19 9)

expulsion See *expe* l

expunge L *expungere* to mark for deletion by dots from *p* *verre* to prick cf synon F *exp* cluer In mcl u e pularly associated with *passing* the sponge over

expurgate From I *expu* g r to make pure See *pu* g *Expurgatory* index l t of books

of which certain passages are forbidden by Roman Church, is now usu *index expurgatorius*

exquisite L *exquisitus*, pp of *exquirere*, to seek out, from *quaerere* Cf F *recherché*
As noun, fop, from c 1800

The olde Zeno in all his exquisite tourmentes never made any lamentable crye (Elyot, *Governour*, ii 279)

excise L *excindere*, to cut out

exseques See *exequies*

exsert [biol] Var of *exert* (q v) in etym.
sense Cf *insert*

exsiccate From L *ex(s)iccare*, to make dry, *siccus*

extant From pres part of L *ex(s)tare*, to stand forth

extempore L *ex tempore*, out of the time, *tempus* Cf on the spur of the moment.
Hence *extemporize* (17 cent)

Extempore will he ditties compose

(Ralph Roister Doister)

extend L *extendere*, from *tendere*, to stretch
In ME also *estend*, OF *estendre* (*étendre*)
Senses run parallel with those of native *stretch*, e.g. *University Extensionists*, who began to attend Summer Meetings at Oxf in 1888, were sometimes known as *stretchers*.

extenuate From L *extenuare*, to make thin, *lenius* Orig to emaciate (cf F *exténuer*)
Now chiefly in *extenuating circumstances*, for which F has *circonstances atténuantes*

exterior L, compar of *exterus*, from *extra*, outside

exterminate From L *exterminare*, to drive over the boundary, *terminus* For strengthened mod sense, which appears in *Vulg*, cf *decimate* Quot below shows a curious reversion to etym sense

Are you in favour of exterminating every German out of this country?

(Heckler at Dumfries, Dec 9, 1918)

external For earlier *externe*, L *externus*, from *exterus* See *exterior*

extinguish, extinct From L *ex(s)tinguere*, *ex(s)inct* See *distinguish*

extirpate Earlier *extrip*, from L *ex(s)trahere*, from *stirps*, stem, trunk Cf to root out
After the old plants be extirped and destroyed
(Holland's *Pliny*)

extol L *extollere*, from *tollere*, to raise Cf *elate*, *exalt*

extort From L *extorquere*, from *torquere*, to twist Much earlier is *extorcion*, prob through OF

extra- L *extra*, outside, orig compar formation from *ex*

extra Usu short for *extraordinary* Cf *super*
extract From L *extrahere*, from *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw

extradition F (18 cent), L *extraditio* n., from *tradere*, to hand over, from *trans* and *dare*, to give See *traitor*, *tradition*

extrados [arch] Upper or outer curve of arch
F, from *dos*, back, cf. *intrados*, *parados*

extraneous From L *extraneus*, from *extra*, outside See *strange*

extraordinary L *extraordinarius*, from *extra ordinem*, outside (the usual) order, *ordo*, *ordin-*

extravagant Earlier is *shavagant* From pres part of Late L *extravagari*, to wander beyond bounds, from *vagari*, cf F *extravagant* Orig in lit sense, e.g. the *extravagant and erring spirit*, i.e. the ghost (*Hamlet* i. i)
Extravaganza is after It *stravaganza*

extravasate [med] From L *vas*, vessel; cf F *extravaser*

extreme F *extrême*, L *extremus*, superl. of *exterius* See *exterior* Rarely used in etym sense (cf *utmost*)

extricate From L *extricare*, to disentangle, from *tricare*, perplexities Cf *intricate*

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exuviae L, garments 'stripped off, from *exuere*, to divest Cf *endue*

ex voto L, introductory words of dedication, *ex voto suscepto*, according to the vow taken

eyas [archaic] Young falcon For obs *nyas*, F *faucun nyais*, VL **nidax*, *nidae*, from *nidus*, nest Ident with F *mais*, silly, cf It *ndiace* For loss of *n-* cf. *adder*, *apron*, *auger* The spelling of *eyas* has been chiefly determined by mistaken association with *eyry* (see *aery*)

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It was thro' hout a d small onces on that were hw ys a d y behl i the f i

(Ald. West. N. v. 8. 191)

fairy OF *faerie* (ferie) land or race of fays (q.v.) For transferred use cf. that of youth Spenser's *Faerie* is deliberately archaic

faith OF *feid* (pronounced *feith*) later *fei* (foi) L. *fides* cf. It. *feue* Sp. *fe* The survival of the *th* sound due to a association with *truth* sooth etc. is unique etc. in a few surnames e.g. *Daineth* (*Daineth*) *Fay* is also found in ME As theol. word *faith* translates G. *veritas* *Faithful* as applied to Mohammedans translates Arab. *al-mumin* n. For *faith cure* *faith healing* (c. 1883) see *James* v. 16

fake (slang) For earlier *feake* *fea* no prob. Ger. *fegen* to sweep in fig. slang use. Much of our early thieves' lang. is Ger. or Du. and dates from the Thirteenth Years War as on d. *beuht fegen* to sweep n. (Ebers, 1796) *feng a hors* t m ke him h l and arry bi t u well (G. one)

fakir *fakir* Arab *fakir* poor Cf. *derwish* *falbala* F It also Sp. Port. Origin unknown but prob. connected with *fald*. In I usu. corrupted to *farbellow* Cf. *fal fal*

falcate Sickle-shaped L. *falcatus* from *fals* *fals* n. kle

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falcon ML *falconem* *falcon* etc. F *falcon* Late L. *falcon* n. from *fals* sickle (v.s.) Cf. Du. *talk* Ger. *falte* Usu. explained from shape of beak or claws but perh. rather from the sword-like wings of C. *apery* vulture lit. sickle and see a *capitral* home record the word as Teut. and cogn. with Upper Ger. *fah* (*fah*) falow cf. Ger. *falte* falow or horse etc. The f ct that *Falco* is a prehistoric Teut. personal name (cf. E. *Faulkes*) is an argument for Teut. origin of *falcon*

falconet (hist.) Light gun It. *falconetto* (v.s.) Cf. *musket saker*

faldral Cf. *falda* *fil-dal*

faldstool *faldstool* (eccl.) Late L. *falte stoliu* n. (cf. AS *fealle* st t OHG *fa l twof*) *faldstool* whence F *fa trui* arm-chair

Ong. chur. of bishop when away from his throne in another church

Falernian Wase From the *ager Falernu* in Campania

fall AS *feallan* Com. Teut. cf. Du. *valen* Ger. *fall* n. ON *falla* To fall soul of is naut. (see *fo* f) To fall out in sense of result goes back to casting of lots o dice The *Fall* (of man) is Puritan (16 cent.) *Fall* (f the le f) now US was ordinary 16 cent. E. I. r. autumn With archaic *falling sickn* ss. epilepsy, cf. L. *morbus caducus*

Th. had yere s d ded into us partes, Sprig tym son r f ul f th l t and winter

(Arch. T. optid)

To t tras ag in it had dy l f l = cad e l (Jm. lph. v. 21)

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fallal Of same late as *fallacy* of which t may be a var.

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false OF *fals* (fm) L. *falsus* deceived mistaken, p.p. of *fallere* to deceive Ong. pass. sense survives in *false step* (*notio*) et

falsetto It. dnt. of *falso* false

falter Orig. of the limbs to give way, stumblable as still with *footsteps knees* App. formed irreg. from ME *fa den* to fold used in same sense perh. with orig. ide. of doubling up under stress. Form may have been influenced by *fa* it

I feel my w ts to fail a d tongue to f l d (Spense)
O rotten props of the crad d in lustide,
How you f l do ble f alth und th highest
hance

Th t stras es your v es (v s sinews)
(Marston A. 1 & Melinda)

When our weanes f l her or in nition halts,
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farina *L.* from *fa* corn cogn. with *AS* *be e* barley. Cf *F f* *ine* flour.

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faro Card game. Formerly *pha* *so* *4* (H. Walpole) after *F phraon*. Reason for name doubtful.

farouche *I* *shy* *VL* **f* *rolicus* from *fero* *ferre*.

farrago *L.* lit. mixed fodder from *fa* *farr* *or* *m*.

farrier *Ol* *ferrier* (replaced by *ma* *schal* *f* *ant*) *L.* *f* *er* *rius* from *ferrum* iron horse shoe.

farrow Orig. young pig. *AS* *fen* *h* *cl* *Du* *d* *rm* *is* *hen* *Ger* *him* *ferkel* hog cogn. with *L.* *porcus*.

fast *AS* *feorlan* *Aryan* cf *Ger* *fa* *sen* *ON* *feht* *C* *सुषु* *Sanskrit* *paud*.

farther *farthest* *VL* *ferther* var. of *fa* *ther* (1 v) gradually replacing regular *far* in *na* which survived till 1 cent.

farthing *AS* *feuth* *g* from *feorht* fourth cf *ON* *f* *rikuur*. In 41 used for both *L.* *as* and *quadrans*. For suffix cf *f* *any* *sh* *ll* *n*.

farthingal [*archaic*. Corrupt of *Ol* *ferth* *gall* *ar* of archaic *verthale* (*cl* *stug* *cl* *n*) *Sp* *verdagud* from *verdi* *o* green switch flat *r* replaced by *whalebone* or *steel* *VL* *i* *riduci* *s* from *viridis* green.

feed pads *a* *cl* *ing* *all* in *Spal* *th* *y* *re* *below* at the tree (M. sh.).

fascis *L.* pl. of *fascis* bundle (of rods carried by the lictor).

fascia *L.* band fillet flat surface forming part of architecture cogn. with *fascis* *Cf* *fascia* *f* *ss*.

fascicle [*bo*] *I* *f* *ic* *cul* can. of *f* *ss* bundle.

fascinate from *I* *f* *ic* *nire* from *fa* *inui* charm spell.

fascine [*d* *j* *t* *L* *f* *ascine* *f* *gg* *t* from *fascis* bundle. Often compounded with *gab* *n*.

fash [*Se* *dr* *d* *al* *i* *l* *f* *icker* *OF* *fa* *h* *c* *VL* *f* *astidie* *e* from *fast* *dium* *di* *gust*.

fashion *F* *f* *ac* *n* *L* *fa* *t* *n* make from *facere* *cl* *It* *fa* *one* *VL* *of* *f* *ashoi* *marant* orig. (15 cent) *f* *high* *rank* and *breeding*. The *c* *f* *fa* *him* is after *Haad* *in* *t* where *f* *shion* *prob* *in* *ance* *face* *For* *current* *en* *e* with *adj* *und* *r* *stood* *cl* *rank* *quality* *style* Orig. *neutral* *sen* *e* *m* *ase* *a* *f* *ash* *n*.

f *an* *sk* *it* *the* *f* *on* *t* *fa* *en* *f* *th* *th* *aid* *of* *th* *shy* (Tynd. *L* *h* *36*).

*fast*¹ *Adj.* *AS* *fa* *t* *firm* *Com* *Tent* *cl* *Du* *vast* *Ger* *fa* *t* *ON* *fast* *With* *fa* *t* *ness* *fortress* *cl* *Ger* *f* *stung* *With* *to* *run* *fa* *t* *app* *incongruous* *with* *to* *t* *h* (*stand*) *fast* *cl* *similar* *inten* *use* *of* *ha* *d* *e* *g* *hold* *hard* *run* *hard* *Hence* *fast* *cl* *conduct* *now* *opposed* *to* *steady* *with* *which* *it* *is* *etym* *almost* *synon* *Fast* *and* *lose* *is* *an* *ol* *t* *cheating* *game* *with* *a* *string* *or* *strap*.

fast *play* *of* *fa* *t* *and* *lose* [*p* *se-pave*] *F* (*Flm* *Monks* *g* *ae* *i* *3*).

power *d* *la* *werth* [*sh* *rd* *t* *play* *f* *t* *and* *know* (*Colt* *1*).

*fast*² *To* *abstain* *AS* *fa* *sta* *Com* *Tent* *cl* *Du* *fasten* *Ger* *fasten* *ON* *fa* *ta* *Goth* *fa* *tre* *Prob* *cogn* *with* *fast* *with* *ori* *idea* *of* *firm* *control* *of* *oneself* *In* *pre* *Chri* *stan* *use* *but* *arlv* *associated* *with* *the* *Church*.

fasten *AS* *fa* *stnan* from *fast*¹ *With* *to* *fa* *te* *on* *ol* *dogs* *cl* *more* *express* *e* *I* *S* *to* *see* *a* *to* *and* *see* *ON* *parallel* *s* *v* *cl* *RG*.

fast *Calendar* *L.* pl. of *fa* *as* (*tie* *1*) *Lu* *ful* (*day*) from *fas* *n* *ht* *orig* *announce* *ment* *cogn* *with* *fa* *to* *speak*.

fastidious *F* *fa* *d* *us* *L.* *fa* *hosus* from *fast* *d* *um* *loath* *o*. Earlier used like many *ads* of *ti* *s* type (*f* *astul* *n* *usci* *s* etc.) in both *act* and *pass* *sens*.

The thing for the w.b. children *i* *often* *times* *beat* *is* *to* *them* *is* *fastidious* (*S* *T* *Elj* *11*).

*fat*¹ [*Bibl*] *Yes* *I* (*foet* *in* *13*) also *n* *nef* *t* *Replaced* *by* *fat* (*q* *v*).

common talk, as still in *common fame*,
house of ill fame Cf *fable*

family Orig servants of a household L
familia, from *familulus*, servant The AS
equivalent was *hūscepe* *Familiar spirit*
was earlier (15 cent) *familiar angel* (*devil*)
Familian (of the Inquisition) is an extended
use of earlier sense of confidential servant
of Pope or bishop Current sense of
family way (18 cent = *sans cérémonie*) is
19 cent

Parit enim conversatio contemptum (Apuleius)

famine F, Late L **famina*, from *fames*,
hunger

famish For earlier *fame* (cf *astomish*), aphel
from F *affamer*, to starve, VL **affamare*,
to bring to hunger, *ad famem*

famulus Sorcerer's attendant L, servant
Via Ger, in which *famulus* was used of
a poor student serving others Cf earlier
E univ sense of *servitor*

fan AS *fann*, L *vannus*, winnowing-fan,
cf F *van*, winnowing basket A *fan-light*
has the shape of a lady's fan The latter
is a 16 cent introduction

His fann ys on his handa

(AS Gospels, Luke, iii 17)

fanatic L *fanaticus*, "ravished with a pro-
phetical spirit" (Coop), from *fanum*,
temple Sense-development has been co-
loured by spec application of F *fanatique*
to the Camusards (q v)

fancy Contr of *fantasy*, *phantasy*, F *fan-
tasie*, L, G *φαντασία*, used in Late G of
spectral apparition See *phantom* Now
differentiated from *imagination*, with which
it was orig synon Sense of the unreal
survives in *fantast*, *fantastic* Mod sense
of inclination, e g to *take one's fancy*,
pigeon-fancier, arises from that of whim
Hence the *Fancy*, pugilism, earlier applied
to any class spec interested in a pursuit,
e g books, pigeons With adj *fancy* (only
attrib) cf *choice*, *prize*

I never yet beheld that special face

Which I could fancy more than any other

(Shrew, ii 1)

In maiden meditation, fancy-free (*Dream*, ii 1)

fandangle Arbitrary formation (late 19
cent), perh suggested by *fandango*

fandango Dance Sp, of negro origin

fane L *fanum*, temple, for **fasnom*, cogn
with *feriae* (QL *fesiae*), *festus* (see *fair*)

fanfare Flourish of trumpets F, of imit
origin With *fanfaron*, *fanfaronnade*, F,

Sp *fanfarrón*, braggart, cf to blow one's
own trumpet

They wore huge whiskers and walked with a
fanfaronading air

(Borrow, *Bible in Spain*, ch xvi)

fang AS *fang*, booty, from pp *gefangen* of
fōn, to seize A Com Teut verb, cf Du
vangen, Ger *fangen* (OHG *fāhan*), ON *fā*,
Goth *fāhan*, ult cogn. with L *pax*, *pac*,
peace, orig thing fixed Usual senses of
noun are comparatively mod, but the verb
fang, to seize, take, etc is common in ME
fan-tan Game Chin *fan t'an*, repeated di-
vision

Fan-tan, for which Chinamen were heavily fined
in London this week (*Daily Chron* June 27, 1917)

fantasia It, see *fancy*

fantast-ic, *fantasy*. See *fancy*

fantelogue, *fantigue* [*collog*] Earlier *fantique*.
Perh for *frantic* (v 1) For loss of -r- cf
Fanny for *Frances*

He began to enter into such a frantike, as hee
regarded not the salute of his friends

(Greene's *Viz on*)

fanti, *fantee*, to go WAfr for to run amok
Name of country and tribe on Gold Coast

Is he likely to "go Fanti,"

Or becoming shrewd and canty?

(Punch, Feb 28, 1917)

fantoccini It, pl of *fantoccino*, dim of
fantoccio, puppet, from *fante*, boy, L in-
fans, *infant*

faquir See *fakir*

far Orig adv AS *feorr* Com Teut, cf
Du *ver*, Ger *fern*, ON *fjarre*, Goth *farra*,
cogn with G *πέρας*, Sanskrit *paras*, be-
yond Prop of forward measurement,
hence *far* and *wide*, the latter word ex-
pressing lateral extension Dial *fun* is a
natural var., ME *fer*

farad Electr unit Adopted at Electrical
Congress at Paris (1881) in memory of
Faraday, E electrician (†1867)

farce F, VL **farsa*, from *farcire*, to stuff
viands Cf *force-meat* A *farce* was orig
an impromptu interlude "stuffed in" be-
tween the parts of a more serious play
farcy Disease of horses, allied to glanders
F *farcin*, L *farcinnum*, from *farcire*, to
stuff (v s)

fardel [*archaic*] OF (*fardeau*), dim of OF.
farde, burden, Sp *fardo*, Arab *fardah*,
package

fare AS *faran*, to go, travel Com Teut;
cf Du *varen*, Ger *fahren*, ON *fara*, Goth
faran, cogn with G *ρόπος*, passage, L

feasible Archaic I *faible* (now *faible*) from *fa-* stem of *faire* to do L. *facere*
 feast OT *feſte* (Jſle) L. *feſta* neut pl of adj *feſtus* joyful cogn with *feria* (fair)
 cf It *feſta* Sp *feſta* Now replaced in sense of ceremonial meal by *banquet*

feat AF *ſet* F *ſet* deed L. *factum* from *facere* The archaic and dial adj *ſent* fit becoming, dexterous etc has same origin L. *factus*

leather AS *felher* Com Teut cf Du *teder* Ger *feder* ON *fǫlkr* cogn with C *fer* po wing Sanskrit *pat* to fly Sometimes collect in sense e.g. *birds of a feather in one feather* Featherbed is AS The allusive uses belong esp to cock fighting e.g. a *white feather* in the tail is supposed to indicate a cowardly bird With *ſu* and *feather* cf F *plume et pol* To *cut a feather in one's* (v) cf to *cut a last* Feathering is ringing in to offer a feather edge to the air

cut a feather (if a ship) too broad how is common to say she will not *cut a feather* that is she will not pass through that water so swift as to make it *cut a feather* (Cent Dict 3)

And with turn come to (the) nest (R p blue 553)

feature OT *ſetura* fast re shape & all L. *ſectura* from *ſecere* to make. For modification of sense cf *convenia* etc The idiomatic use of *feature* in film land is quite new

Sh was well befitted al but hi ſee (R nouns A 108 17 ce 1)

febrifuge See *ſe*

febrile F *ſebris* Late L. *ſebris* from *ſebris* fever

February L. *Februarius* from *februa* feast of purification (Feb 15) of Sabine origin In most European languages The F form is learned for ME *ſe* or *ſe* etc Replaced AS *sól mǫnath* mid month

fecal See *ſeces*

fecial See *ſet*

feckless [See & worth For *eff* & *le* (Shaks)] Popularized by Carlyle to whom quot 2 alludes

A feckless account conceit of theurgies and power (James 1 B 7 con Dore)

The philosopher and economist thoughts, with Saunders N B Lock, the Baron's baggage that is a feckless month more or less we are at it by the calendar phry (J goldsby)

feculent F *ſeulent* L. *ſeulentis* from *ſecetis* dregs

fecundity L. *ſecunditas* from *ſecundus* fruitful ult cogn with *ſemina* ſ

federal F *ſeſt al* from L. *ſoedus* foed treaty alliance cogn with *pides* faith Sense of pol unity is esp LS Cf *conſeſt ate*

fee AS *feoh* cattle money Arvan cf Du *see* Ger *ſieh* cattl ON *ſe* cattle money Goth *ſaika* property money L. *pecu* cattle *pecunia* money Van krit *paſu* cattle Cf hit of attle *hallet* F *e* house in ME means both cattle-shed and treasury Related are *peſ* ſ d (q v) and from an AF form of *ſeſ* comes *ſee* in to hold in *ſee* MedL in *ſodo* as a ſeſ i udal tenure *Fee* payment also *ſeſu* in MedL a mixture of the two main groups of senses F *ſimple* MedL *ſeſ d m ſimplex* or *ſeſum* is absolute own r ship as opposed to *ſeſ i* entailed or restricted Chauc uses it allusively

Of ſeſ and robes h dde h (ſt Serpant of th Law) many oon.

Al was ſeſuple to h m in Sect (A 317)

feeble OT *ſeſle* (ſa ble) L. *ſeſilis* pitiable from *ſeſe* to weep the first i being lost by disson as in *ſeſe* cf It *ſeſile* Sp *ſeſle* See *ſeſile*

feed AS *ſidan* to supply with food (q v) Hence to supply a machine to toss balls at rounders formerly also at cricket With mid sense cf *ſeſe* up to fatt n hence (a mil slang) to over-saturate cf F *ſeſe* a *ſeſe* I am fed up with it Off on ſeſe (ſeſe) is from the stable

We're all things pretty well fed up with this place by now (Nieves, *Am Amer*) *Alarum*, ch 11

fee ſaw ſum From Ja. & the G and killer Cf *ſeſe*

It's word was all I ſeſe h d ſum I ſeſe the blood of ſeſe h m n (Lae 1 a)

feel AS *ſelan* WGer cf Du *ſeſen* Ger *ſeſen* Orig of touch cogn with AS *ſeſe* palm L. *ſeſe* G *ſeſe* cf ON *ſeſe* to grope For fig senses of touch ſeſe F *ſeſe* F *ſeſe* L. *ſeſe* to shape invent F *ſeſe* L. *ſeſe* ong pp ſem ſeſeſpar ſeſeſpar Alt *ſeſe* on *ſeſe* from Ger *ſeſe* F *ſeſe* F *ſeſe* is du to me taken as occasion by I urwan (1704) with Ger *ſeſe* rock

felcity F *ſeſe* L. *ſeſe* from *ſeſe* ſeſe happy With *ſeſe* ſeſe c happy thought

feline L. *ſeſe* from *ſeſe* cat Hence

fat² AS *fætt*, contracted p p of *fæthan*, to make fat, cf *fatted calf*, and Ger *feist*, fat, p p of OHG *feizzen*, to fatten Ger *fett* is from LG The *fat of the land* is after Gen xlv 18, where Vulg has *medulla terrae*

Faith, Doricus, thy braine boiles, keele [cool] it, or all the fatt's in the fire

(Marston, *What you will*, Induction)

Fata Morgana Mirage in Strait of Messina It, fairy Morgana, sister of King Arthur, *Morgan le Fey* in AF poetry, located in Calabria by Norman settlers See *fay* The name *Morgan* is Welsh, sea-dweller (cf *Pelagian*)

fate L *fatum*, thing spoken, decree of the gods, from *fari*, to speak In all Rom langs Its first E use, in Chaucer's *Troilus*, may be from It *fato*

father AS *fæder* Aryan, cf Du *vader*, *vaar*, Ger *vater*, ON *faðer*, Goth *faðar* (but Goth has usu *atta*), L *pater*, G *πατήρ*, Gael Ir *athair*, Sanskrit *pitr*, all prob orig from baby-syllable *pa* With *fatherland* cf *mother-country*, but the word is often allusive to Du *vaderland* or Ger *vaterland* For eccl sense cf *abbot*, *pope*

fathom AS *fæthm*, the two arms outstretched (cf F *brasse*, fathom, L *brachia*, arms), cogn with Du *vadem*, Ger *faden*, measure of six feet, thread, and ult with G *παρὰνύαι*, to spread out (see *petal*) For fig sense of verb cf *to sound*²

fatidic L *fatidicus*, fate-telling, from *fatum* and *dicere*

fatigue F *fatiguer*, L *fatigare*, prob cogn with L *fatiscere*, to gape, yawn, *adfatum*, enough, cf It *fatigare*, Sp *fatigar* Mil sense from 18 cent

fatuous From L *fatuus*, foolish Cf *infatuare*

faubourg F, earlier *fauvbourg*, corrupted, as though false town (MedL *falsus burgus*), from OF *forsbourg*, from *fors* (hors), outside, L *foris*, and *bourg*, borough

faucet Spigot, tap Obs in E, exc dial, but usual word for tap in US F *faussel*, ² dim from L *faux*, *fauc-*, throat, cf *goulot*, "the pipe of a snke, or gutter" (Cotg), dim of OF *goule* (*gueule*), throat, "gullet"

faugh Earlier (16 cent) *foh*, *fah* Natural exclamation, imit of repelling unpleasant smell Cf Ger *pfui*

fauldstool See *faldstool*

fault Restored spelling of ME *faut*, F *faute*,

VL **fallita*, coming short, from *fallere*, to deceive, cf It. Sp *falla* In some phrases, e g *at fault* (hunting) = F. *en défaut*, aphet for *default* The -l- was silent up to 18 cent With *to a fault* cf synon, but etym opposite, *to excess* *Fault* at tennis is recorded 1526

Yet he was kind, or if severe in aught,
The love he bore to learning was in fault
(Deserted Village)

faun L *Faunus*, name of rural god or demigod, identified with Pan

fauna L *Fauna*, sister of *Faunus* (v s) Adopted (1746) by Linnaeus as companion-word to *flora* (q v)

fauteuil F, see *faldstool*

fautor [leg] Partisan OF *fautour*, L *fautor-em*, from *favere*, to favour, *faux pas* F, false step

Favonian L *Favonius*, from *Favonius*, the west wind, cogn with *favour*

favour F *fav eur*, L *favor-em*, from *favere*, to regard with goodwill *Favouite* is OF *favorit* (*favori*), from It *favorito*, p p of *favorire*, to favour It is recorded in racing from c 1800 A *favour*, worn as a distinguishing mark, was orig conferred as a sign of favour by a prince, lady, etc With-out fear or favour is a leg formula To favour (one's father, mother) is to show (facially) an inclination towards, hence well-(til-)favoured See also *curry*¹

fawn¹ Noun F *faon*, orig young of any animal, VL **feto-n-*, from *fetus*, offspring For spelling and sound cf *lawn*²

The Lyonnesse hath the first 3 ere five fawnes
(Caxton, *Mirror of World*)

fawn² Verb AS *fahman*, to rejoice, be pleased fawn, parallel form of *fægman*, from *fægen*, glad (see *fain*) The AS compd *on-fægman* is used of dogs

ffawnyn, as *foundys* applaudo, blandior
(Promptuarii)

fay F *fée*, fem, L *fata*, neut pl, the Fates, cf It *fata*, Sp *hada* Cf *Fata Morgana*, *fairy*, and see *fate*

feal [archaic] OF *jeal*, fecil, L *fidelis*, faithful Hence *fealty*

fear AS *fær*, sudden peril, cf Du. *gevaar*, Ger *gefahr*, danger, also Goth *fērja*, one who lies in wait, cogn with *fare* The verb was orig trans, AS *færan*, to ternsv, as still in archaic *I fear me* (see quot s.v. *brig*)

fearnought [naut] Stout cloth Cf *dreadnought*

felix amenities, women's veiled spite, used by Du Maurier in *Punch*

fell¹ Hide Chiefly in *fell-monger* AS *fell*. Com Feut, cf Du *vel*, Ger. *fell*, ON *fiáll*, Goth *fill*, cogn with L *pelus*, G. *πῆλλα*, and *film*

fell² Verb AS *f(ɛ)llan*, causal of *fall* (q v) Cf Ger *fällen* In sewing sense from causing seam to fall

fell³ [north] Hill, as in *Scaufell* ON. *fiáll*, cogn with Ger *fels*, rock

fell⁴ Adj OF *fel*, nom of *felon* (q v) Esp in *at one fell swoop* (*Maeb* iv 1)

Fell, Doctor Person instinctively disliked John Fell, Dean of Christ-Church (†1686), subject of adaptation by Thomas Brown (†1704), as an undergraduate, of Martial's epigram There are many versions, that below being from 1719 ed of Brown's works (iv 113) There are also F renderings by Marot and Bussy-Rabutin

I do not love you, Doctor Iell, But why I cannot tell,

But thus I know full well I do not love you, Doctor Fell

Non amo te, Sribidi, nec possum dicere quare,
Hoc tantum possum dicere, non amo te (Mort 1 33)

fellah Arab *fellāh*, husbandman, from *falaha*, to till the soil With pl *fellaheen* cf *Bedouin*, *cherubin*, etc

felloe, felly Rim of wheel AS *felge*, cf Du *velge*, Ger *felge*, also OHG *felahan*, to fit (wood) together

fellow Orig partner Late AS *fēolaga*, ON *felaga*, partner, associate, cf ON *fēlag*, partnership, lit fee lay With *fellow-feeling* cf *compassion*, *sympathy* In univ sense translates L *socius* For vaguer senses cf *companion* and US *palnner* Hail fellow well met is found in 16 cent The contemptuous use arises from the orig kindly manner of addressing servants in ME

A individual in company has called me a feller (Sam Weller)

felly See *felloe*

felo de se MedL, felon with regard to himself (v 1)

felon F, Carolingian L *fello-n-*, cf It *felone*, Sp *felon*, and *fell*⁴ Oldest E sense is criminal *Fel, felon*, adj, grim, treacherous, terrible, is very common in OF, but is of unknown origin A plausible suggestion is that from L *fellare*, to suck, also sensu obsceno, was formed a noun **fello-n-*, used as gen term of abuse Cf *glutton* from *glutto-n-*, also a common term of abuse in

OF. *Felon*, whtlow (dial & US), is the same word, cf. L *tagax*, thievish, whtlow, and *furuncle* (q v), also Du. *nijdnagel*, lit envy-nail

I've been visiting to Bath because I had a felon on my thumb (*I ar from the Madling Creed*)

felspar See *feldspar*

felt AS *felt* WGer; cf Du. *mill*, Ger. *fil-*, prob cogn with the second element (to beat, hammer) of *anvil* (q v) Cf MedL *filtrum* (from Teut), whence F *feutre* See *filter*

felucca [naut.] It, Arab *salūkah*, cogn. with *folk*, ship, cf. F. *felouque*, Sp. *saluca* Dozy regards Arab *salūkah* as a mod word borrowed from Europ He derives It *felucca* from Sp, and the latter from Arab *harrāea*, small galley, whence OSP *halogue* Being a Mediterranean rig, Arab origin is likely

salouque a barge, or a kind of barge like boat that hath some five or six oars on a side (Cote)

female F *femelle*, L *femella*, dim of *femina* woman Altered on *male* (q v) Cf Ger *weibchen*, female of animals, lit. little woman

Maal and femaal he made hem (Wyc Gen 1 27)

feme [leg] OF (*femme*), woman, in *femecover*, protected, ie married, woman *feme sole*, single woman (v 1)

feminine F *fémmin*, L *femininus*, from *femina*, woman; cogn with *fellare*, to suckle, and with *filus*, *fiha* *Feminism* in new sense of "women's rights," is not in NED The eternal feminine comes, via F, from Goethe's *ewig-weibliche* (last line of *Faust* II)

femoral [anat] Late L *femoralis*, from *femur* *femor-*, thigh

fen AS *fenn* Com Teut, cf. Du *veen*, LG *fenne*, ON *fen*, Goth. *fam* Orig mud

Hence prob F *fange*, It *fango*

fence Apher for *defence*, F *défense*, from *défendre*, VL **disfendere* for *defendere*, to ward off, etc Hence *fencible*, capable of or liable for, making defence With US to sit on the fence cf. Ir the best hurlers (hockey-players) are on the ditch (bank) as critical spectators out of danger Verbs to fence (with swords) is first in Shakespeare (*Merry Wives*, II 3)

fence a receiver and securer of stolen goods (*Dict. Cant. Creed*)

Charles Seaforth, lieutenant in the Hon East India Company's second regiment of Bombay I encibles (*Ingoldsby*)

fetch¹ Verb AS *fetian*, *seccan*, ? ult cogn with *foot* As archaic noun, dodge, something in the nature of a sought out contrivance, cf *far fetched* *Fet* ran parallel with *fetch* up to 17 cent and is still in dial use It occurs in orig text of *AV*, e.g. *Acts*, xxviii 13 Colloq scense of *fetching* is latc 19 cent

ascitus strange, far fet, usurped (Litt)

She hath more qualities than a water-spaniel
Imprimis she can fetch and carry

(*Two Gent* iii 1)

fetch² Wrath Perh short for *fetch-life*, messenger fetching soul of dying, or *fetch-light*, corpse-candle, both obs

The very fetch and ghost of Mrs Gamp

(*Chuzzlewit*, ch. ix)

fête F, L *fésta*, for *festum* (see *feast*) Hence *fête-champêtre*, L *campestris*, from *campus*, field

fetial, **fecial** L *fetialis*, *fecialis*, "an officer at armes to denounce warre or peace, an ambassadour for that purposc, an harraude" (Coop)

fetid L *fetidus*, from *fetere*, to stink

fetish F *fétiche*, Port *fetiço*, "sorcery, charm" (Vieyra), L *facticus*, made by art, applied by early Port travellers to native amulets, etc, on Guinca coast (cf *joss*, *palaver*) Cf OF. *faitis*, well-formed, elegant, whence ME *fetous* (Chauc A 273)

Strawen rings called fatissos or gods (Purch)

The aforesaid king on whom alone the fitezzas of the Baecaraus [= whites, "buckras"] had no power (Roberts, *Voyages*, 1726)

fetlock ME *fellak*, *fytlak* Now associated with *lock*¹, tuft of hair, but earlier prob with *lock*², fastening, cf hist of the almost synon *pastern* (q v), and Ger *fessel*, fetter, fetlock Cf LG *fitlock*, Ger dial *fisstoch* First element is *foot*, second is usu explained as formative suffix, but may very well be *tork*¹.

fetter AS *feter*, cf Du *vetet*, lace, earlier, chain, MHG *fesser* (replaced by *fessel*), ON. *fiðlar* From *foot*, cf L *pedica* and *compes*, fetter, from *pes*, foot

fettle As in *fine fettle* From dial verb *fettle*, to make ready, etc Perh from AS *fetel*, belt, as the verb is used reflex in ME. with sense like to *gird oneself* (cf to *buckle to*) AS *fetel* is ult cogn with *vat* and Ger *fassen*, to grasp, embrace.

fetus Incorr *fortus* L, offspring, cogn with *felix*, happy

feu [leg] Sc form of *fee* (q v), OF *fin*, *fiel* Sec *Bride of Lammermoor*, ch. xii.

Dem: Espagne vus voelt en fin duner (Rol 432)

Lord Leverhulme does not intend charging any feu duty for the sites

(*Sund Times*, Jan 26, 1919).

feud¹ Vendetta Early Sc *fedē* (14-15 cent), OF *faide*, OHG *fēhida* (*fēhde*); cf AS *fēhth*, enmity (see *foe*) Adopted in E in 16 cent, with unexplained alteration to *feud* This can hardly be due to association with *feud*², a later and learned word never in popular use

feud² Fief MedL *feudum*, *feodum* (10 cent) See *fee*, *feu*, *fief*. The ending may be OHG *ōd*, wealth, property, as in *allodial* (q v), a word belonging to the same region of ideas With *feudal* cf F *féodal* This group of words is of fairly late appearance in E, having been introduced from MedL by the jurists and antiquaries of the 16-17 cents

feu de joie F, fire of joy, orig bonfire

feuille-morte F, dead leaf

feuilleton F, dim of *feuille*, leaf. Esp applied in F to the short story or serial with which newspapers filled up after the fall of Napoleon left them short of war news This was the beginning of Dumas' and Eugène Sue's long novels

fever AS. *fēfer*, L *febris* Adopted by most Europ langs, e.g. F *fièvre*, It. *febbre*, Ger. *fieber*, etc - Hence *feverfew*, AF *sewerfue*, Late L *febrifugia*, *febrifuge* (*fugare*, to put to flight), from med usc, cf AS *fēferfuge*.

few AS *fēawe* (pl) Com Teut, cf OSax *fāh*, OHG *fāo*, ON *fār*, Goth *fawar* (pl), cogn with L. *paucus* With jocular a *few* now gen US, perh after F. *un peu*, cf US *some*

fey [Se] Of excitement supposed to presage death AS *fāge*, doomed, timid Com Teut, cf Du *veeg*, OHG *feigi* (Ger. *feig*, cowardly), ON *feigr*, perh cogn with L *piger*, sluggish

I was but thinkin' you're fey, McKimmon
(Kipling, *Bread upon the Waters*)

fez F, Turk *fes*, from *Fez* in Morocco

fiance F, p p of *fiancer*, to betroth, from OF *fiance*, pledge, from *fier*, to trust, L *fidere*, from *fides*, faith Thus F. word, variously "pronounced," has practically expelled *betrothed*

fianchetto [chess] It, little flank (attack).

fiasco F, It, lit *botile* (see *flask*), in phrase *far fiasco*, said to be from slang of Venet.

file From L. *filix* *fil* *c* fern
filigrane *filigree* Earlier *filigreen* F *filigrane* It *filigrana* from L. *filum* thread
granum grain bead

filoque [theol.] L. and from the Son. Claus in Nicene Creed which separates Eastern Church from Western

fill AS *fyllan* Aryan (see *full*) Noun *fill* AS *fylio* (cf Ger *fülle*) occurs from earliest period only in to drink (have etc) *one's fill* cf a *fill* of tobacco To *fill the bill* is orig theat allusive to large letters for the star performer

fillet 1 *fillet* dim of *fil* thread L. *filum* cf It *fietto* Sp *filete* First E sense is head ban 1 partly due to associat on with *phylacteria* (vi) then narrow strip eg of meat

phylact *titia* *phylatonum* (P mpt P m)

filibeg See *filibeg*

filip Imit of sound and movement Lengthened form of *flap* (cf *chup chirrup*) Lighter than *flap flop*

ek q a d a filip Art or bob given with the finger ale (Cotg)

filly ON *fylija* fem of *foit* foil (q v)

film AS *filmen* membrane prepuce cogn with *fell* cf AS *ðærfelna* skin of e g Present use (cinema) is from photography
fillole F It *filosello* corrupted after *fil* thread from VL *folliculus* for *folliculus* cocoon dim of *folius* bag Cf Mod Prov *fousel* cocoon

fillos a k d f o r s s i k w h h w e u
fillosita o d u r e t s i k (Flo)

filter F *filtra* It *fil* o ModL *fil* u n felt (q v)

fe t *f i t* *bo* alter a p o e of *f i t* or thick wool n lot t d u l f s t a n t b s through (Cotg)

filth AS *fflith* from *fo d* (q v)

filmbria L. fringe (q v)

fin AS *finn* cf Du *ten* cogn with I *pinna* feather fin

final F L *finalis* from *finis* end Cf *finale* It adj orig of music

finance 1 from OF *finer* to end settle from *fi* L *finis* In OF & M^r esp ransom levy (cf *fi s*) Mod sense also uo e fir t in F (17-18 cents) esp in connection with the tax farmers or *financiers*

finch AS *finc* Com Teut though not recorded in ON & Goth cf Da *finh* Ger *finch* Sw *fi k* Dan *finke* Cogn with F *pinson* It *pincone* Welsh *pink* (ex *ypw* cf E dial *pink* sp nh

find AS *findan* Com Teut cf Du *vinden* Ger *finden* ON *finna* Goth *fintha* Sense of supply as in well for 1 to *find one's* etc is very old (vi) perh imitated from AF use of *trouver*

Fu po res etc I c a l e s r o l t r o t s t e n
 (IV II of Lady Cla 555)

And e r m u n t o t h t d v i d y
 Et m e s i w i b t r o t h e e t y n d
 (Ch A 24 2 Ar I s w e l o M)

fin de siècle F end of century Much used in the last decade of the 19th century

App first in title of comedy *Paris fin de siècle* produced at the Gymnase Feb 1890
fine Noun F *fin* end L *fin* cf It *fine* Sp *fin* Orig sense only in *fine* (cf F *enfin*) In MedL & M^r also final agreement settlement by payment etc whence mod sen e

fine Adj F *fin* VL *finus* back f r m a t i o n from *finire* to f n h cf It Sp *fino* Borrowed also by all Teut langs (eg Du *ryn* Ger *fein*) F has kept orig sense of delicate subtle (cf *fi sse*) which survives in our *fine distinct on too fine a point* (co edge) *fine-drawn* lit invisibly m n l e d etc The expression *one of the fine day* in which the adj is now purely expletive has parallel in most Europ langs

finesse F delicacy subtlety See *fin*

finger AS *fige* Com Teut cf Du *un* er Ger *finger* ON *fingr* Goth *figns* To have a *finger* in implies a l e s active participation than to *have a hand in* *Finger-print* in crim sense is not in N^r D For *finger stall* see *skid* At one's *finger's ends* is allusive to elementary method of calculation (cf synon F *si k bout du doigt*)

fy g r s t a l l d g r t l (Goth Angl)

finerang Wool for stocking Earlier *fin* gram F *fin* ain Cf *program* *transfer*

final [arch] F var of *final* suggested by numerous words in 121

final Recorded (1592) ea lier than *finish* (1611) which suggests obs Du *fin* k e n s perfectè exactè ad unguem concunnè bellè (Kal) In any case ult from *fine* F *nick* is back formation

finis L end

finish ME *fe iss* OF *fini* *fen* s L *finis* on which it is now respelt lke F *finir* Cf *fi* ue L *pp* *finis*

Fin AS *Finnas* (pl) cf ON *Finne* Sw Dan Ger *Fin* e L *Fin* i (Tac) G

fiend AS *fēond* Com Teut, cf Du *vijand*, Ger *feind*, ON *fjānde*, Goth *fijands* Orig pres part of *fēogan*, to hate For formation of *friend* Already in AS applied to Satan, the gen sense, preserved in Ger *feind*, being taken by cogn *foe* and borrowed *enemy*

fierce OF *fiers*, nom of *fier*, proud, valiant, L *ferus*, wild (see *feral*?) The unusual survival of the nom is due to its common use as an epithet of the subject

fieri facias [leg] L, cause it to be done, in sheriff's writ Cf *habeas corpus*, *venne facias*

fiery See *fire*

fife Ger *pfeife* See *pipe*, and cf F *fifre*, piper, Ger *pfeifer* Many Ger musicians are found at E court in 15-16 cents Hence *fife-nail* (uaut), see *fiddle*

Forthwith came a French man being a plipher, in a little boate, playing on his pliph the tune of the Prince of Orange his song (Hakl v 129)

Fifteen [lust] Jacobite rising of 1715 Cf *Forty-five*

fifth monarchy Last of five empires prophesied by Daniel (ii 44) In 17 cent associated with millennium, hence *fifth-monarchy-man*, anarelist zealot

fig¹ Fruit F *figue*, Prov *figa*, VL **fīca*, for *ficus* From latter come AS *fīc*, OF *fi*, It *fico*, Sp *hugo* Cf Ger *feige*, Du *vijg*, from Prov or It *A fig for* is imitated from similar use of It *fīco*, the word being used in its secondary (and obscene) sense Spec use of *fig-leaf* dates from Garden of Eden

A *fīco* for the phrase (*Merry Wives*, i 3)

fig² [slang] Dress For obs *feague* (see *fake*) Hence to *fig out*, full *fig*, the latter prob also associated with *figure*

fight AS *feohthan*, cf Du, *vechten*, Ger *fechten* To show *fight*, *fight shy*, are both prob from the prize-ring or cock-fighting To *fight aloof* was formerly used for the latter

figment L *figmentum*, from *fig-*, root of *ingere*, to fashion Cf *fiction*

figurant F, It *figurante* See *figure*

figure F, L *figura*, form, shape, from *fig-*, root of *ingere*, to fashion, cf It Sp *figura*, Philo- & scient senses are due to L *figura* being used to render G *σχήμα*, but sense of numerical symbol is esp E To *cut* (earlier *make*) a *figure* is after F *faire figure*

Fig use of naut *figure-head* is late 19 cent figurine F, It *figurina*, dim of *figura*

figwort Supposed to cure the *fig*, pop name for piles, from *fig*¹, cf *pile-wort*.

filacer [leg] Filer of writs, from obs *filace*, *file*² (q v).

filament F, Late L *filamentum*, from *filum*, thread

filbert AF *philbert*, ME *philliberd* (Gower), because ripe about St *Philbert's Day* (Aug 22) Cf Ger *Lambertsmiss*, *filbert*, prob Lombardy nut (cf *walnut*), but associated with St *Iambert* (Sep 17), cf also Ger *Johannisbeere*, red currant (St *John's Day*, June 24), and see *jenneting* *Noir de filbert* is the Norm name The Saint's name is OHG *Filn-berht*, very bright

filch Thieves' slang (16 cent) *File* occurs in same sense, cf F. *filou*, pickpocket, *filouter*, to filch

file¹ Tool. Mercian form *fil* of AS *fēol*, cf Du *vijl*, Ger *feile*

file² For papers F. *fil*, thread, L *filum* Cf AF *afiler*, to file

file is a thread or wyer, whereon writs are fastened for the more safe keeping of them (Cowell)

file³ Of soldiers F, from *file*, to spin out, arrange one behind another, L *filare*, from *filum* (v s) Hence *rank* and *file*, body of men measured lengthways and depthways, *Indian file*, one treading in the footsteps of the other

file the strut line soldiers make that stand one before another, which is the depth of the battalion or squadron, and thus distinguish'd from the *rank*, where the men stand side by side, and make the length of the battalion or squadron (*Mil Dict* 1768).

file⁴ [archaic] Defile¹ (q v) Echo of *March* in 1

file⁵ As used by the Artful Dodger (*Oliver Twist*, ch viii), may be ME *file*, fellow, wench, F *filie* For double sex cf *harlot* See also *filch*

filemot, phulamot Colour Corrupt of *femelle morte* (q v)

filial Late L *filialis*, from *filius*, son, cf *filiation* See also *feminine*

filbeg, philbeg Highland kilt Gael *filteadh*, fold, *beagh*, small First element perh from L *velum*, second appears in names *Begg*, *Baugh*, and cogn Welsh *Baeh*, *Vaughan*

filbuster Ult Du *vrijbutter*, freebooter, (q v), the relation of E *filbuster*, earlier *fibutor*, F *fibustier*, earlier *fibustier*, and Sp *fibustero* being uncertain For an original -s- cf *roister*. In US obstructionist politician, much used Feb 1917.

filbusters West Indian pirates, or bucaners, freebooters (*Dict Cant Crew*)

flageolet¹ Musical instrument F, dim of OF *flageol*, *flajol*, Prov *flajol* Origin unknown, but ult connection with *flute* and L *flavē*, to blow, seems likely

flageolet² Kidney-bean Corrupted F dim of *fascole*, L *phascolus*, from *phaselus*, G φάσηλος, cf It. *fagiolo*

fascoles fasces, long peason, kidney beans (Cotg)

flagitate From L *flagitare*, to demand urgently, prob cogn with next word, though the connection is obscure

flagitious L *flagitiosus*, from *flagitium*, crime
flagon ME *flakon*, F *flacon*, OF *flascon*, cf Late L *flasco-n-* See *flask*

flagrant From pies part of L *flagrare*, to burn With *flagrant offence*, "flaming into notice" (Johns), cf *burning shame* See also *delict*

flail OF *flavel* (*fléau*), L *flagellum*, scourge, cf It *fragello*, Sp *flagelo* Replaced AS *flugel*, from L, cf Du *vlegel*, Ger *flegel*, also from L It seems curious that the Teut races should have borrowed so simple an instrument from Rome, but app they trod their corn (see *thrash*) before they learnt from the Romans

flair F, scent (of hound), from *flairei*, to scent, VL **flagrare*, by dissim from *fragrare* See *fragrant*

flake First of snow (Chauc) Cf ON *floke*, flock of wool, Ger *flocke* (OHG *flohho*), flock of wool, flake of snow, both prob from L *floecus* (see *flock*²), so also F *floc*, flock of wool, *flocon*, snow-flake. This early loan of the Teut langs from L is prob due to the importation of feathers, down and geese from the north under the Roman Empire, cf *pillow* and Ger *flaum*, down, L *pluma* Other senses of *flake* suggest connection with *flay* (q v) or with Du *vlak*, flat Prob several distinct words are represented

The old woman's plucking her geese
And selling the feathers a penny a piece

(Child's snow-storm rime)

flam, **flim-flam** Humbug Prob *flam* is the older, cf *fible-fable* in same sense, and see *reduplication* *Flam* may be short for *flamflew* (Sc), trifle, gew-gaw, OF *fanfelue* (*fanfeluche*), MedL *fanfaluca*, bubble, G ρομφάλλυξ

rio'e a flimflam, idle discourse, tale of a tub

(Cotg)

flam a trick, or sham-story (Dict Cant Crew)

flambeau F, dim of *flambe*, flame Cf

flamboyant, orig arch, with flame like tracery.

flame OF. (*flambe*, *flamme*), L *flamma*, ? cogn with *flagrare*, to burn, ? or with *flavē*, to blow Early applied to love, but mod half-jocular use (*an old flame*) is prob direct from 17 cent F, *flamme* and *âme* riming in the F classics almost as regularly as *herz* and *schmerz* in Ger lyric. The adoption of the word in Teut (Du *vlam*, Ger *flamme*) is curious The Teut name is represented by AS *lircg*, Ger *lohe*, cogn with L *lux*, *lue-*, light

flamen L, priest, of obscure origin.

flamingo Sp. *flamenco* or Port *flamengo*, lt Fleming, the choice of the name being due either to a kind of pun on *flame* or to the medieval reputation of the Flemings for bright dress and florid complexion (Cervantes), cf Prov *flamenc*, F *flamant*, the latter with suffix substitution as in *Flammand*, Fleming

Un phœnicoptère qui en Languedoc est appelé flamman (Rab 1 37)

flamenco a flaming, a kind of bird like a shoveler, Belga (Percy v all)

flammenwerfer [hist] Ger, flame-thrower, a Kultur-word from 1915 See *flame*, *warf*

flanneonnade [fenc] F, side-thrust, from *flanc*, flank

flange Also *flanch* App connected with OF. *flanche*, fem form of *flanc*, side ? Or from OF *flangir*, mod dial *flancher*, to bend, turn, which is of Teut origin and ult cogn with *flank*

Creeping along rocky flanges that overlooked awful precipices (O Henry)

flank F *flanc*, OHG *hlancha*, hip, cogn with AS *hlanc*, flank, slender For change of init *h-* to *f-* cf *frock* (q v) and OF epic hero *Floovent*, OHG *Hlodowing* In E chiefly mil

flannel Earlier (16 cent) also *flannen*, which is prob the orig form Welsh *gwlanen*, from *gwlan*, wool Adopted in most Europ langs For *flannelette* cf *velveteen*, *satinette*, etc

flap Imit, a sound or motion half-way between the lighter *flip* and the heavier *flop* Hence pendant portion of any object Mod sense of *flapper* is perh due to earlier application to young wild-duck or partridge Cf Ger *baekfisch* in same sense With *flapdoodle*, arbitrary coinage, cf obs *faddoodle* (17 cent)

Looking through the cookery-book, under the

beating g m " I f und flappers. I f in t th
least h te bit of an id a wh t out of g se the
w So I inquired of a smooting near who told
m th t f pper w re "little dunks"
(Ellen Terry *Streak* *Reverend Telegram*
N 70 et 1917)

flare Earlier (16 cent) *fear* Orig. to flutter
flicker later sense inf. enced by *flare* 2 er
by Prov *flar* large thickening flame from
L *flares* 1 App a cant word and hence
prob Du or LG Cf Ger *flammen* *faddern*
Du *eleeren* the latter perh the source of
our word with loss of -d common in Du
word Coen with *f* 1er *fuler*

R and penant, flaring boat her he d
(M 1917 N 105, 6)

flare to shin re glare lik a comet or beacon
(D of Cal 1891)
de fland're net flatter the flaring of a anile
(1806)

flash Orig (14 cent) to dash plash et
later application to light being partly du
to association with *flame* Of must origin
combining the *fl* of rapid motion with the
h of sound of *flask* Slang uses e.g.
flash core etc may spring from 17 cent
sense of show or entation Cf the *fl* h
of the Royal Welsh Fusil rs said to re-
place the tie bow of the pig tail which
they were the last regiment to wear
Flash in the pan is from old (archaic) Bre-
arm in which the priming is sometimes
flashed in the pan" without smiting the
charge of *F* *construa* lit and ng

flask Adapted (16-17 cent) from arabian *F*
flask for powder It *flask* for wine
Also in Teut lang e.g. AS *fla* Du
flask Ger *flask* but in F early replaced
by *bolle* Far west forms are Late L
flascos (see *fl* - n) and *flaca* An early
Lan word in Teut connects with Roman
wine trade Ori in unknown
V 111 re quae vli *flascos* "our tur
(Glossary of Teut)

flat OX *flay* n with level where Sw
flat Dan *flat* even with OHC *fla*
when e *fla* s e t e the hand Said to
be unrelated to *flay* (191) which con-
tains its corresponding in which with
F *flat* is hard to believe E 2 senses
via that of smooth, fun monotonous
flat *flat* due to is of recit intro-
duction from N as I was spec *flat* s to
19 cent It is *flat* *flay* on 1 g orig
with also e of OXax *fla* OHC *fla*
in same sense *flay* *fla* greenhorn 1 a
pulling contr. t with *flap*

flatter From F *flatter* orig to smooth rem
Teut (s) combining prob with an F
formation of the *fl* of *flay* type meaning
to caress.

flatulent F Mod *flatulentus* from *flatus*
from *flare* 1 blow

flaunt Very common in late 16 cent in ref
to waving plumes *fla* s et esp in
phrase *flaunt* o *fla* of Oriem abnure
na altered from Ger *palmen* (see *flare*)

flaw 1 *flaw* *flaw* 2 *flaw* 3 *flaw* 4 *flaw* 5 *flaw* 6 *flaw* 7 *flaw* 8 *flaw* 9 *flaw* 10 *flaw* 11 *flaw* 12 *flaw* 13 *flaw* 14 *flaw* 15 *flaw* 16 *flaw* 17 *flaw* 18 *flaw* 19 *flaw* 20 *flaw* 21 *flaw* 22 *flaw* 23 *flaw* 24 *flaw* 25 *flaw* 26 *flaw* 27 *flaw* 28 *flaw* 29 *flaw* 30 *flaw* 31 *flaw* 32 *flaw* 33 *flaw* 34 *flaw* 35 *flaw* 36 *flaw* 37 *flaw* 38 *flaw* 39 *flaw* 40 *flaw* 41 *flaw* 42 *flaw* 43 *flaw* 44 *flaw* 45 *flaw* 46 *flaw* 47 *flaw* 48 *flaw* 49 *flaw* 50 *flaw* 51 *flaw* 52 *flaw* 53 *flaw* 54 *flaw* 55 *flaw* 56 *flaw* 57 *flaw* 58 *flaw* 59 *flaw* 60 *flaw* 61 *flaw* 62 *flaw* 63 *flaw* 64 *flaw* 65 *flaw* 66 *flaw* 67 *flaw* 68 *flaw* 69 *flaw* 70 *flaw* 71 *flaw* 72 *flaw* 73 *flaw* 74 *flaw* 75 *flaw* 76 *flaw* 77 *flaw* 78 *flaw* 79 *flaw* 80 *flaw* 81 *flaw* 82 *flaw* 83 *flaw* 84 *flaw* 85 *flaw* 86 *flaw* 87 *flaw* 88 *flaw* 89 *flaw* 90 *flaw* 91 *flaw* 92 *flaw* 93 *flaw* 94 *flaw* 95 *flaw* 96 *flaw* 97 *flaw* 98 *flaw* 99 *flaw* 100 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flageolet¹ Musical instrument F, dim of OF *flageol*, *flajol*, Prov *flajol* Origin unknown, but ult connection with *flute* and L *flare*, to blow, seems likely

flageolet² Kidney-bean Corrupted F dim of *faséole*, L *phascolus*, from *phaselus*, G φάσγλος, cf It *fagiolo*

fascoles fasels, long peason, kidney beans (Cotg)

flagitate From L *flagitare*, to demand urgently, prob cogn with next word, though the connection is obscure

flagitious L *flagitiosus*, from *flagitium*, crime

flagon ME *flakon*, F *flacon*, OF *flascon*, cf Late L *flasco-n-* See *flask*

flagrant From pres part of L *flagrare*, to burn With *flagrant offence*, "flaming into notice" (Johns), cf *burning shame* See also *delict*

flail OF *flavel* (*fléau*), L *flagellum*, scourge, cf It *fiagello*, Sp *flagelo* Replaced AS *figel*, from L, cf Du *vlegel*, Ger *flegel*, also from L It seems curious that the Teut races should have borrowed so simple an instrument from Rome, but app they trod their corn (see *thrash*) before they learnt from the Romans

flair F, scent (of hound), from *flairer*, to scent, VL **flagrare*, by dissim from *fragrare* See *fragrant*

flake First of snow (Chauc) Cf ON *floke*, flock of wool, Ger *flocke* (OHG *flohho*), flock of wool, flake of snow, both prob from L *flocens* (see *flock*²), so also F *floc*, flock of wool, *flocon*, snow-flake. This early loan of the Teut langs from L is prob due to the importation of feathers, down and geese from the north under the Roman Empire, cf *pillow* and Ger *flaum*, down, L *pluma* Other senses of *flake* suggest connection with *flay* (q v) or with Du *vlak*, flat Prob several distinct words are represented

The old woman's plucking her geese
And selling the feathers a penny a piece
(Child's snow storm rime).

flam, flim-flam Humbug Prob *flam* is the older, cf *fible-fable* in same sense, and see *reduplication* *Flam* may be short for *flamfaw* (Sc), trifle, gew-gaw, OF *fanfelue* (*fanfreluche*), MedL *fanfaluca*, bubble, G πομφόλυξ

riote a flimflam, idle discourse, tale of a tub (Cotg)

flam a trick, or sham story (Dict Cant Crew)

flambeau F, d.m of *flambe*, flame Cf

flamboyant, orig. arch, with flame like tracery

flame OF (*flambe*, *flamme*), L *flamma*, ? cogn with *flagrare*, to burn, ? or with *flare*, to blow Early applied to love, but mod half-jocular use (*an old flame*) is prob direct from 17 cent F., *flamme* and *âme* riming in the F classics almost as regularly as *herz* and *schmerz* in Ger lyric. The adoption of the word in Teut (Du *vlam*, Ger *flamme*) is curious The Teut name is represented by AS *licg*, Ger *lohe*, cogn with L *lux*, *luc-*, light.

flamen L, priest, of obscure origin

flamingo Sp *flamenco* or Port *flamingo*, lit Fleming, the choice of the name being due either to a kind of pun on *flame* or to the medieval reputation of the Flemings for bright dress and florid complexion (Cervantes), cf Prov *flamenc*, F. *flamant*, the latter with suffix substitution as in *Flamand*, Fleming

Un phanicoptère qui en Languedoc est appelé flamant (Rab 137)

flamenco a flaming, a kind of bird like a shorelark, Belga (Percyval)

flammenwerfer [Inst] Ger, flame-thrower, a Kultur-word from 1915 See *flame*, *war*

flannconade [Jenc] F, side-thrust, from *flanc*, flank

flange Also *flanch*. App connected with OF. *flanche*, fem form of *flanc*, side ? Or from OF *flangir*, mod dial *flancher*, to bend, turn, which is of Teut origin and ult cogn with *flank*

Creeping along rocky flanges that overlooked awful precipices (O. Henry)

flank F *flanc*, OHG *hlancha*, hip, cogn with AS *hlanc*, lank, slender For change of init *h-* to *f-* cf *frock* (q v) and OF epic hero *Floevent*, OHG *Hlodowing* In E chiefly mil

flannel Earlier (16 cent) also *flannien*, which is prob the orig form Welsh *gwlân*, from *gwlân*, wool Adopted in most Europ langs For *flannelette* cf *velveten*, *satinette*, etc

flap Imit, a sound or motion half-way between the lighter *flip* and the heavier *flop* Hence pendant portion of any object Mod sense of *flapper* is perh due to earlier application to young wild-duck or partridge Cf. Ger *backfisch* in same sense With *flapdoodle*, arbitrary coinage, cf obs *fadoodle* (17 cent)

Looking through the cookery book, under the

in the ear is found also in F & Ger, but in somewhat different sense

He standeth now as he had a flea in his ear
(Heywood, *Proverbs*, 1562)

fleam Vet's lancet OF *flème* (*flamme*), Late L *flebotomum* (see *phlebotomy*), cf Du *vlj-n*, Ger *fleite* (OHG *fletuma*) An early med word found in most Europ langs

flèche Term in fort, spire F *flèche*, arrow, prob Celt

fleck First in pp *flecked*, parti-coloured (*Piers Plowm* and Chauc.) ON *flekkr*, spot, cf Du *vlek*, Ger *fleck*, spot, these also topogr, place, hamlet

fledge Orig adj, ready to fly Kentish form of AS *flyge*, only recorded in *unflygge*, unfledged WGer, cf Du *vlug*, Ger *flugge*, a LG form for HG *fluck*, *fluck*, cogn with *fly*

flee AS *flēon*. Com Teut; cf Du *vliden* (earlier *theen*), Ger *fliehen*, ON *flya*, Goth *thluhan* The Goth init points to Teut *thl-* and hence an origin quite distinct from *fly* (q v), but the verbs were already confused in AS The strong inflexions (cf Ger *floh*, *geflohen*) were replaced in ME by the weak *fled*

fleece AS *flēos* WGer, cf Du *vlies*, Ger *vlies*, prob cogn with L *pluma* The Golden Fleece (Austria & Spain) was instituted at Bruges (1430) by Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy Verb to *fleece* does not appear to have ever been used in other than fig sense

fleer To deride, etc Gen associated in use with *jeer*, *leer*, *sneer*. ? Scand, cf Norw. *flire*, to grin ? Or ident with Du *fleer*, blow on the face (cf sense-development of *gird*?)

She has spat on the ancient chivalries of battle; she has fleered at the decent amenities of diplomacy (S Colclidge in *Sat Rev* Dec 8, 1917)

fleet¹ [naut] AS *flēot*, ship, cogn with fleet⁴, cf Ger *floss*, raft. For collect sense of converse case of F. *navire*, ship, in OF fleet In 16 cent usu *floie*, after F *flotte*, from Teut

fleet². Creek, brook Common in place-names AS *flēot*, cogn with fleet⁴, cf Du *vljet*. Hence the Fleet prison, standing near the Fleet brook or ditch, which flows into Thames near Ludgate Hill In 18 cent. this was frequented by disreputable parsons prepared to marry people without inquiry Hence *Fleet marriage*

flete a prison for perjurmen consergent (Palsg)

fleet³ Adj ON *flyötr*, swift, cogn with fleet⁴

fleet⁴ Verb. AS *flēotan*, to float, drift. Com Teut; cf Du *vlieten*, Ger *fluessen*, to flow, ON *flōla*; cogn with L *pluere*, to rain, G *plēin*, to sail Hardly in mod use exc in adj *fleeing*

Flemish Du *vlaamsch* (earlier *vlaemisch*), of Flanders In several naut terms, eg *flemish coil*. The lang is Du

fench, fense, finch To strip blubber from dead whale Dan *flensé*

A dog-toothed laugh laughed Reuben Paine, and bared his fenching-knife
(Kipling, *Three Sealers*)

flesh AS *flāsc* WGer, cf Du *vlesch*, Ger *fleisch* ON *flesk* is swine's flesh only, which may have been orig meaning, ? cf. *fitch*. In food sense, replaced, exc in dial, by *meat* With to *flesh one's sword* cf earlier to *flesh* (also to *blood*) hounds, hawks, used like F *acharner* (from L *ad carner*) *Fleshpot*, as emblem of physical well-being, is after *Ex* xvi 3

He his fleshed and accustomed to kyll men, he shepe il est aschayrné. (Palsg)

fletcher [hist] Arrow-smith OF *flecher* (see *flèche*) The *Fletchers* are still one of the City Livery Companies

fleur-de-lis Earlier *flower de luce*. Sing. of F *fleurs de lis*, flowers of lilies, where *lis* is OF pl of *lil*, L *lilium* As emblem in royal arms of France perh orig a spear or sceptre-head

fleury, flory [her] F. *fluré*, tipped with *fleurs-de-lis*

flews Hanging chaps of hound Origin unknown

flex [nool] Covered wire connecting electric lamp L *flexus* (v 1)

flexible F, L *flexibilis*, from *flectere*, *flect*, to bend

fibbertgibbet. ? Imit of chattering. Earlier also *fibbergib* (Latimer). According to Harsnet (1603) *Fraterello*, *Fliberdibet*, *Hoberdiance*, *Tocabatto* were four devils of the morris-dance (see *Lear*, iv 1) The name may contain an allusion to *gibbet* and be of the gallow-bird type

flick Imit; cf F. *fluc*, *fluslac*
flicker AS *flicerian*, imit. of a lighter movement than dial *flacker*. Orig. of birds, to flutter, mod sense being rare before 19cent.

Above hur heed hur doves flickerunge
(Chauc. A 1925)

flog Cant word ? Arbitrary perversion of
L *flagellare* Cf *tund*

flogging cove the beadle, or whipper in Bridewell,
or in any such place (*Dict Cant. Crer.*).

flood AS *flōd*, flowing, river, sea, flood
Com Teut, cf Du *vloed*, Ger *flut*, ON
flōth, Goth *flōdus*, cogn with flow Flood
and field, water and land, is after *Oth* i 3

floor AS *flōr*, cf Du *vloer*, Ger *flur*, plain,
field, ON *flōr*, of a cow-stall

flop Imit of heavier movement than flap

flora Roman goddess of flowers, from *flos*,
flor- Adopted (17 cent) as title for bot
works and popularized by Linnaeus (1715)
Cf *fauna*

Florentine L *Florentinus*, from *Florentia*,
Florence Hence kind of meat-pie (archaic)

A huge grouse pie and a fine florentine (*Ingoltsby*)

florescence From L *florescere*, to begin to
flower, from *flos*, flor-

floret [bot] OF *florette* (*fleurlette*), dim of
fleur, L *flos*, flor-

florid L *floridus*, from *flos*, flor-, flower For
fig senses cf *flowery*, *blooming*, *rosy*

florilegium ModL rendering of *anthology*
(q v.)

florin F, coin of *Florence* (1252) with the
flower as emblem of the city, cf It
florino, Sp *florin* Partly a back-formation
from ME *florens*, for *florence*, another
name of the coin

florist From L *flos*, flor- Cf F *fleuriste*

flourit L, he flourished, from *florēre* Cf
habitat

flory See *fleury*

floss-silk Cf F *soie floche*, It *seta floscia*

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Com Teut, cf Du *vloed*, Ger *flut*, ON
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and field, water and land, is after *Oth* 1 3

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field, ON *flōr*, of a cow-stall

flop Imit of heavier movement than *flap*

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flor- Adopted (17 cent) as title for bot
works and popularized by Linnaeus (1745)
Cf *fauna*

Florentine L. *Florentinus*, from *Florentia*,
Florence Hence kind of meat-pie (archaic)

A huge grouse pie and a fine florentine (*Ingoldsby*)

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flower, from *flos*, *flor-*

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florigium ModL rendering of *anthology*
(q v)

florin F, coin of *Florence* (1252) with the
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 tiel me t folk lorique (*f* *flu* t)

follicle [*biol*] *L* *folliculus* dim of *fol* is
 bag etc See *fool*

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 warm cherish from *foetere*

Those who are f rments g (w) discord in Ireland
 (*Tmes Oct 24 29 7*)

Outwardly calm b t inwardly a foment (w) of
 conducting emotions
 (Hyge W b ter *N s s M* b xiv)

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fontanelle [*anat*] Space between parietal
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cf F *feuille volante*, Ger *flugschrift* With slang *fly*, wide awake, cf *no flies* (Hotten), but the word is perh rather connected with *fledge* (v.) The study of *flying diseases* was mentioned in H of C, Feb 21, 1918, cf *housemaid's knee*, *painter's colic*, etc

*flug*¹ fledge,—volatil, quick, nimble

*flug*² quick, sharp, lively, smart (Sewel, 1766)

flyboat [*hist*] Du *vlieboot*, from the *Vlie*, channel leading to Zuyder Zee Sense altered on *fly*.

We have burned one hundred and sixty ships of the enemy within the Fly (Pepys, Aug 15, 1666)

foal AS *folā* Com Teut, cf Du *veulen*, Ger *fohlen* (usu. *füllen*), ON *foli*, Goth *fula*, cogn with L *pullus*, G *τῆλος* Cf *filly*

foam AS *fām*, cf Ger *feim*, scum; cogn with Sanskrit *phena*, foam, and perh with L *s-puma*

fob¹ In to *fob off* ME *fob*, unpostor (*Piers Plowm*) Prob OF *foibe* (*fourbe*), cheat For loss of -i- cf *filemot* Fob² may be partly a thinned form, cf *bulk*, *bitch*² But see also *fop*

fourbe a fib, yeast, fitton, gudgeon, mockery, gullery, etc (Cotg)

fob² Pocket Ger dial (ELPruss) *suppe*, of LG origin, app an early Ger loan-word from period of Thirty Years' War

focus L, hearth In math. sense first used (1601) by Kepler, the *focus* of a curve being likened to the burning-point of a lens

fodder AS *fōdor* Com Teut; cf Du. *voeder*, Ger. *futter*, ON *fōthr*, cogn. with food See *forage*

foe AS *fāh*, adj, and *gesū*, noun, cogn with *foet*¹ (q.v.) and *fiend* The adj persists in *foeman*, AS *fīlmann*

foetus See *felus*

fog Runk grass (14 cent) Origin unl known. Hence *foggy*, boggy, spongy, thick, murky, whence by back-formation *fog*, mist (16 cent). This seems rather fantastic, but is paralleled by prob identity of E. *mist* (q.v.) with Ger *nebel*, dung Cf however, E. *fog*, *storm*, esp in *mesfog*, driving rain

fogger [*hist*] See *frustrator*.

fole [*hist*] Handkerchief Ger *tozel* hand, *fole* handkerchief, viz "bird's eye wipe" See *fole*

This is a very old word, and is found in many old texts. It is also found in the *German Dictionary* (1880)

fogy. Usu with *old*. Also *fogram*, *foggy* App. adj *foggy*, in obs sense of fat. See *fog*
a foggy man een zwaar vet man (Sewel, 1766)

fohn. Hot south wind in Alps Swiss-Ger. L. *Favonius* (q.v.); cf Rumanian *favon*, *favoign*

foible Weak point OF. (*faible*). See *feible* Orig from fencing; the lower part of the foil being called the *foible* Cf *forte*.

foil¹ Noun. OF. *foil*, *foille* (*feuille*), leaf. L. *folium*, *folia* (neut pl), cogn with G *φύλλον* The pl, treated as fem collect, has superseded sing, exc in It *foglio*, leaf of a book. From thin leaf of metal placed under gem to set off its brilliancy sprang fig sense of contrast. Fencing foil, once a rough sword-blade with blunted edges is the same word. F *feuille* being still used for blade of saw, cf Ger *blatt*, leaf, blade, and obs Du. *folie*, from F

feuille a leaf, also, the foyle of precious stones or looking-glasses; *feuille d'un(e) espee* the blade of a sword (Cotg)

fole bractea, bracteola, metalli lanellæ term *fole*, *breedsword* spatha (Kil).

foil². Verb Combined from F *souler*, to trample (see *fuller*), and *affoler*, to beset, baffle (see *fool*). For E love of *in* cf *recoil*, *soil* See also *desile*¹

souler to tread, stampe, or trample on; to press, oppress, foyle, or encharge, extreamel. (Cotg)

affoler. to foyle, wound, bruise, also, to beset, to besetle (ib.).

foin [*archaic*] To thrust, orig to pierce ? Altered in some way from *caill* obs *point*, to prick, thrust See *foin*¹ I¹ *seindre* has a dial var. *foin* which may be connected (cf *f-mc*, use of *f-mc*) *pungere* *poudre* de quelq chose *que* *se* *est* *piquer* (Estr)

pungere: to prick, to touch, to stab (Cotg)

foison [*archaic*]. Abundance F. L. *foison* from *fundere*, *fus-*, to pour

foist. Orig. in dicing App from D. *foist* fist. With to *foist* on cf. to *foist* off

Fokker. Ger. aeroplane Du. inventor name. Cf *pellifogger*.

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fold² For sheep AS *fald*; cf L. *faldus* *fold*, D. *falt*

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Those who are fermenting (sic) d word in I land
(T *mes* Oct. 21 1917)

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(Kyr Webster *Use of It* ch xiv)

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Such robbers on horseback were called high
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p dders (NED 6)

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(2 Hen II v 3)

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(Meres d II l ch x)

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be the origin of the E word, found in ME, but they are no doubt related Cf also *fob*¹.

foppe supra, idem quod *folet* (*Prompt Parv*)

foppen to fop, baffle, fool, jeer, banter, rally, or lampoon one, to make a fool, fop, or fop-doddle of him (Ludw)

for AS *for*, as prep not distinguished from cogn *fore* in AS, but differentiated in ME., cogn with Du *voor*, Ger *vor*, *fur* (as prefix *ver-*), ON *fyrei*, Goth *faur*, L *pro*, G *περί*, *πρό*, *παρά* As prefix it implies doing away with, spoiling, etc., like cogn Ger *ver-* Also confused as prefix with *fore-* The two have separate sense and sound, though the latter is not indicated in spelling as in Ger *ver-*, *vor-* With *forasmuch* as cf *inasmuch* as, and almost synonym F *d'autant que*

forage F *fouirage*, from *feurre*, fodder, of Teut origin See *fodder*

foramin- From L *foramen*, *foramin-*, orifice, from *forare*, to bore

foray Back-formation from *forayer*, OF. *forreor*, forager, from *forrer*, to forage, from *feurre*, fodder, forage Cf ModF *fournier*, harbinger, quartermaster

fouager to fodder, also, to forage, prey, forray, go a foraging, to ransack, ravage, boot-hale it (Cotg)

forbear¹ Ancestor Orig Se *fore be-en*, one existing before

forbear² Abstain AS *forberan*, to bear privation of, treat with patience

entbären oder entbehren, to bear the want of a thing, to forbear it (Ludw)

forbid AS *forbēodan* See *bid* Cf Ger. *verbieten*, with its once sacred p p *verboten* Current sense of adj *forbidding* is from c 1700 *Forbidden fruit* is 17 cent

In Deutschland wird keine Revolution stattfinden, weil da Revolutionen verboten sind (Heine)

forby [Sc] Moreover, not to mention From *for* and *by*, cf Ger *vorbei*, past

force¹ Vigour F, VL **fortia*, from *fortis*, strong; cf It *forza*, Sp *fuerza* For VL formation cf *grease*, *marvel* Has assumed certain senses of native *might*, *strength*, e g a military *force* was up to 16 cent a *strength* With the (police) *Force* (c 1850), cf the *Trade*, the *Profession* To *force one's hand* is from whist

force², foss [north] Waterfall ON *fors*, whence Sw. *fors*, Dan *fos* Cf *fells*, *gills*

force-meat From archaic *force*, to stuff, for *farce* (q v)

forceps L, pincers, tongs Orig. smiths'

implement, from *formus*, hot, *capere*, to take

ford AS *ford*, cf archaic Du *vord*, Ger *furt*, cogn with *fare*, *firth*, also with L *portus*, harbour, G *πόρος*, ford (*Bosporus* = *Oxford*)

fordo, fordonie [archaic] AS *fordōn*, compd of *do* Now replaced by *do for*, *done for* See *do*

fore Cogn with *for* (q v) Adj and noun use, e g *fore horse*, to the *fore*, is back-formation from old compds in which the prefix appears to have adj force, e g *foreman* Golfers' *fore* is for *before* In naut lang regularly opposed to *ast*, *fore-and-ast* being used of sails that follow the length of the ship, instead of its breadth (square-rigged) As prefix *fore-* has meaning of previous, before, but is sometimes confused with *for-* In a few compds the first element may have been originally, *afore*, *before*, e g *foremast hand* (naut)

forearm Verb Only in proverb, with *fore-wain*

forecast Orig to contrive beforehand For sense-development cf *conjecture*

He fell to explaining to me his manner of casting the draught of water which a ship will draw beforehand (Pepys, May 19, 1666)

forecastle Orig a castle-like structure at fore-end of vessel

foreclose Better *forclose*, F *forclore*, from *fors*, L *foris*, outside, and *clorre*, *clos*, L *claudere*, to shut; cf *forfeit* Now usu of mortgages, to bar right of redemption

forefather Perh formed on L *progenitor* The compd is not found in AS

forefront Now chiefly fig, after the *fore-front of the battle* (2 Sam 21 15); but orig used in sense of façade

foregather See *forgalher*

forego To precede Chiefly in participles, the *foregoing*, *foregone*, the latter esp with *conclusion*, after Shaks, but used with mistaken sense See also *forgo*

But this denoted a foregone conclusion (Olt in 2)

forehead AS *forhēafod*, with *for-* for *fore-*

foreign ME *foren*, *forein*, etc, F *forain*, from *fors*, outside, L *foris* In dial still used in earlier sense of outside the town district, etc Cf *forest*, and It. *forestiere*, alien, foreigner. See also *denizen*

forejudge Cf *prejudice*. See also *forjudge*

forel Parchment (bookbind) Orig case, cover, OF. *forel* (*for irreau*, sheath), dim from Ger *futter*, case

forelock take Time by the Adapted from *F prendre l'occasion aux cheveux* with *Time* substituted for *L. O casio*

*Cursu volucris pendens n'novae la,
Calvus, omosa fronte nudo corpore
Quem si occuparis, ten as i ps m semel
Non ipse possit Toppit r reprehende*

(Pha drus v 8)

foreman Orig leader in gen sense *Foreman of jury* is recorded earlier than *freeman* head workman

foremost AS *formest* superl. of *forma* which is itself a superl. from same root as *fora* with *m* suffix as in *L. primus* etc. Confused with *most* (cf *ulmost*) *Former* is a back formation from *formest*

forensic From *L. forensis* from *fori* m (q v) **fore reach** Orig naut. to shoot ahead of hence fig. to get the better of

You h we foretea bed on D vy [Jones] this time
for (Tom Cringle's Log ch. x.)

forerunner First in ME. as rendering of *L. praecursor* in ref. to John the Baptist

fore-shorten As term of art from c. 1600

foresight Earliest (c. 1300) in ref. to God's *foresight* rendering *L. providentia*

foreskin Coined (16 cent.) for earlier *prepuce* Perh suggested by synonym Ger *vorhaut* doe to Luther

forest OF (*forêt*) MedL. *forestis* (sc. sylva) unenclosed land from *foris* outside In OF & ME often opposed to park enclosed land Cf *fore* In earliest E. use *forest* is esp. associated with the crown and hunting *Foresters* benef. society is 19 cent

forestall From AS *foresteall* an ambush waylaying etc. from *fore* and *stall* In ME esp. in sense of intercepting supplies profiteering food boarding

forethought Orig. in evil sense cf *mal* c. *aforthought*

foreword Neol. (19 cent.) after Ger *vorwort* preface Cf *avordbook*

Stupid neologisms such as *foreword* w.b. hansom Germanizing fool found himself a ying and hundred light hearted parrot repeated it

(J. S. Phillimore)

forfeit F *forf* it wrong crime p.p. of *for faire* to do wrong MedL. *foris f* *esse* to transgress from *f* *ris* outside Mod. sen. o. from confiscation following crime

forfeind Now usu. optative e.g. *He xern for fend* Formed from *fend* (q v) to ward off on model of synonym *forbid*

And th. presti be forfeind to env. moor takyn monney of the people (Wye. a K. l. 8)

forgather [Se] From *for* and *gather* or perh. directly from Du *ver aderen* to assemble For force of prefix cf. synonym Ger *versammeln*

forge¹ Of smith First as verb F *forger* L. *fabricare* For sense of counterfeiting found very early cf. *fabricate* (q v)

Who forges [V. g. fabri tus est] th. d. wmbre and th. deef, the seer and the blind?

(Wye E.)

forge² [ma it] Usu. with *ahead* Naut. corrupt of *force* cf. Mrs Gamp's Jonadges belly

I f g over (overmap d. t. for) passe
Instant force d. volles s. ban de sabl. a
tr. r. les places on d. t. sile fr. çot force
(Les.)

f a. hanc to force o. r. b. nk. (id.)

f. nck. ock. top s. u. er. or. for. d. from a rock (Fals.)

forget AS *for etan* from *gel* cf. Du *ver geten* Ger *ver essen* Orig. idea must have been to lose but this is not recorded in any Teut. lang. With *fo get me not* cf. Ger *vergessen* OF *na m'oubliez m'ye*

forgive AS *for gefan* from *g* Com. Teut. compd. cf. Du *vergeven* Ger *te geben* ON *fyrri gef* Gotl. *frag ban* to grant See *pardon*

forgo To dispense with AS *forga* to pass o. er. See *go* Cf. Ge. *te g. ken* Often wrongly spelt *fo ego* (q v)

forjudge [lg] To exclude dispossess by judgment OF *forj e* cf. *foreclose for* *sent* and see *judge* Incorr. *forejudge* (v. i.) F. rej. dgrd. ill. and lands (VED 1883)

fork AS *forca* L. *furca* Partly from ON *fyrque* (F. *fourche*) cf. It. *fu* a Sp. *horca* also Du *vorh* Ger *furh* Orig. pitch fork etc. an early Roman agri. utlural loan word replacing AS *gafol* (cf. Ger *gabelf*) The table fork one for each is not recorded till 15 cent. With to *fork out* cf. to *stump up* See also *carfax*

My ul. a fork for green gyng ur
(B. 17 Walls 1463)

forlorn ME p.p. of obs. *for less* to abandon AS *f-r-l-rasan* to lose utterly cf. Du *ver lie en* Ger *verlieren* Goth. *f-r-l-rasan* See *lose* loan *Forlorn* h. pe. (mil.) is obs. Du *verl en hoop* lost heap cf. obs. Ger *verlorenen kaus* and F. *enfants de dus* the forlorn hope of a camp (Cotg.) In Purch. (xvi. 41) used for vanguard Often misused by mod. writers as though

connected with E *hope* (see quot 2) This has coloured sense of *forlorn*, as in quot 3

verloren hoop emussari milites, qui precedunt aciem ad laessendum hostem, et temerè in mortem ruunt (Kil)

She had had a forlorn hope of a letter (NED 1885)

Commander Goodhart thoroughly realized the forlorn nature of his act His last remark to the commanding officer was "If I don't get up, the tin cylinder will"

(*Offic award of Albert Gold Medal*, Apr 23, 1918)

form F *forme*, L *forma*, shape; prob cogn with *ferre*, to strike (cf *type*) In all Rom & Teut langs The school sense (6th *form*, etc.), peculiar to E, is from Late L *forma*, used of orders of clergy, associated also with *form*, bench, OF *forme*, from phrase *s'asseoir en forme*, to sit in order The germ of good (bad) *form* is in Chauc (v1) *Formal* was orig a scholastic term opposed to *material* (form and matter).

Noght o word spak he moore than was neede,
And that was seyde in forme and reverence

(Chauc A 304).

format F, L *formatus* (sc *liber*)

forme¹ Of a hare Ident with *form*¹, F. *forme*, mould, being used of the impression left on the ground by the hare

Un homme entendu à la chasse peut juger à la forme (c'est-à-dire au giste ou le lievre a passé la nuict) quel lievre c'est

(Gauchet, *Plaisir des Champs*, 1583)

forme² [*typ*] As *form* (q v)

former See *formmost*

formic Of ants For **formicæ*, from L *formica*, ant

formidable F, L *formidabilis*, from *formido*, dread

formula L, dim of *forma* Mod sense of conventionality, etc, after Carlyle, is due to that writer's misunderstanding of a remark made by Mirabeau père

fornication F, L *fornicatio-n-*, from *fornicare*, from *fornix*, *formic-*, brothel, orig vault, arch

forsake AS *forsacan*, to relinquish, renounce, opposite of *sacan*, to fight, claim; cf. Du *verzaken*, OHG *firsahhan* See *sake*

forsooth AS *forsōth*, for truth See *sooth* With mod. ironic use, from c 1800, cf I *daresay*, very likely, etc

forspent From archaic *forspend*, AS *forsperdan*, to squander See *spend*

forswear AS *forswerian*, to renounce an oath (cf *abjure*), reflex to perjure oneself, the only sense of mod p p *forsworn* For

formation cf. Ger. *verschworen*, to conspire See *swear*

fort F, L *fortis*, strong, perh with *château* understood.

fortalice [archaic] MedL *fortalitia*, from *fortis*, strong, cf OF *fortelece*, It *fortitizio*, Sp *fortaleza* See *fortress*

forte Strong point Orig from fenc F *fort*, upper half of sword-blade See *foible*

Les hommes savent tous le fort et le foible les uns des autres (La Bruyère).

forth AS *forth*, forward, onward, cogn with *fore*, cf Du *voort*, Ger *fort* See *further* Gray criticized Beattie's use of this "obsolete" word in *The Minstrel* (1771) *Forthcome*, AS *forthcuman*, is practically obs exc in pres part With archaic *forthright*, straight forward, cf *downright*, *upright* It is often used as noun after *Temp* in 3 *Forthwith*, orig along with, replaced earlier *forth mid* (see *midwife*)

fortify F *fortifier*, Late L *fortificare*, from *fortis*, strong, *facere*, to make

fortissimo It, superl of *forte*, strong, L *fortis*

fortitude F, L *fortitudo*, from *fortis*, strong

fortnight For *fourteen night*, a combination found in AS; cf *sevenight*, for *seven night* See *night*

fortress F *forteresse*, from *fort*, strong, parallel form to OF *fortalece*, see *fortalice*

fortuitous From L *fortuitus*, from *forte*, by chance, abl of *fors*, *fort-*, chance, lot

fortune F, L *fortuna*, from *fors* (vs) Oldest sense in to tell *fortunes*, and in *fortunate* (cf *happy*) Sense of owned wealth first in Spenser *Soldier of fortune*, free lance, a 17 cent type, does not correspond in meaning with F *soldat* (*officier*) *de fortune*, one risen from the ranks

forty Roaring *forties* (naut.), between 40° and 50° N latitude *Forty-five*, Jacobite rising of 1745, cf *Fifteen Forty-niner* (US), settler in California at time (1849) of gold-fever

A mmer, forty-niner, and his daughter Clementine

forum L, market-place, place of assembly for public business, cogn with *fores*, doors, *foris*, outside, and ult with *durbar*

forward AS *foreward* See *fore* and *-ward* With *forwards*, usu coupled with *backwards*, cf Ger *vorwärts*, the -s is adv. gen With verb to *forward* cf to *further*.

forweary, **forworn** [archaic] Cf *forspent*

pakshu, fowl, to *paksha*, wing. Usual for *bird* (q v) in ME and later, cf *fowls of the air*, *wild-fowl* Mod limitation from c 1600 See *flesh*

fox AS *fox* Com Teut, cf Du *vos*, Ger *fuchs*, in which -s is mase suffix, cf ON *fōa*, Goth *fauhō*, vixen With *foxglove*, AS *foves glōfe*, cf synon Norw *ræv-hjelde*, lit fox-bell Its F name is *doigtier*, *doigt de la Vierge* (sec *digitalis*) *Foxed*, in book-sellers' catalogues, means stained with fox-coloured marks

foyer [*thcat*] F, orig. green-room, lit hearth, home, VL **focarium*, from *focus*

fracas F, from *fracasser*, to shatter, It *fracassare*, perh. combined from L *quassare*, to shatter, and *frag-*, as in *fragment* Sec *cashier*²

fraction F, Church L *fractio-n-*, from *frangere*, *fract-*, to break Math sense is oldest (Chauc)

fractious App coined (18 cent) as mixture of *factions* and *refractory*

fracture F, L *fractura*, as *fraction*

fragile F, L *fragilis*, from *frag-*, root of *frangere*, to break

fragment L *fragmentum*, from *frangere* (v s)

fragrant F, from pres part of L *fragrare*, to smell See *flair*

frail¹ Adj OF *fraile* (*frêle*), L *fragilis*, fragile (q v) Oldest E sense is fig, unchaste

frail² Basket for figs, etc OF *fiel*, *freel*, VL *fragellum*, tor *flagellum*, young shoot of vine (Virg), hence withe for basket-making

One frail [*Vulg calathus*] hadde good figus
(Wyc Jer. xxiv 2)

frase [*fort*] Palisade F, ruff, earlier, mesentery of calf Perh cogn with *frieze*¹, cf *frill*, *tripe*

frambocsa [*med*] The yaws From F *framboise*, raspberry, from appearance of swellings

frame AS *framian*, to avail, profit, from *fram*, vigorous, etc, orig going forward (*from*), cogn with Ger *fromm*, pious Some senses from cogn ON *fremja*, to further, execute Mod meanings of verb and noun are chiefly from ME sense of preparing timber for use The picture sense is first in Shaks *Frame of mind* (*soul*, *spirit*) is esp common in 17 cent

He could not frame to pronounce it right
(Judges, xii 6)

frane F. coin first struck (1360) temp Jean le Bon with legend *Francorum Rex* See *frank*

franchise F, freedom, from *franc*, free, frank Hence liberty, privilege, etc. Mod E. sense arises accidentally from contextual application of *elective franchise*, freedom to vote.

Franciscan Of order of *St Francis of Assisi*, founded 1209 Grey friar

Franco- From MedL *Francus* See *frank*¹

francolin Bud F, It *francolino*, "a dainty bird called a goodwit" (Flor), according to a 17 cent ornithologist from *franco*, free, because a privileged bird which the commons were forbidden to kill Cf *franklin*

franc-tireur [*hist*] F, free-shooter Coined (? in 1870) on older *franc-archer*, cf. Ger *freischütz* The accusation that the Belgians had adopted "franc-tireur tactics" was the pretext for the massacres of civilians at Dinant, Aerschot, etc (1914)

frangible Late L *frangibilis*, from *frangere*, to break

frangipane Perfume F, said to have been introduced into France (temp. Catherine de Médiéis) by one of the famous It family *Frangipani*, lit break-bread, a name earned, according to tradition, by benevolence

frank¹ Adj F *franc* or L *Francus*, OHG *Franko*, cf AS *Franca*, ON *Frakki* A name applied esp to Ger tribes which conquered Gaul (6 cent) and called it *France*, hence member of ruling race, free, open, etc Cf *hist of slave* Also applied by Orientals to Europeans (see *seringhee*) The ethnic name is sometimes said to be derived from the national weapon, the javelin (AS *franca*, ON *frakka*), but the opposite may be the case, cf F *francisque*, battle-axe, lit Frankish See also *almog*, *frankpledge*

frank² Verb To "free" the carriage of a letter, etc From *frank*¹ Cf F *affranchir*, to set free, to stamp a letter

Frankenstein Student who, in story (1818) by Mrs Shelley, created a monster which he could not control Commonly misused for the monster itself

The Germans, having created a Frankenstein for their own purposes, seem to be considerably displeased by its antics (*Daily Chron* Jan 7, 1918)

frankincense OF *franc encens*, the adj app meaning noble, frank¹, cf, Ger *edelstein*,

been adopted as F *libre penseur*, Ger *frei-denker* (1715) *Free trade* orig meant unrestricted trade, but Adam Smith has *freedom of trade* (1776) in mod sense *Free will* is used by Chauc (*Boeth*) in association with *predestination*

We term it [the Club] *Free and Easy*, and yet we find it no easy matter to be free

(Crabbe, *Borough*).

freemartin Imperfect heifer Cf Ir Gael *marí*, heifer

freesia Plant From Cape of Good Hope
? From *Frees*, a common Du surname, the Frisian, cf *fuchsia*, *dahlia*, etc

freeze AS *frēosan* Com Teut, cf Du *vrozen*, Ger *frieren* (OHG *friesan*), ON *frīsa*, Goth **frīsan* (inferred from *frīs*, frost), cogn with L *pruina*, hoar-frost, Sanskrit *prushvā*, ice Archaic pp *froie(n)* (cf *was*, *were*, *lose*, *lorn*) occ in poetry after Milton To freeze on (*to*, *out*) is US

Snow-fed streams now seen athwart frore vapours
(Shelley)

freight For earlier *fraught* (q v), influenced by F *fret*, of same origin Much used in US railway lang, peih after ModDu *vragt*

fret the fraught, or freight of a ship, also, the hire that's payed for a ship, or for the fraught thereof
(Cotg)

French AS *fiencisc*, from *franca* (see *frank*)
For contr cf surname *Dench*, AS *denisc*, Danish To take French leave (cf F *filer à l'anglaise*) orig alluded to 18 cent custom of leaving reception without bidding farewell to host and hostess French *polish* is early 19 cent Colloquial Frenchy may be a back-formation from obs pl *Frenches*, for *Frenchmen*, cf *Portugee*, etc With *Frenchman*, two words in ME, cf *Dutchman* These are the only applications to continental races of the formation exemplified in *Englishman*, *Welshman*, etc
Monsieur Fastidious Brisk, otherwise called the fresh Frenchified courtier
(Jonson, *Every Man out of his Hum* 1. 1)

frenzy F *frénésie*, from Late L *phrenesis*, from G φρήν, mind, reason

frequent Adj is from L *frequens*, frequent-, whence verb *frequentare*, "to go in great number or many together" (Coop) Cf earlier sense of adj, esp in *full and frequent* Hence *frequentative* (gram), derivative verb expressing frequent repetition of action indicated by simple verb,

e g L *cantare*, from *canere*, E. *flutter*, from *flit*

Apart they sate,

And full and frequent, form'd a dire debate
(Hope, *Odyssey*)

fresco Painting Orig executed in *fresco* (It), i.e. on mortar or plaster still fresh and moist Cf, *al fresco*

fresh AS *fersc*, fresh, not salt, combined (from 13 cent) with cogn F. *frans*, fresh in gen sense, OHG *frisc* (*frisch*). Cf. Du *versh*, ON *ferskr*, and forms in Rom langs. from Teut As *fresh as paint* may have been orig. ironic for as *fresh as a rose* (*daisy*), cf *clear as mud* US *fresh*, impudent, is Ger *frisch* (see *fresh*!)

The fresh country ladies had to be warned against spoiling their natural roses with paint

(Mrs Oliphant)

freshet Rush of water, etc From *fresh*, in same sense, from adj *fresh*, perh orig of current of fresh water at river-mouth
? For *fresh shot* (v 1.)

The slide river of Plate is so full of sands and dangers and the fresh so fierce sometimes, that no shipping dares to deal with it (Hakl xi 38).

fresh shot courant d'eau douce à l'embouchure d'une grande rivière ou d'un fleuve (Lesc)

fret¹ Verb AS *fretan*, for *for-etan* (see *eat*), cf Du *vreten*, Ger *fressen*, Goth *fratan* In ME to eat, devour, esp of animals, like Ger *fressen*. With fig sense cf to *eat one's heart out*

Like a moth fretting a garment (Ps xxxix. 12, PB)

fret² Separate words seem to be here confused—(1) ornamental interlaced work; esp as head-dress in ME, (2) two "bends" intersecting (her), (3) carved ornament (arch), cf. *fret-work*, (4) bar or ridge on finger-board of stringed instrument Possible origins are OF. *frette*, lattice-work, of doubtful origin, F *frelle*, fretty (her), which is perh from AS *frætwan*, to adorn, though the adoption of an AS. word in OF her seems incredible, OF *frat*, broken, L *fractus* (cf Ger *durchbrochene arbeit*, fret-work), the verb *fret* (cf. hist of *etch*), and F *frette*, metal band, etc, by metath from Frankish *feter*, fetter It does not seem possible to separate them In quot 2 there is a play on words
Thus majestic roof fretted with golden fire

(Hamlet 11. 3)

Though you can fret me, yet you cannot play upon me (ib. 11. 2)

friable F, L *friabilis*, from *friare*, to crumble

finar ME *frers* F *frère* L *frater* *fratr*
brother Orig the mendicant orders (see
Austin Carmel to Dominican Francesca)
who reached England early in 13 cent. Cf
in this sense It *frate* Fra Sp *frate* (earlier
fratre) Fraj Port. *frade* Frei

finble Orig to falter stammer ? *fin*it.
Later associated with *fin*ol and *fin*iter¹

fricandeau F app related to *fricasse*

fica *dea* x short, skinless, and dateless puddings
or quiches (Cotg)

fricassée F *fricassée* p p fem of *fica* *ser*
to *fric* (Cotg) of doubtful origin ? From
fracasser (see *fracas*) influenced by *frise* to
fry Cf *concasser* to pulverize pound in
a mortar

fuisse any m t fried in a panoe also a kind
of charg for a mortar or murthering peccer t
stones, bull is uales, and pecces of old yron
cloned tog ther with grease and gunpowder (Cotg)

fricative [ling] Consonant produced by
obstruction (v1) Cf Ger *re b laut* from
reiben to rub

friction I L *frictio* n from *fricare* *frict*
to rub

Friday AS *frīdag* WGer transl of L
Veneris dies (whence F *vendredi*) from
OFrns *Frīg* (cf O' Frīg, wife of Odin
Woden orig ident. with *Freyja* the Norse
goddess of love) cf Du *vrīdag* Ger
freitag See *fau frer friend* O' *frīdag*
is from AS With Good Friday cf obs
good tide Christmas Shrove-tide

friend AS *frend* orig pres part of a Teut
verb to love cf *free* and Ger *freuen* to
woo Com Teut. cf Du *vriend* Ger
freund O' *frend* Goth *friund* Assu-
med as title (17 cent) by Society of
Friends vulg Quakers *Friendly Society*
was orig (c 1700) the name of a fire
insurance company

fringe¹ Cloth OF *drap de Frise* cloth from
Friesland (ModF *toile de Frise* is a different
material) The verbs to *fringe* (F *friser*)
friz *friz* *le* may have sprung from the
curly nap of the material but there are
difficulties of chronology. Some authori-
ties invoke the curly heads of the F s *ans*
others AS *fris* curly which may be from
the race Connection with F *frise* *se* ruff
etc is also possible If the earlier applica-
tion of F *friser* to the hair one might
invoke Du *r es* fricht (cf *hor* d and to
make one's hair curly)

Prosl L 4 pa 1 lancé de Frise

(E cl of Derby s E ped. 1170-93)

or *se* *tiner* *mel* *ere* p *ere* *formidare*, *hor*
ere (hal)

fringe² [arch] F *frise* app related to It
fregio Origin doubtful the accepted etym
from *Phrygium* (*opus*) being an unlikely
guess

frigate F *frigate* It. *frigata* cf Sp Port
fra *ata* Like many other ship names of
obscure origin and doubtful early mean-
ing The forms are curiously parallel to
those of *regala* Hen e *frigate* bird (18
cent) for earlier *man-of-war* b d

frigata a kind of ship c lled a *frig* t *pus* e
a barge it hot *bru*, *indis* or sp all ship
(Flor)

fright Northumb *frýht* metath of AS
frýht Also verb *frýhtan* cf obs Du
vruchten Ger *furchen* Goth *fráhtan* to
fear Causal sense is peculiar to L
F *ghlen* (not in Shaks or 11) s a late
formation of 17 cent *Frightful* was ori-
tinal (cf *dreadful* *fearful*) *Frightfulness*
has a spec sense as rendering of Ger
schrecklichkeit applied officially (A g 1
1914) to the intimidation of a neutral
civilian population by outrage massacre
and the destruction of historic buildings
and artistic treasures

Lo *an* will e *mas* *perh* pe, the *clas* *notare*
f *Schr* *Nicht* B lth *was* lth *rit*
(Brand With lock Belg *das* *der* O *cup* 9)

frigid L *f* *gridus* from *f* *gr* e to be cold
fríjoles Berms Mex Sp *perh* cogn with
frige cl

frill Prob the sense of animal's mesentery
is the orig though not recorded early cf
F *frasse* mesentery ruff *pet* *le* o e *gouss*
giblets *frills* and *farbelows* Ger *gehrde*
mesentery giblets *plated* ruff and our
own *skiffel* ag (q) i *fe* (qv) and
boiled le_o of mutton with the usual trim-
mings (*fucknick*) Origin unknown To
put on *frills* is US

fringe ME & OF *frang* (*f* *arg*) L *frim* a
edge plant etc Also appl to hair e g
fringed v *fr* *arg* *dergate* *fringe* (*f* *ill*)

fringillaceous From L *fring* a finch
frispy Earlier *f* *sporis* OF (*f* *spere*) bl
clothes from *friser* to wear into rag,
by often rubb_o (Cotg) OI *friser*
from *f* *pe* *serpe* *sette* rag of obscure n
gun For mod sense cf *ch* *ff* n

friseur I see *friseur*

Frisian [I g] OI *Frisland* Du and Ger
lands in North Sea The lang is the
nearest relative of F and there was prob

a Fris element in the various "Anglo-Saxon" expeditions to Britain

frisk *Orng* adj, fresh, lively OF *frisare*, dial form of *freir*, OIIG *frise*, fresh.

galarte or frassie in appraise frisque (Pals)

frisket [*typ*] Frame to keep sheet in position I' *frisquette*, a kind of stencil

frut Mixture of sand, etc., prepared for glass making F *frulle*, pp fem of *frure*, to fry, or through it

fruth [*hist & dial*] Forest, waste, esp in poet *frith and fell* Prob at first enclosure, used by Layamon for park, cf Ger *friedhof*, cemetery, *erfriedigen*, to fence in, E dial *frith*, hedge Ident with AS *frithu* peace Com Teut, cf Du *vrede*, Ger *frieden*, ON *frithr*, Goth **frithus* (in *Fritharic's*, Frederick), cogn with *free*, friend Cf AS *ðiofrith*, deer frith, *frithgeard*, frith yard See also *frankpledge*

fruth² See *frith*, also quot s v *gale*²

frutillary Plant, butterfly From L *frutillus*, dice-box, from marlunys

fritter¹ Pancake F. *frutune*, from *frure*, to fry Cf *batter*, *tenter*

fritter² Verb, usu with away From *friller*, fragment, OF *fricture*, *fracture*, L *fractura*, from *frangere*, *fract-*, to break, combining with obs *fitter*, fragment (? cogn with Ger *setzen*, rag)

Fritz German soldier. Pet form of *Friedrich*, lit peace powerful Cf *dago*, *pandy*²

frivolous For earlier *frivol*, F *frivole*, L *frivulus* Verb to *frivol* is mod back-formation

frizz¹, frizzle Curl, etc See *frieze*¹.

frizz², frizzle In frying pan, etc Imit. extension of *fry*, cf *sizzle*

fro Dial and in to and *fro* ON *frā*, cogn with *frow*, cf Sc *frac* See *fioward*

frock F *froc*, OIIG *hroe*, whence MedL *hroecus*, which Kluge regards as distinct from Ger *rock*, coat (see *rochet*) For imit cf *flauk* Orig garment of monk, whence verb to *unfrocl* For wide variation of sense cf *gown*

zeller le froc aux orties a monk to abandon his order, and profession (Cotg)

Freobelian Of *Freobel*, German educationist (†1852), founder of *kindergarten* system

frog¹ Reptile AS *frogga*, without the suffix which appears in AS *frox*, for **forse*, cf Du *vorseh*, Ger *frosch*, ON *froskr* *Frosch* is still common in dial *Frog-march* appears to be a police metaphor With *froggy* (*frog-eater*), Frenchman, cf *toady*

frog². In horse's hoof. Also called *frush* App from *frog*¹, as G *Bärpaxos* also has both meanings, cf F *couris*, lit mouse, catilage in horse's nostril The resemblance to F *fourchette*, little fork, used (vet) in same sense, is curious, but may be accidental also It *forclilla* (v 1). These may be ult from OIIG *frosch*, frog, whence OF. *frois*

The French men call it "fourchette," which word our *ferrers* do make it a monosyllable, and pronounce it "the furth"

(Topell, *Hist Four forest Beasts*, 1607)

forcheta a disease in a horse called the running lurch (For)

frush, or *fru*, of a horse is a sort of tender horn. In the form of a fork (Gentleman's Dict)

frog³. On mil coat ? Port *frolo*, "a sort of ribband, or label, hanging down on garlands and garments" (Vieyra), L *flocutus* (see *flock*²)

frolic Orig adj Du *vrolysh*, from *vro*, merry, cf Ger *froh*, *fröhlich*

The frolic v ind that breathes the spring (*Allegro*, 18)

from AS *fram*, *ong* forward (see *frame*), cf OIIG ON *fram*, Goth *framus* (compar)

frond L *frons*, *frond-*, leaf, adopted by Lucretius in spec. sense distinct from *solum*

Fronde [*hist*] Malcontent party After F *fronde*, party of nobles against Mazarn, temp. minority of Louis XIV F, shug, used of a child's game, OF *fonde*, L *funda*, with unexplained -r-

front F, L *frons*, *front-*, forehead, orig sense in E, as still in *head and front*, after Oth 1 3 Mod mil sense, developed from more restricted sense of forward line, whence *change of front*, is now borrowed back by F. *Frontage* was orig land abutting on water, cf *sea-front* With *frontier*, F *frontière*, cf It *fiontiera*, Sp *frontera* *Fronton* (arch.) is F, It *frontone*

Frontignac Wine Altered, on *cognac*, from *Frontignau* (Héranlt)

frontispiece Altered, perh on *chimney-piece* (q v), from *frontispice*, F, MedL *frontispicium*, façade of building, from *frons*, front, *specere*, to behold

frore [*archaic*] See *freeze*

frost AS *frost* Com Tent; cf Du *vorst*, Ger *frost*, ON *frost*, cogn with *freeze* *Frost*, failure (theat), is prob after Wolsey's *killing frost* (Hen VIII, m 2) With *frost-bitten* cf *weather-beaten* (q v)

froth ON *f otha* or *frauth* cf A9 *afrothan*
to froth

frou frou F limit of rustling sound

frounce See *frounce*¹

frow Du *wronw* See *frou*

froward From *fro* (q v) ward (q v) ME
had also *owward* Only fig. Cf to render
L. peruersu (I xviii 26) Cf *forward*

frown OF *f oigner* to frown look disdain
ful replaced by *re(n)frowner* usu in pp
forbidding surly ? From *Caulish fro n*
nostril with idea of haughty grimace

frowzy ? For earlier *frowy* rank perh. from
AS *þrōþā* rancid with init change com-
mon in dial speech (*I don't find*) *Froust*
1 a mod schoolboy formation

Or like not of the frowle feel

(Spens *r. Shakespear* l. 113)

fructify F *fruct fier* L *fructifera* from
fructus fruit and *facere* In Lhave

frugal F L *fru alis* from *frus* frug
profit usu. in pl *fru is* fruits cogn with
fruit For double sense (persons and
things) cf its opposite *luxurious*

fruit F L *fructus* from *fru fruct* to
enjoy (v s) cogn with brook¹ Orig of
all vegetable products *fruits of the earth*
Frutiger is extended from earlier *frutier*
cf *caterer pour tier* etc *Fru itless* occurs
first in fig sense *Frutarian* is a bad
formation on *vegetarian* Cf *fruit on*

frumenty See *furmenty*

frump Mod sense from c 1800 Earlier
(16 cent) float jeer and app. dense
snort also as verb to jeer at. Perh
shortened from earlier *fumble* to wrinkle
crumple archaic Du *frumpelen* (*terrom*
pelen) from *rompelen* to rumple Cf etym
up cited for *frum*

I *frumps* or *mucks* jocular U. d. (Holbrook)

frustrate From L *frustrari* from *frustra* in
vain

frustum L piece broken off

frutescent Shrublike Incorr from L *fru*
lex frutic shrub

fry Verb F *f r* re from L *fr here* to roast
fry cogn with C *þrýve* cf It *f rigere*
Sp *fren*

As Ach b wh m *friede* [kaly hē hē] th hē g of
B b loya (Wyc. Jer x ix 2)

Ver de la poile et as jettier dehaus le be ues
from U to worse from the frying p into th a
(C 18)

fry¹ Young fish from *paw F *f r* as from
fayer OF *f ois f s* L *frica* to rub in
spec. sense The form of the L v ord may
be due to association with ON *f r* seed

cf Goth *faur* seed off prung With
ama l fry cf F *menu f stin* (dam of *fra*)

Les poissons frient en ye ilu t mps et la sent
lur i ola (14 ent)

cf *the frie* la y f h le me u f ch th l ast
m ad worst sort f od f peopl th me est
com on re rascall wlg f b w rout (Cot)

fubby (co f q) Squat I from obs *f b* small
clabby parson app from *baby tang*
Applied by Charles II to Duchess of Ports
mouth.

fuchsia From *Luchs* Ger botani t (16 cent)

fucus seaweed In 1 cent, cosmetic L
rock lichen G *φ nos*

fuddle To make drunk cf obs *fus le* in
same sense Very common in Pepys with
alternative *fo el* of which *justled* may be
a playful var

fudge As interj first used by Mr Burchell
(*Use of Words* ch xi) This may be C r
futsch no good corrupted from *f f ita*
(see *fo itv*) ? a reminiscence of Goldsm th's
wanderings in Germany The *ert* to
jud e was in my schoolboy days the regular
corrupt of *fore* e g v fudge for a forged
stamp for loss of r cf obs *fouch* hind
quarters of deer F *fourske* The noun
fulge may also owe something to *Ca p sin*
fudge a 17 cent mariner known in his
day as *Lying Fulge* His name is ult
ident with that of Marshal Foch from
one of the Teut names in *Fol* people

fuel ML *fuel* OF *foua lie* Late L *foalua*
(neut pl) from *foeus* fire hearth

fug (slang) Prob schoolboy perversion of
juste Cf *jug*¹

fuge fugal I from L *fu is* from *fugere* to
flee with some sen ca deriv'd from *fugare*
to put to flight

fugitive F *fu tis* L *fu tius* from *fugere*
fug i to flee cogn with G *þrýve* For
fig senses cf *fleet n*

fugleman By d assim from *fu leman* (c
1800) Ger *fu el* (unw) wing man a
soldier going through the exercises as a
model for recruits. For dissim cf *febble*
Fu le verb (Ca 13 le) is a back formation
Cf *ri h kind man*

fugue (mus) F *It fign* flight from L
fugere to flee Now (Feb 1919) also of
loss of memory mental fugue

ful Most alys with this suffix have or had
a double meaning a tive and passiv e g
foa f l pitiful etc

fulcrum L a stay or proppe (Coop)
from *fulc* to support

fulfil AS *fulfyllan*, a picon compd (*full* and *fill*) For fig. sense cf F *remplir*, Ger *vollbringen*

A grete mountayne which fulfylleth the whole earth (Coverd *Dan* ii 35)

fulgent From pres part of L *fulgēre*, to shine, cf L *fulgur*, lightning, whence *fulgurite*, explosive

fuliginous From L *fuligo*, *fuligin-*, soot.

full AS *full* Com Teut, cf Du *vol*, Ger. *voll*, ON *fullr*, Goth *fulls*, cogn with L *plēre*, G *πληράναι*, to fill For fig sense cf *complete* Adv sense, very common in ME, now only in archaic *full well*, *full many* (after Gray's *Elegy*, 53)

fuller AS *fullere*, from L *fullo*, a fuller of cloth, the verb (cf F *fouler*, to tramp) being a back-formation

fulmar Sea-bird Orig from dial of Hcbri-des ON *fūl*, foul, *mār*, mew, from odour

fulminate From L *fulminare*, from *fulmen*, *fulmin-*, thunderbolt, cogn with *fulgur* Fig sense orig in papal condemnations, cf to *thunder against*

fulsome From *full* and *-some* Orig overflowing, but associated later in sense with ME *fūl*, foul

So fulsome a disease (Burton)

fulvous From L *fulvus*, tawny

fumade Smoked pilchard Port *fumado*, from *fumar*, to smoke. Hence, by folk-etym, Corn *fair-maid*

fumarole Vent in volcano F *fumerole*, It *fumarola*, from *fumare*, to smoke

fumble Cf Du *fommelen*, Ger *fummeln* (from LG), also Norw *fomle*, Dan *fumle*, and earlier E *famble*, app cogn with AS *fohm*, palm of hand, but partly due to dial *thumble*, from *thumb*

fume F *fumer*, L *fumare*, to smoke; cf It *fumare*, Sp *lumar* In fig sense usu with *fet or chafe* Cf *fumigate*, from L *fumigare* **fumitory** Plant, also called *earth-smoke* F *fumeterre*, MedL *fumus terrae*, cf Ger *erdrauch*

Lawlowl, centaure and fumetere (Chauc B 4153)

fun Orig hoax, cheat, etc, "a low cant word" (Johns) From obs verb *fon* (see *fond*) Orig sense survives in to *make fun of* *Funny*, racing skiff (Camb), is recorded for 1799 The *funny-bone* is so called from its sensitiveness *Fummment* is mod after *merriment*

he put the fun upon the cull he sharpd the fellow (Dict Cant Crew)

funambulist Earlier *funambulo* (Sp), L *funambulus*, from *funs*, rope, *ambulare*, to walk

function L *functio-n-*, from *fungi*, *funct-*, to perform Math sense is due to Leibnitz Mod sense of gathering is evolved from It *funzione*, ceremony, orig of rel character As verb (neol) after F *fonctionner* *Functionary* is after F *fonctionnaire*, coined under the Revolution to replace offic titles savouring of the royal régime

fund L *fundus*, bottom, whence also F *fonds*, stock, provision, etc, now differentiated from *fond*, bottom, foundation, etc

fundament F *fondement*, L *fundamentum*, from *fundare*, to found¹, from *fundus* (v s) Formerly in gen sense (cf *fundamental*), but anat. sense is equally early (13 cent).

Whan he heeng up the foundemens of the erthe (Wyc Prov viii 29)

funebrial From L *funeris*, cf *funereal*, from L *funereus*; *funerary*, L *funerarius* (v 1).

funeral First as adj OF, MedL *funerālis* Noun from F *funeraille*, now only in pl, from L *funeralia*, neut pl of *funeralis*, from *funus*, *funer-*, burial, etc

fungible [leg]. Interchangeable, legally substituted MedL *fungibilis*, cf L *fungi vice*, to act in place of

fungus L, cogn with G *σφόγγος*, sponge

funicular From L *funiculus*, dim of *funis*, rope Now familiar in connection with Alp railways

funk Oxf slang, to be in a funk (18 cent) Of Flem origin (v.1), prob ident with obs *funk*, smoke, stink, which may be ult from L *fumigare* (cf fig sense of *fume*)

fonck (vetus fland) turbatio. In de fonck zyn in perturbatiōne esse (Kil)

Where funcking chaps in throngs,
Through clouds arising from tobacco, joke
(Vademecum for Maltworms, c 1720)

funnel ME *fonel*, Prov *founhal*, *enfounhal*, L *infundibulum*, from *fundere*, to pour; cf Sp *fonil*, Port *funil* A word from the southern wine-trade, the F term being *entonnoir* (see *tun*) *Tunnel* is used in same sense in dial

entonnoir a funnell, or tunnng dish (Cotg)

funny Racing-skiff See *fun*

fur Noun from verb to *fur*, orig to cover, line, etc, F *fouret*, from OF *fourre*,

sheath cover (replaced by dim *foutraus*)
OHG *fiotar* sheath fodder *parh* to
separate words but quite possibly ident
(*fodder fother*) Cf. Goth *fodr* scabbard
ON *fothr* lining *Furring* casing is still
in techn use

furr to fadd r feed *fothe* h e garments
furr a coat (L. *dw*)
H r v ice, for want of use, w s f red that t d
not at present pl e me (F. *pys* Oct 12 1660)

furbelow See *fallala*
furbish *f* *foubrir* *foubriss* OHG *furban*
(*furbjan*) Orig of armour weapons
(*Laach* xxi 9)

furcate MedL *furcatus* from *furca* fork
furious *F* *furieux* L *furiosus* (see *fury*)
Furious sh is often used in gallicism (v s)
after F *donner furieusement d pens r* which
is from common intens use of *furieux* (cf
anfit)
Th s l test C rman def t must give the G rman
people *fur* ily to th k
(Si 1 M rice D ly Ch Aug 13 1918)

furi Cf *f* *ferler* earlier *fjeller* The usual
explanation from *furdle* for *fardle* to pack
up (see *furdle*) is prob wrong There has
evidently been confusion with these words
but *furi* is the oldest recorded form *f*
ferler cannot be from E if the earlier *fjeller*
(*Dict Cén*) is genuine
so fu little les oles (Lesc.)

furlong AS *f* *lan* *furo* *fush* *furrow*
Orig, length of furrow in common field of
(theoretically) ten acres
furlough Earlier (17 c nt) *fu* *loff* etc Du
terlof formed on archaic Ger *terla* b per
ms. on for l ave The stress is prob
due to synon Du *oorlof* Ger *urlaub* (the
mod Ger term) See *leave believe*
A Low-Country orlof (B n Jouson)

furmety Earlier *fru* *serti* OF *frumentis*
fo rmentis from *f* *ument* *fou meut* (*f* o
ment) wheat I *frumentum* cogn with
fr al *f* *uis*
furnace *f* *fou naise* from L *fornax* *fornax*
from *fo* *nus* oven cf It *fornace* *by*
hornax 1 st record (C 1 25) refers t
Dan 11

furnish *f* *fourni* *fourniss* OHG *furn*
men (*furnjan*) to furnish accomplish
cogn with *fanie* (q v) cf It *forn* e Sp
fornir *Fu n tu e* *f* *fourniss* e has de-
veloped in F a spec sense (to set out
stuff) unknown to the Rom langz in

16-17 centuries it is a gen term for (war
like) equipment
Exercise, apt 1 the f r tu f a gent l m nn
paso ag (5 r T Ely 1)
H hath taken int his cab e tain (furnit
wort alie re a d iniqu la (Habl xi 385)

furore It craze L *f* *or em*
furrow AS *furh* Com Teut *f* *Du* s or
Cet *furcha* ON *fur* from *drun* cogn with L
furca a ridg lying betwe ne two f r
rowes (Coop)
further AS *furthra* (adv *furthor*) ? from
fo e with suffix as in *other* ? or from *forth*
Cf Ger *vorde* *fuder* With verb to
further et hist of *frat* e furnish and *we*
forderu *Furthest* s a later formation See
f r
furtive F *furtif* L *f* *u* *th* s from *fur* thief
cogn with G *Swp* thief
furuncle (furd) Boil F *furuncul* L *f* *un*
ci *lus* lit little thief (v s) Cf *felon*
fonde sh hot and hard h mpe or w ling
teams d f lion come (Cotg)

fury I *f* *rie* L *f* *ria* from *f* *re* to rage
In sens of *virago* from L *f* *ur* ae used to
ender C *Εμνη* s *Εμνη* *δ* *δ* *δ*
furze AS *f* s of unknown origin
fuscous From L *fuscus* dusky
fuse¹ Verb From L *f* *unde* e *f* s to pour
Of much more recent introduction than
some of its d natives
fuse² Of bomb etc It *fuso* L *f* s s spind
from one hape
fusee¹ Of a watch *f* *fusee* spindleful (v)
Also used earlier *f* *fu* e *fusi*²
fusee Match App coined (19 cent) fr n
F f de rocket orig spindleful from L
fus s spindle See *fu* e¹ *fusee*¹
fusel Ol Ge bal brandy formerly in
Lt dial had tobacco from *fi* *lu* to
bungle See *fo* *le*
fuselage Body of a roplane *f* from
fusen a spindle See *fuse* *fusi*²
fusil [*fr*] Lozanne said to have repre-
sented orig a spindle covert l with tow
OF *f* *sel* (*fuscat*) den from L *f* *u*
spindle
fusi p He bo term in her ldy bel g th
representation of a spiral coat of arms
(Phillips)

fusil (fist) Light mus ket f musket now
usual word for rifle orig st v f r strik ng
sparks VL *f* *elle* whence It *fusi* from
fusus *hearth* fire cf Ger *f* *ne* musk t
Hence *fus* her orig, armed wi h *fusi* and

fusillade (F) Spelling *fusee*, *fuzee* is common in 17-18 cents

fuseleers are foot soldiers armed with fuses. There are four regiments in our army, which have always been called *Fuseleers*, and go by the name of the English, Scotch, Irish and Welch *Fuseleers*

(Gent Dict)

fuss From c 1700 Origin obscure It may be Norw Dan *fjas*, foolery, nonsense, cogn with *fise*, *pedere* To make a *fuss* was earlier to *keep* (be in) a *fuss*

fustanella Dim of Albanian *fustan*, kilt, from It *fustagno*, *fustian*

fustian OF *fustaigne* (*futaine*), MedL *fustaneus*, prob from *Fostal* (Carro), cf It *fustagno*, Sp *fustan* For fig sense cf *bombast*

Of *fustian* he wered a gypon (Chauc A 75)

God forgive me, he speaks Dutch *fustian*

(Marlowe, *Faustus*)

fustic Wood and dye Sp *fustoe*, Arab *fustug*, G *πιστάκη*, *pistachio*

fustigate From Late L *fustigare*, from *fustus*, cudgel

fusty OF *fusté*, "fusty, tasting of the caske" (Cotg), from *fust* (*fât*), tree trunk, cask, L *fustus* (v s)

futile F, L *ful(t)ilis*, easily poured out, leaky, cogn with *fundere*, to pour

futtocks [naut] Also (16-17 cents) *foot-hooks*, *foot-oaks*, *foot-sloeks* Perh *foot hooks*, but possibly dim from F *fât*, OF *fust*, L *fustus*, staff, cudgel, used in many techn senses *Futtock-shrouds* is a perversion of earlier *futtock* (q v)

cour-baston a truncheon, or short cudgel, also (in a ship) a crooked piece of timber, termed a knee, or *futtocke* (Cotg)

future F *fulur*, L *futurus*, fut part of *esse*, to be, cf perf *fur*, and see *be* Hence *futurist* (theol), one who believes that prophecies, esp of Apocalypsc, are not yet fulfilled In sense of artist determined to save art from "agonizing beneath the ignominious yoke of Michael Angelo" it is quite mod

fuzz Imit of blowing away light particles, cf *faugh*, *buzz* Hence *fuzz-ball*, puff-ball, *fuzzy*, fluffy, *fuzzy-wuzzy*, fighting Soudanese dervish with "'ayrick 'ead of 'air" (Kipling)

fyfot Used by mod antiquaries for the *gammadion*, *swastika* (q v) Misunderstanding of a passage in Lansdowne MS (c 1500) where it means ornament used to fill the foot of a coloured window For mistake cf *eell*

gab, *gabble* Imit ; cf *gaggle*, *gobble*, etc, and obs Du *gabbelen* Prob distinct from ME *gab*, to boast, OF *gabel*, common in OF, epic Confused also with Sc *gob*, mouth, Gael *gob*, beak, e g *gift of the gob* is found earlier than *gift of the gab*, and *slop your gab* is for earlier Sc *steek* (shut up) *your gob* the mouth, *gift of the gob* a wide, open mouth, also a good songster, or singing master

(Dic' Cant Cree)

gabelle [hist] F, tax, esp salt-tax Arab *alkabāla*, the word being first recorded (1129) in a proclamation of Roger II of Sicily For another early Arab word from the same region see *admiral*

gaberdine Cf OF *galvardine*, It *gavardina*, Sp *gabardina* It may represent a mixture of Sp *gabán*, "a gabardine" (Minsh), and *tabardina* (see *tabard*) Sp *gabán* is prob of Pers origin and cogn with *caftan* Now used of a fabric

Nearly 2,000,000 yards of gabardine have been released for civilian use

(Daily Chron, Dec 13, 1919)

gabion [mil] Basket of earth F, It *gabione*, from *gabbia*, cage, L *cavea*, from *cavus*, hollow Often coupled with *fascine*

gable OF, OHG *gabala* (*gabel*), fork, cf Ger *giebel*, *gable*, Sc *gavel* from cogn ON *gafli*, perh from Y-shaped timber supporting roof at gable-end Some authorities connect with OHG *gibilla*, head, skull, cogn with G *κεφαλή*, head, regarded as ult cogn with above

gaby Cf Sc *gaup*, to gape, *gaupus*, simpleton Associated with *baby*

*gad*¹ Spike ON *gaddr*, spike, nail, associated with unrelated AS *gād*, goad Hence *gad-fly* With quot (v 1) cf *spur of the moment*

All this was done

Upon the gad (*Icar*, i 2)

*gad*² [archaie] For *God*, in *egad*, *gadzoos*, etc The last, sometimes explained as *God's hooks*, may even be for *God's hocks* or *houghs*, cf the fantastic OF oath *par les trumeaux de Dieu*

trumeau de bœuf a knuckle, hough, or leg, of beefe (Cotg)

*gad*³ To wander aimlessly Back-formation from obs *gadling*, AS *gædeling*, comrade, cogn. with *gather*. In ME this meant base fellow and in 16 cent vagabond For *gad-about* cf earlier *gadder about* (NED 1568)

gadfly See *gad*¹.

gadgets [neol] Accessories From slang of air men and others associated with machinery and used like *je ger* ² From *gadge* early Sc form of *gaue*

The Prus n sse sor (stat lwyre) with his monocle and ornamental gadge

(*D ly Chro* A g 3 1917)

Gadheic **Go dehc** [ethn & ling] Mod formation from Ir *Gaedheal* OIr *Cáidel Gó del* Gael See *Brythonic Goidehc*

gadron [arch] Opposite of *fluting* *Γ godron* of unknown origin

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"Well—damu—my eyes!" said Private Dormer in
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gallantv show" (Kipling, *Only a Subaltern*)

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See yonder, lo, the galaxye,

The v hich men clepe the Milky Wey
(Chauc *House of Fame*, II 428)

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We saw our ships, with a good gale and fair order
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sea (W Patten, 1546)

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galeeny [dial] Guinea-fowl Sp *gallina*
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Galen Physician of Pergamos (2 cent) Cf
Aesculapius

What says my Esculapius? my Galen
(Merry Wives, II 3)

He swallowed, at the least, two pounds of
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galena [min] Lead ore L, used by Pliny of
a certain stage in process of melting, ? G
γαλήνη, a calm

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tronomer (†1642)

galilee [arch] Porch Cf MedL *galilaea*
Perh after *Matt* IV 15

Those they pursued had taken refuge in the
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AS), afflicted with *galls*, as in *galled jade*
(*Hamlet* III 2) In ME *on the gall* (Chauc
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but quot below, of politician talking to
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(Suda T 23 Jan 9 19 3)

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The wit hes re th p act t g lanting h id and blood (*Galt*).

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Ment *thow q rters hab* *t* *ba* the condit of hand of k rne and *gallowglass*.

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What says my Esculapius? my Galen

(*Merry Wives*, ii 3)

He swallowed, at the least, two pounds of
chemicals and galenicals (*Ingoldsby*).

galena [min] Lead ore L, used by Pliny of
a certain stage in process of melting, ? G
γαλήνη, a calm.

Galilean Telescope From *Galileo*, It as-
tronomer (†1642)

galilee [arch] Porch Cf MedL *galilaea*
Perh after *Matt* iv 15

Those they pursued had taken refuge in the
galilee of the church (*Fair Maid of Perth*, ch 12)

galimatias Jumbled nonsense F, perh ult

L *grammatica* (see *grammar*, *gramarye*),
whence also Basque *Palamatica*, noisy con-
versation Cf synon *gallimaufrey*

galingale Aromatic root OF *galingal*,
Arab *lhaulingān*, ? through Pers, from
Chin *ho-liang-kiang*, mild ginger from *Ko*
(in Canton), cf OF *galangue*, Sp *galanga*,
Du *galigaan*, Ger *galgant* If the above
is correct, this must have been about the
first Chin word to reach E (c 1000 AD)

galiot See *galliot*

gall¹ Bile Now usu fig, bitterness, venom
AS *gealla*; cf Du *gal*, Ger *galle*, ON *gall*;
cogn with G *χολή*, and perh ult with
yellow Gall, sore, orig swelling on horse,
AS *gealla*, is prob the same word, perh.
influenced by F *gale*, itch, seurf, and also
by *gall*², in sense of excrescence (cf *wind-
gall*, tumour on fetlock) The verb to *gall*
is a back-formation from *galled* (found in
AS), afflicted with *galls*, as in *galled jade*
(*Hamlet* iii 2) In ME *on the gall* (*Chaue
D* 940) was used like mod *on the raw*

gall² Excrescence on oak F *galle*, L *galla*,
"a fruite called galls" (Coop)

gallant F *galant*, pres part of OF *galer*,
to make merry (cf *gala*) Some of the
F & E senses are from cogn It *galante*,
courtly, honourable, Sp *galante*, gaily
dressed, sprightly Origin obscure ? From
AS *gāl*, gay, wanton, proud, also as noun,
levity, lust, etc, cogn with Goth *gailjan*,
to cheer, ? and ult with L *hilaris*

galleass See *gallrass*

galleon Sp *galeón*, augment of obs *galea*

gallery F *galerie*, cf It *galleria*, Sp *galèria*,
MedL *galeria* (9 cent) Origin obscure,
perh ult from G *κάλω*, wood, cf origin
of *balcony* The *gallery* is contrasted with
the "gentlemen of the pit" by Lovelace
(1649) To *play to the gallery* is 19 cent,
but quot below, of politician talking to
the press, is much earlier than the E
phrase

Bien souvent quand il [Lamartine] fait ses haran-
gues à la Chambre, ce n'est pas à elle qu'il s'adresse,
c'est à la galerie, c'est aux gens qui le liront
demain (Sainte-Beuve, 1846)

galley OF *galee*, *gahe* (replaced by *galère*)
Origin obscure, cf Late G *γαλέα*, MedL
galea (in Asser's *Life of Alfred*, 9 cent),
It *galea*, obs Sp *galea* Synon It *galeara*
(whence F *galère*), Sp Port *galera*, point
to ult connection with *gallery*, cf also
MedL *galerida*, whence MHG *galerde*
Perh ult from G *κάλω*, wood, as the

To gallop, boil rapidly, is half-imit.
Galloping consumption is 17 cent
 to gallop fundere gradus

to wallop idem, cursitare (*Manp Voc*)

galloway Horse from Galloway, SW Scotland Adj *Gallowayian* is not a playful coinage (like *Liverpudlian*), but comes from ModL *Gallowayia*, said to mean foreign Gaels *Galwegian* is on analogy of Norway, Norwegian

gallowglass See *galloglass*

galloves ME *galwes* (pl), AS *gealga* (sing) Com Teut. cf Du *galg*, Ger *galgen*, ON *galge*, Goth *galga* In all Teut langs used early of cross of Christ With a gallows cf a shambles

gally [*dial* & whaling] To frighten Earlier *gallow* (*Lear*, III 2), AS *ægælwan*, to astonish

galoche See *galosh*

galoot [US] Fellow Earlier raw recruit, green hand, etc (E slang) 2 Du *geluht*, cunuch

geeloot a recruit, or awkward soldier (Hotten)

galop Dance F, see *gallop*

galore Ir *go leór*, in sufficiency

galosh, galosh F *galoche*, VL **galopia*, from G *καλοπούς*, shoemaker's last, from *kálov*, wood, -οὐς, foot Usu in pl, with many vars, e.g. *golo-shoes* "It is curious to find *galoshes*, now suggestive of a valetudinarian curate, thus [in *Piers Plowm*] an essential part of a medieval knight's equipment" (Smythe-Palmer)

gallozza a kinde of wooden patins, startops, gallages (Flor)

galumph Coined by Lewis Carroll, 2 on *gallop*, *triumph*, cf *shortle*

He left it dead, and with its head,

He went galumphing back

(*Through the Looking-Glass*)

galvanism From *Galvani*, It physicist, who described it (1792) Cf *mesmerism*, *voltarism*. *Galvanized iron* is not galvanized

Galwegian See *Galloway*

gamash [*archaic*] Garter F *gamache* (*dial*), Prov *galamacha*, *garamacha*, Sp *guadamach*, Arab *ghadāmasī*, from *Ghadamas* (Tripoli), famous for leather Hence Ger *gamaschen*, garters

gamba In *viola da gamba* It, leg See *gammon*²

gambado¹ [*dial*] Legging, orig fixed to saddle E formation from It *gamba*, leg. See *gammon*²

gambado² Caper, etc From Sp *gambada*, term of horsemanship Also *gambade*, from F Cf *gambit*, *gambol*

gambeson [*hist*] Wadded mil tunic Also *wambeson* OF *gambeson*, *wambeson*, from *gambes*, *wambes*, from OHG *wamba*, belly, cogn with *womb* From OF *wambes* comes ModGer *wamms*, doublet Cf Ger. *panzer*, cuirass, lit *pauncher* Prob Scott's choice of the name *Wamba* (*Ivanhoe*) was suggested by *Sancho Panza* (*Don Quixote*)

gambier Astringent used in tanning Malay *gambir*, plant from which obtained

gambit [*chess*] OF *gambet* (*gambit*), Sp *gambito* (Ruy Lopez, 1561), It *gambetto*, wrestler's trip, from *gamba*, leg See *gammon*²

gamble Orig (18 cent) with sense of cheat Cf *gamester*, with orig fem suffix Prob dial var of ME *gamenen*, partly suggested by *gambol* See *game*, *gammon*¹.

gamboge ModL *gambogium*, ult from *Cambodia* (Annam), whence obtained Cf *indigo*

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gambrel [*techn*] Wooden bar for hanging carcasses OF *gamberel*, from Celt *cam*, bent Cf Welsh *cambren*

game¹ Sport, etc AS *gamen* Teut, but only surviving in E & Scand (Sw *gaman*, Dan *gamen*) Supposed to be ident with Goth *gaman*, participation, from *ga-*, collective prefix, and root of *man* Orig amusement, delight, etc With later sense-development cf *sport* In *fair game* (*sport*), legitimate object of attack, there is some association with *fair play* To *fly at higher game* is from falconry. The number of phrases connected with the word is characteristic of the nation Cf *play* As adj, esp in to *die game*, it is a back-formation from *game-cock*, cock of the game (cock-fighting) As verb now only for *gamble*

Play up, play up! and play the game

(Sir H Ne voblt)

game² [*colloq*] Of leg Also *gammy*, OF. *gambri*, "bent, crooked, bowed" (Coig), still in F dial, use in same sense Prob cogn with F *jambe*, ONF *gambe*, leg See *gammon*²

gamin F, street arab 2 Ger *gammeln*, com-mon, mean

gamma Thurd letter (y) of G alphabet
Heb *gamel* the camel. Used of gamma
shaped objects e.g. the *gamma* moth or
silver Y *gammadion* C cross with
gamma shaped (Γ) arms (see *fulful*)

gammer See *gaffe* First VED record is
Gammer Gulton s. v. *dle* (1575)

gammon¹ Nonsense etc ME *gamea* game
as in *backgammon*. But as it appears to
be a cant word there may be some ob-
scure jocular allusion to *gammon*². See
game *gamble*

gammon² Of bacon OXF *gambon* (*jan*
bow) ham from *jambe* leg VL *canda*
gamba ham etc of animal G *καμπ*
bend from *καμπτεν*. In most Rom langs
but usual Sp word for leg is *pierna*. L
fe *na* hant *gammon*

gambone a hanch or *gammon* (b con great
lg (Fl t))

gammoning [ru t] Of bow prit. From verb
gammon to lash. Perth cogn with *gammon*¹
cf Γ *gambo de hune* puttock hroud

gammy See *gan e*

gamogenesis (biol) Sexual reproduction
See *gametogenesis*

gamp From St iā *Camp*

Mrs Gamp had a large bundle with h a p of
patten & d a piece of gig umbrell
(V *rin Cam* *lowd ch aus*)

gamut OF *gan aut* ModL *gammus ut* from
gamma (q v) indicating note below A
and *ut* first of a series of syllables used to
indicate notes of scale. These syllables
ut re mi fa sol la s the first now re-
placed in L by *do* are said to have been
adopted by Guy of Arezzo (early 11 cent.)
from I hymn for St John the Baptist's
Day (v i)

Utqueant la is eson e hbrn
Mura gestorum f nulli tuorum
Sol e pol a labili reatum
Sanct J hmanes

gander AS *ganud* a rī Du LC *gander*
earlier *ganre*. See *goose* *gannet*

gang AS *gang* going way from *gan* as to
go as in *gang your ain ga s*. Com Teut
cf obs Du *ganen* Ger *gehen* (pp *g*
gangen) Oñ *gan* a Goth *gagan* Etym
sense survives in *ganxxy* orig in *gan*
sense then naut and now in House of
Commons and theatre. For sense of
crew people going together (orig *naut*)
cf cogn Añ *genge* troop (valence obs)
naut ging regularly used for crew of boat
in Hall and Purch } and *gentle* a asso-

ciate (so also Ger *gefährte* companion
from *fahren* to fare) *Gan s t* is in gen-
dial use

A gang of white hat mock-clothes

(M try L F *ank Mndms*)

Gangeic L *Gangetius* of the *Gan rs* ()
Γανγης

gangelion C γανγλιον tumour used by
Galen for nerve-centre

gangrene Γ *g ngrne* L G γανγραια cf
Sanskrit *ganjara* decayed

gangué (ma) Matrix F Ger *gang* k is
of metal cogn with L *gang*

gangway AS *gan w y* See *ga g*
ganja. Preparation of hemp Hind *ganja*

gannet Sea fowl AS *anot* cogn with Dñ
gan OHG *ga as o* gander See *gander* in
dial also *gan*

Th great whist fowls, Dñ from *agunt*
(Hall vi o)

ganoid Of fish scales F *ganoides* from G
γανος brightness

gantry gantry [dial] Four footed stand
for barrels now engineering term Oñ F

ganse (chantie) L *cantherius* after
transom orig pack horse G *καρθριος*
pack ass Cf hist of *charroon clothes*
horse etc Mod f m perh due to *gantry*
while Sc *gantherie* is after *gan* gull n
and *tree* as in *roofree*

A shew *gantry* w *luning* for *hough* *ada* &
t (and w (Cotg))

Ganymede Walter G Γανυμειδης cup-
bearer of Zeus Cf *Hebe*

gaol jail Oñ F *gaole* (gale) VL *carro*
dim of *cerra* cage. The *g* was orig hard
cf names *Gae* *Gaur* but MF had also
jaole from Central F the sound of which
has prevailed. See *ra s cage* *jail-b d*
seems to allude to orig sense (cage) but is
prob after *ga l as-b d* *ja l-del* very is the
clearing out of all prisoners at the assize
when they must be either condemned or
acquitted

gap Oñ *gap* chasm cogn with *gap* Orig
breach in wall hedge (Earl xii s) Esp
with *fill stop*

gape Oñ *gapa* to open the mouth cf Du
gauen Ger *gaffen* With to *gape* *af* rī
aleance

gar See *ga fish*

garage F from *garer* to mak safe Mod
use from railway sense to shunt See
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James Alban, th d teetive taxman said h
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gazebo Turret on roof or wall. } Jocular

Latin coinage on gaze (cf *taxabo*) It has replaced obs *garin* room (17 cent)

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gazette runnng r ports d liv news, die in It *genc* s or fl m flm tales th t a e daily writ from Ital smel (ie e pecl ly) from R m d v i e (Flo 16 1)

Th d y the first of th O for i g ster am out whch is ery pretty I l of new s

(1 pvt Nov 22 1665)

gazogene I *gazogene* from *gaz* gas

gear Orig any equipment esp armour

Mf *gere* ON *geru* g rre cogn with AS *gearu* clothing armour and *ger* wron to mak retly See *garb* Ierh the hardest worked word in early ModE now largely replaced by *stuff* tacht Senses have received spec extension with progress of mach n ry but mod o t of *gear* corresponds curiously with MF *not* is *hi* i s *his* *gere* ie badly harnessed

Th (lway) men at Li cpyod at working at sl w g ar (i ca c y)

(Pall 16 11 Ger D 191 1)

gecko Li ard Malay *gēko* sm t of cry

ged Pikefish ON *gelta* from *gad* spike See *ad*

ged I or *gad* ie *Gad* Cf *dennie* d *nust* u

Sir Arth bl w hi one and sand, wood *Ged* Th a is worse th Assaye

(h plur *Mis* *Alab* *Hu* *kes*)

gee gee From command to h rse with meanng varying according to locality With *gee ho* cf F *dia hue* etc abs of univd meaning

I un tire à dia Pa tre à burh u (Med. Dap Am 1 2)

geez [slang] Dial form of obs *guiser* mummer See *grise*

Mf old *geez* with nast cough (Albert Chevall 1)

Gehenna Church L Late G γ ο ν ν α Late Heb *gē hinnō* valley of *Hinnom* near Jerusalem where children were sacrificed to Baal and Moloch (Jer xix 5 6) Cf *gehannum* and see *Tophet* Hence F *géné* to incommode orig to torture

geisha Jap dancing girl

gelatine F *gelatine* It *gelatina* from *gelata*

jelly (q v) See al o *gelant* ie

geld gelt *geld* [hist] In *Danegelt* we *geld*

MedL *gelatun* from AS *geld* payment

tribute Com Teut cf Du (er *geld* money ON *gialt* payment Goth *gild*

tribute See *is* *id*

geld Verb Earlier as adj ON *gell*

barren Cf Ger dial *ge'len* to *geld* *gel* e

castrated swine Hence *geldin*

Tutph r the g ldyng (f lg eun dus) of Phraao (Wye Gen x vi 30)

geld L *geldis* from *gel* frost

gelignite Explosive Coined from *gel* *hne*

and *ignite*

gelt See *geld*

gem AS *gem* L *gemma* orig bud cogn

with *go* us (q v) respelt on F *gemme*

Gemara Latter part of Talmud commen

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maic *gemar* completion

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gem wile arranged in pairs As exclama

tion for *is* (q v)

gemsbok Afr antelope Du *chamois*

from Gee *gem* for application of *land*

Cf *gemshorn* organ stop from Ger

gen F *gène* G *γενε* cogn with *γενεα*

to be born

genappe Yam From *Cenaphe* (B lgium)

Cf *cambric*

gendarme F back formation from *gens*

d'armes men at arms later appld to mil

police Not F for policeman

gender OE *enl* e (g r e) L *genu* gn

kund translating as gram t rm C γ ο s

used by Aristotle See *genus*

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gen kind Contrasted with *spec* al (see

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title orig adj (f *gubernare* as al a *corney*

general) qualifying captain as still in

gate² [*loc*] Street, way, in Midlands and north ON *gata*, cf Ger *gasse*, lane, street, Goth *gatawō* Altered to *gati* (q v) in spec sense

gather AS *gaderian*, cf Du *gaderen* Ger. dial *gattern*, prob cogn with AS *gædehng*, companion (*gad²*), Ger *gatte*, husband, and ult with *good* Sec together To gather (of a sore) refers to the "collection" of pus, hence fig use of *gather to a head* (of plan, plot, etc), perh after *Temp v i* To gather, conclude, infer, is from the idea of collected observations or evidence

gating Obsolete machine gun Invented by Dr R J Galling and first used in Amer Civil War (1861-5) Cf *maxim²*

gauche F, awkward, left-handed, replacing, in latter sense, OF *senestre* (L *sinister*) Origin doubtful See *gawk*

gaucho S Amer half-breed Sp, from Aitau-canian lang of Chile Incorr *guacho*

gaud Orig prank, trick App from F *se gaudir*, to make merry, scoff, VL **gaudire* for *gaudere* Later sense influenced by obs *gaud*, large ornamental bead of rosary, app from L *gaudium*, joy *Gaudy* is also used in both senses Cf *gaudy* (c 1500), college festival, esp at Oxf, and *gaudeamus* (15 cent F) from student song *Gaudeamus igitur, juvenes dum sumus* Cf also Ger dial *gaudi*, rejoicing, perh, like *gaudy* in some senses, from L imper *gaude*, rejoice

By this gaude have I wonne, yee by yee,
An hundred mark sith I was pardonere

(Chauc C 389)

My peir bedys of calcedenys gaudied with silver
and gilt (*Paston Let* iii 287)

gauge, gage ONF *gaug* (*gaug*), ? MHG *galge*, gallows, orig stake, rod, whence also perh F *jalon*, measuring stake Cf hist of road See also *gage²* Hence *gauger*, exciseman

Gaul, Gaulish, etc F *Gaule*, L *Gallia* Facet for French, cf *Gallie* In ling of extinct Celt langs of Gaul

gault [*geol*] Clay ? ON *gald*, hard snow, whence Norw *gald*, hard ground, rocky way

gaunt App an E Angl word It is much older than *NED* records, and occurs commonly as a surname, *le Gault*, temp John and Hen III It may be dial *gant*, *gaunt* (cogn with *goose*), used of various waterfowl, with sense-development like that of *haggard* See *gannet*

gauntlet¹ Glove F *gantelet*, dim of *gant*,

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gauntlet², to run Orig mil punishment Corrupt of *gantlope*, Sw *gallopp*, "gate run," in sense of *gate²*, a word from Thirty Years' War Cf Ger *gassenlaufen*, adapted from Sw, for native *spießruten*, spear rods In E fig sense appears as early (17 cent) as lit

durch die spieß-ruthen laufen to run the gauntlet (Ludw)

gauntry See *gantry*

gauze F *gaze*, perh from *Gaza* (Palestine), cf *damask*, *muslin*, etc

gavel¹ [*hist*] Now chiefly in *gavel-kind*, system (Kent) by which property is divided equally instead of going to eldest son, but orig a form of tenure AS *gafol*, tribute, and *kind* (q v)

In Gavelkind, though the father be hanged, the sonne shall inherit, for their custom is, "The father to the bough, and the son to the plow"

(Leigh, *Philological Commentary*)

gavel² [US] President's mallet, orig mason's Origin unknown ? Connected with Ger dial (lower Rhine) *gaffel*, brotherhood, friendly society, cogn with *give*

He was president of the Reichstag since 1912, un-faithfully wielding the gavel in autocracy's interests (*Daily Mail*, May 27, 1918)

gavial Sharp-nosed crocodile of Ganges F, mistake for *garial*, Hind *gharyāl*

gavotte F, Prov *gavoto*, dance of the *Gavots*, Provençal name for inhabitants of Alps ? Cf Sp *gavacho*, contemptuous name for people of Pyrenees or Frenchmen

gawk, gawky Meanings correspond with F *gauche*, clumsy, left-handed *Gawk* is for older *gallock*, still in dial use, e g *gallock-handed*, which may very well be the origin of F *gauche*, a word of late appearance (15 cent), without cognates in Rom langs, and explained only by very dubious conjectures

gay F *gai*, cf It *gaio*, OSp *gayo* Of obscure origin, possibly ident with *jay*, a bright-coloured and chatty bird

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Say s he, I am a handsome man, but I'm a gay deceiver

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genu knee *flectere* flex to bend

genuine *L. chinensis* native of *an*, *chinensis*
Cogn with *genus* (q v)

genus *L. cogn* with (γ γος race γ γισθαι
to be born Sanskrit जातः I am (q v)
Genus and species were adopted in L. as
renderings of C γ γος and εδος as used
by Arist. II

geny See *gen*

geo C y u from y) earth as in g ode
concretionary stone C y ody earthy
geo est G dauw to divide geo nosy
G y y w o w u to know geography geology
from MedL. geometry division by
mean of handfuls of earth (cf ck ron ancy)
g o nely C j e r p e to measure geophony
agriculture G w r e b a to labour and
many less familiar scient terms The
West in I u s is geomet' u ed at first
in connection with arch

Geordie [*dial*] Either (man or boat) safety lamp. From *Geor* + (*qv*) last sense with ref. to *C o ga Stephenson*.

George I C Tempytor (see Geor ic) Cap-
padocian prin e supposed to have been
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youngster from the earth; *georgon* work
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Ma et au diable etc. *les georgiques de la*
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geranium	Crane's bill	stork's bill	L
Cyperus	from γράς crane	(q v)	Cl
delicatum			

gérant F manager from *gérer* to direct
L *gérer*

gerbe [*her*] Wheatsheaf Also a firework
 f Ger gude sheaf

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gerfauc (gerfaul) compd of falcon (f) +
cf It g falca Sp Port gerfalte Du
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surname (William Wulfsc 10th c Fin s
timp John) much earlier than first *WED*
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germ Γ *germ* L *germen* seed (Wn b iv x)
² for *germ* n from *ge ne e* to be *et*

german F. *germanus* L. *germanus* : fully akin
cogn. with *germ*. Hence both *germs*
with same parent. *cousin german* with
same grandparents. Mod. us. of *germine*
akin (to the matter subject) is affe. fig.
use of *germin* in Shaks. (v. 1.)

The phrase would be in German: *Ich würde es gerne machen, wenn ich es könnte.*

German L. Germ. is usually Romans and Celts but not by T. utons (ee D. lch). Prob. orig. name of part cul. tr. e. of F. all land from the Aleman (w. w. Sabians and Swiss). Replaced (16 cent) earlier Almani. Dutch. Also of thins not genu. no (measle) either the latter from (Hilburghausen). German Oc. is Ptolemy's Gephuva. It is H. a German (whence the literary lang.) belongs to the south. Low German (cf. platt ut. h.) to the pla. no. bordering North Sea and Baltic and includes (lang.) E. & Du. Old High (er. a. s. Middle H. a. s. German: c.) er. per. oods. oughly corresponding with Anglo-Saxon and Middle English. German c. is applied to all Teut. langs. viz West Germanic, High and Low German. East Germanic, Gothic. Scandinavia is called No. th. Germ. no. but some times included under West Germ. Etymology's proposed for the nam. (e.g. Old Ger. r. neighbour. g. a. m. war-cry. OHG. get. s. i. kar) are pure conjectures.

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mandr) for *gan nidea* corrupted from
Late C *χαμαδρα* a for *χαμηδρος* ground
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(Elihu Burritt, *Walk from London to Land's End*)

Vain attempts to gerrymander afresh the parliamentary representation of the ramshackle empire
(*Daily Chron*: Apr 14, 1917)

gerund [*gram*] L *gerundium*, from *gerere*, to carry on

gesso Plaster of Paris It, L *gypsum* (q v)

gest [*archaic*] Exploit, epic See *jest*

gestation [*med*] L *gestatio-n-*, from *gestare*, from *gerere*, *gest-*, to bear Cf *gestion*,

carrying on, management, F, L *gestio-n-gesticulate*, from L *gesticulari*, *gesticulat-*, from *gesticulus*, dim of *gestus*, action, gesture, from *gerere*, *gest-*, to perform Cf *gesture*, orig deportment, MedL *gestura*

get ON *gela*, to obtain, beget, cogn with AS *gietan* (in *forget*, *beget*) Cognates, only in compds, also in Du Ger Goth Orig past *gat* (A V), p p *gotten* (now chiefly US or in *ill-gotten*) This verb and *take* (also ON) have supplanted in many senses AS *niman* (see *nimble*) and *gewinnan*. Its sense-development is extraordinary, the intrans senses springing chiefly from reflex, e g *get you gone*, to *get (oneself) disliked*

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(*Report of Coal Commission*, June 23, 1919)

geum Plant L, "the herbe called avens" (Coop)

gew-gaw ? Adaptation or imit of F *jou-jou*, toy, baby word from *jouer*, to play, L *jocare* Cf *juju*

gey [*Sc*] Considerably, as in *gey sharp* Sc form of *gay*, cf *pretty sharp*

geyser Icel *Geysir*, proper name of a special hot spring, from ON *göysa*, to gush See *gush*, *ingot*

gharry [*Anglo-Ind*] Hind *gārī*, cart

ghastly From obs *gast*, to terrify See *aghost*, *ghost*

ghaut River-stairs (India) Hind *ghāt* The *Ghauts*, mountains, are so-called (by Europeans) from *ghāt* in sense of mountain pass

ghazal, gazel Oriental verse-form Pers, Arab *ghazal*, love-song

ghazi Arab *ghāzī*, pres part of *ghazā*, to fight

The fifty were ghazis, half-maddened with drugs and wholly mad with religious fanaticism

(Kipling, *Drums of Fore and Aft*)

ghee Clarified butter. Hind *ghī*, from Sanskrit *ghr*, to sprinkle

gherkin Early Du dim (now *gurke*) of *gürk*, for *agürk*, cucumber Of Slav origin; cf Pol *ogurek*, Czech *okurka*, cucumber Hence also Late G *ἀγγούριον*, obs It *anguria*, OF *angoûre*, etc Ger *gurke*, earlier *ajurke*, is from eastern LG But, according to some, the Late G word is the original, from OG *ἀωρος*, unripe

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Ghibelline [*hist*] Of imperial (Hohenstaufen) faction in Italy (12 cent) It *ghibellino*, from Ger *Waiblingen*, seat of Hohenstaufens Cf *Guelph*

ghost AS *gāst* WGer, cf Du *geest*, Ger *geist* For unoriginal -h- cf cogn *aghost*, and Flem *gheest*, which may have influenced Caxton's spelling Orig soul, spirit, as in *ghostly*, to give up the ghost, Holy Ghost, all in AS The ghost doesn't walk (theat), i e there is no money for the actors, so it's no use waiting about, contains an allusion to *Hamlet* 1.1. *Ghost-word*, unreal word persisting from orig mistake, was coined by Skeat Good examples are *abacot*, *collimate*, *syllabus*

ghoul "Body-snatching" demon Arab *ghūl*, from verbal root meaning to seize First in Beckford's *Vathek* (1786) Cf *afrect*

Ghurka See *Goorika*

ghyll See *gill*²

giallo antico Marble It, antique yellow giant F *géant*, L *gigas*, *gigant-*, G *γίγας* Replaced AS *gigant*, from L

gaour Turk term of contempt for non-Mussulmans Pers *gaur*, *gabr*, fire-worshippers Cf *Guebrie*

Calling them eafars and gawars, which is, infidels or misbelievers (*Hamlet* III 1.1, 1568)

Who falls in battle 'gainst a gaour

Is worthiest an immortal bower (Byron).

gib [*archaic*] Cat Abbrev of name *Gilbert*, AS *Gislbeorht*, bright hostage (see *gibbon*), Cf *tom-cat*, and *Tibert* (Theodobert), the cat in the *Roman de Renart*
gibber Imit, cf *jabber*

gibberish Appears earlier (c 1350) than *gibber* (*Initial* 1 2) Connection of the two is doubtful Early used in ref to lang of rogues and gypsies

j gonnous Italian gibblike pedlers French (C 12)

gibbet *F gibet* in OF cross handled stick dim of OF *gibe* staff Cf *F pence* gallows orig bracket support *L pole fia*
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gibbous Humped esp of moon From *L gibbus* hump cogn with *G wds* bent
gibe 1 be To jest From 10 cent Cf *LC gibelu* (cf dial *grifelen* to laugh mockingly

gibe 2 [naul] See *gybe*

Gibeonite Drudge See *Josh* ix. 23

giblets Cf OF *gibellet* some sort of dish *F gibelotte* rabbit stew Walloon *gble d'aune* goose giblets Oldest sense in *L* is frivolous additions (perh from cooking metaphor cf *F pelte* o.s. trimmings etc) In the *Prompt Par* explained as *garbage* (q.v.) The analogy of *haslets* (q.v.) suggests connection with OF *gibe* staff (see *gibbet*)

gibus Opera hat Name of inventor (19 cent)

giddy AS *gydið* insane orig possessed by a god cf *G 1 ðeos* (see *enthusiasn*) and AS *gylig* raving ? possessed by an elf See *diary*

gier eagle [archaic] Du *gier* vulture cf Ger *gier* cogn with *gier* greed (see *jearyn*) The *g r* agl and th orn ran (Dial 1 37)

gift gaff [Sc & north] Mutual Redupl on *gite* cf synonym *F donnant donnant*

gift AS *gift* from *give* (q.v.) cf Ger *gift* poison, *mitgift* dowry To look a gift horse in the mouth i.e. judge its age by teeth al o occurs in *F* & Ger

gig 1 In ME spinning top (cf *wh rhig*) giddy girl (cf *galer*) app cogn with *gi* Sense of light vehicle and boat is mod (late 18 cent) and identity of these with ME *gigg* is doubtful *Gigs n* respectability was coined by Carlyl on the state

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gird² To assail verbally, usu with *at* Orig (c 1200) to strike (cf to *have a hit at*), and ident with *gird*¹ Cf F *cingler*, to beat,

lash from *L. cingulum* horse-girth thong
ON *gyrha* to lash and *E* to strap
leather etc

girdler See *girdl*

girdle Belt See *girdl*

girdle* For cake Northern var of *gyrdle*
(q v)

girl ME *gure* (13 cent) Dim of some unknown word cf LG *gave* (17 cent) boy
girl ? cogn with ON *gairr* clumsy
stupid person For obscure hist cf *boy*
lad *lass* and their Scand synonyms

Probably most of them arose as jocular
transferred uses of words that had originally a different meaning (NED)
Orig used of both sexes (see *down child*)
? Limitation of sex due to association with
Gill Girl is little used in dial (*maid lass*
wench q v) and occurs only twice in *AI*
(*maiden* *myself*)

Y [Na garet Past n] are a good *girl*
[Fusion Let h 3f
Com out the skittish girl]

[J ob and Ess v 6 1568]

gyron See *gyron*

Girondist [hist] Moderate party in France
(1791-93) led by deputies from the
Gironde

girl girth See *girl*

glad OF 3rd pers sing pres of *gêrre* to
L. jacere cf *cl glt* here lies on old tomb-
stones The noun is evolved partly from
AF gais on *gait* the action lies as LG
phrase See also *agist*

je Ray d'un glais le cor I know well what it is
the 17 pos 10 kn 1 of the matter (Cotg)

git [US] For *git out*

He tall th in to get and they g t
[Graces Let or fl A 5 1334]

Gitano Gypsy Sp MedL *Gyghianus* Cf
ghizo

gittern [archaic] OF *guterne* See *cithre*
guitar *zither*

give North rn form of AS *gi fan* (whence
normally VL *gerere*) influenced by ON
gefa Com Teut. cf Du *geven* Ger *geben*
Goth *giban* *Gie joi joi* is I r God *g w*
jon joi hence to give *Werry Christmas* etc
Colloq uses of to give away (now VN) a
from *lye* a use to sacrifice renounce
With to give a r of to give ground *Give*
and *take* is orig from racing in which
weights w nt according to ms of horses

N wyo r marred w give you for
First a l d then boy

guzzard ME *giser* (cf *sch and*) F *giser*

L. gigerum (only in pl) entrails of fowl
? ult cogn with *L. jecur* liver

All in pr thy good hum r though I f d my w i
h th someth ng in her g i zard th t only waits
opport nty (Lepps J et 1665)

glabrous Hairless From *L. glaber* See *glat*
glacé F lit iced (v i) but associated with
glass *gloss*

glacial In geol sense app coined (1846) by
Forbes See *glacier*

glacier F from *glace* ice VL *glacia* for
glacies From dial of Savoy whence also
Ger *glatische*

glacis [fo i] Sloping bank F from F
glacier to freeze make slippery (v s)

glad AS *glæd* Com Teut. cf Du *glad*
smooth Ger *glat* smooth ON *glaihr*
glad ult cogn with *L. glau* r smc th
(cf F *verd* L *vider*) Intermediate sense
was bright shining which still surv in
the *gl d eye*

glad Open (bright) space among trees
Cogn with *glad* bright (v s) cf avon
Ger *lichtung* from *licht* light F *clair* *ère*
and *clairière* from *clair*

gladiator L from *gladius* sword

gladiolus L dim of *gladius* (v s) Hence
F *gl iul* Cf Ger *schwert* *le*

gladstone Bag claret Latter from cheap
wine of which importation increased after
reduction of duty by *Gladstone* (1858)
when at the Exchequer (1850) *Bismarck*
was once in Ger dial use for a bad vintage
(*Gladioman* hist) was coined at the split-
ting of the Liberal party (1886) on *Clair*
stone a Home-Rule project

glare White of egg L *glara* VL *clara*
from *clarus* clear (cf I *glia* bell ringing
from *L. clarissimus* flourish of trumpets)
OF *glare d ou* is recorded for 12 cent
blar del nuovo the white of a egg (Flor)

glave I n OF usu lance hence C dial
glave fish spear L *glad u* (whence OF
glu) mil ed with Canlish *claw do* (cf *le*
clia del Gael *clinncheamh* an i se-caymore)
On a d a spirit il vent du gla e que da e
niet so enbrant en re la fte de l'erci from
et l'clair (Norp C m hist 1 462)

glamour Corrupt of *gramma* in sense of
gram *irre* (1 v) esp in C to cast the
glamour (fel) Cf *by matter of gl mry*
(Camb) A C II w 1

glance First as verb Orig. of *ll w* (to
glance off etc) in w i sense it is nasal
ized from F *gacer* which in OF had
meaning *l glisser* to glide *glance off* (w i)

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For east of stoues war him in the verre

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glebe F *glèbe*, L *gleba*, clod, lump, ult. cogn. with *globe*. Eel. sense of land forming part of clergyman's benefice is earliest in E (Wye)

glede, **gled** [archaic] Kite (*Dent* xiv. 13).

AS *glāda*, the glider; cf. synon. Sw. *glada*.
glee AS *glia*, *glēa*, merriment, cf. ON *plā*. Practically obs. c. 1500-1700, and revived late in 18 cent. "It is not now used, except in ludicrous writing, or with some mixture of irony and contempt" (Johnson).

gleek [archaic] Cardgame OF *glee*, *gléque*, Ger. *glück* (MHG *gelücke*), luck (qv), which in many parts of Germany is pronounced to rhyme with *kief*. Cf *hazard*, *fortune*, *chance*, *bonheur*, all used of card-game.

gleet Ford s. l., *glete*, viscous matter, of unknown origin

glen. Gael. Ir. *gleann*, cf. Welsh, Corn *glyn*. App. introduced into E. by Spenser in ref. to Ireland

glendoveer Sprite. Imitated by Southey from *grandovier* (Sonnerat, *Voyage aux Indes*, 1782), Sanskrit *gartharika*. Cf *afreet*, *ghoul*, *genie*, all due to 18 cent. interest in Orientalism

glengarry Bonnet. Place (Inverness). Cf *glentworth* whisky (Banff)

Had to mixture been Only half glenlivet (Aytoun)

glib From c. 1600, also *glibbery*. Orig. smooth, slippery. Cf. Du *glubberig*, LG *glühig*, slippery; prob. ult. cogn. with *glide*; cf. dial. *glidery* in same sense.

I want that glib and oily art

To speak and purpose not (*Levy*, i. 1)

Soothing, her grief with a smaller allowance of the same glib liquid (run punch)

(*Old Curiosity Shop*, ch. xlv.)

glide AS *glīdan* WGer.; cf. Du *glijden*, Ger. *gleiten*. Perh. ult. cogn. with *glad* (qv)

glim Usu. in *douse the glim*. Related to *glimmer*. Immediate source perh. OF *glimpe*, "a light made of the stalks or stems of an herb dried, and afterward greased over" (Cotgr.), which is of Du. or Ger. origin. Cf *glimpse*

glimmer Frequent from same root as *gleam*, cf. Ger. *glimmen*. Mod. sense (Shaks.) has weakened from ME. sense of shining brightly

glimpse First as verb, from root of *gleam*, *glimmer*, cf. MHG *glinsen*.

Ye han som glimsyng and no parfit sighte

(Chaucer *F* 2383)

glint ME *glent*, prob. Scand.; cf. Ger. *glänzen*, to glance, shine. Introduced into E. literary use from Sc. (Burns)

glissade [*Alp*] Slide 1' from *gl* *sser* app
due to mixture of OF *glacier* (see *glancer*)
and synon *glier* of Teut. origin (see *ghd*)
glisten *glster* *Glisten* is AS *glisman* to
glitter with *glster* cl obs Du *glisteren*
(*glinsle* en) Both have same sense as ME
glise AS *gltsian* ult cogn with *glitter*
glitter ON *glitra* from *glit* brightness cl
Ger *glittern* These are frequent verbs
cogn with AS *glitan* an to shine

gloaming AS *glooming* from *gl* in twilight
cogn with *glow* but not with *gleam*. In
literary I a 19 cent introduction from
Sc (Burns)

gloat *Utu* with *ess* From 16 cent. Cf Ger
glohen to stare On *ghola* to grin scorn
 fully Not known to Johns who conceived
 it (in Rowe a *Jane Shore*) to be ignorantly
 written for *ghaar* (glower) It is how
 ever in *Wycherley* *Utway Dredgen*

globe F. L. globus round mass rie cogn
with glom : lump A Renaissance word
of much later appearance than sphere

glomerate See conglomerate

gloom. Black formation from earlier *glōms* from verb *glōm* to look sullen (14 cent.) Sense of darkness appears to be chiefly due to Milton who took it in a second lary sense of verb as applied to weather (cf *threatening lowering, sullen sky*). Cogn with *glōm* lit not with *glōmme*.

It will be four weeks or 1 day before the ship will
reach the coast (Cord 3/7/71)

gloria 1 (x gloria (pairs) 1 b) in scolas)
glory Of gloria (gl' e) L. gloria Hand of
glory severed 1 and from gallies 1 proved
to point to h then trea ur translates 1
munde 1 tre corrupt of mand agve (q v)
whose loked r its were supposed to have
the same property See In of liba Han-
of On 1 t lry-dow cell for pr amers abo
untily receptile is perh from f g vi u
cell in that it is (dial) reced belnd
baker oven Gl'm u l nry (eg of
cricket) is from g vi u u eta nly f the
the propose 1 as trust at an 15 cent law
dinner The wording was suggested by the
gl'ours mem'ry of it; and III stuck to it
but aimed at Lord Mansfield the new Lord
C. 1 in tice

gloss: In the form of cent (cf. clw D)
g m g'sraa e. 31116 gls Pra cop
w il gls e gls i the lat er cl w i i s sed
immediately w il g m i n 16-1 cen s see
gls

1. *Practical aspects of the law*

gloss⁴ Interpretation Orig marginal ex-
planation Earlier *gl se gl se* (q v) F
L G *glossa* tongue language Hence
glossary But ML sense flattery deceit
p luts to early association with the root
gloss Cf *to gloss on* explain speciously

Wasn't that fortune left to give
Thine watch the day man it o' throw
 (Chorus B) 1101

glossary glosso- See 3/ ss

glottis (anal) C γλωττις from γλωττα var
of γλωσσα tongue (ε s)

Gloucester double cheese Made of 100% cream than single Gloucester

glove AS *glof* cf. ON *glfe* ? cogn. with ON *flfa* hand (Se 14f) In many symbolic uses e.g. as gage of battle (much earlier than *gawite*) also as forer of present e.g. *white gloves* (17c) Some later metaphors from boxing *Hand and glove* expresses the same close contact as to *clink a clove*

glow AS gl'w or as this is a stron verl
perh rather from cogn ON gl'w of Thu
glowen Ger gl'hen old I gl'ed live coal
and glowing With glow-noun et I
luc le 22. lucco's from L. luc light
I could glow warm w'at warm live

glower introduced (13 cent) from the
share App can give to the cgn
with glare influence in mount and serve
by lower of the glower glower and keep
lect the dual glare to shine share

Gloxinia Walt. From China F l tan t
(18. cent)

gloy Trade name / r paste From (γλοια
sticks, oil)

gloss F gloss to interpret (something)
See gloss W. If a word with gloss it is associated with gloss

I repent and intend to stop now
 if I have $\frac{1}{2}$ and if $\frac{1}{2}$ more. (2)

glucose 1 unit yields sweet. Cl glycerol

give I x = 1 and time place late I give

glum first as vent to back along down
away of her and grow twisted, from
14

glance, let Y know how he's
doing. I've seen him at the

gluepy I can't glue it
glue it if you want to use it
but I sense I can't glue it
if I don't use it

given. In place of a definite
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and the vessel is no doubt of same origin Cf I dial *godard* goblet OF *godart* OG *gott hart* god+strong named in same way See *goblin* and cf *d mijohn jack gill** *ju kanka d ME jubbe* (Job) 11 Chauc etc

goblin F *gobelin* dim of name *Gobel* (v s) cf *Hubold* (q v) *harlequin jack o lantern will o the wisp* etc. *Gobel n* (q v) is a common F surname Cf also *Ger heimst mōn her* gnome from *Heine* pet form of *Heinrich* Henry with var *hān ei mōnneket* from *Hans Johnny*

A *gobelin* *goyng* in *derkenes* (Wye. P c e)

goby Irish *L. gobius* See *gudgeon*

god AS *god* Com Teut cf Du *god* Ger *g it* ON *goth* Goth *guth* Orig a neuter as in *Wit al gott* *Wol change* of gender coming about with monotheism Ult origin unkn wn Often oddly disguised in oaths e g *swop me bod for so help me God* With *godfather* an l ther such AS compd cf *gossip* F *goddit n* Englishman is from national oath recorded in OF as *godon* *Godend* is for earlier *God's send* where *se d* (S.) is an abstr noun With the gods (theat) cf F *parad s* the gallery

Let's carve him as a di h fit for th god

(*Jul C c* 11 s)

Les Anglais en f lū a) sicut p -ei p la quelz s a tres m t en ou ere it nial il est ben lū d vole que godd m est le f d d la langue (*M sage d* 1 a o)

godetia Flower From *Godel* Swiss botanist.

godhead Th s and *man lethead* are the only survivors of ME suffix *hede* cogn with hood and Ger *heit*

godown Warehouse in East Lasher *godong* Malay From Telugu or Tamil

godwit Bird ? From cry cf *perit* But cf synon Norw *Dan rōdēt* with second element as in *musket* *himouse* This i peith archaic Dan *villē* small thing used like E *tit*

goffer gauffer *gopher* F *gouff* or to stamp with honeycomb pattern from *ga fre* than cake with this pattern LC *was f* honeycomb (s o *nafer* *wafile*)

goggle -eyed From *go gle* to *mao e* uncer taily h re and there *yp* cogn with *zō* *go gle* In Wv (*Mark ix 46*) Hence *g gles* spectacles

au d b f an o *strouting* c *great* *gost* *eye* (Coig)

goglet [*Anglo Ind*] 1 arl r (17 cent) *g^r gulet* etc Port *go golets* an earthen and narrow mouthed vessel out of which the water runs an i guggles (*Vieyra*) Cf *gar le*

Half-clad men went b k and f rth with i f plate es and wat g gl is
(*h pli g In the P Bone*)

Goidelic *Gadheib* [*Irish & ling*] From OIr *goidel* a Gael Introduced by Rives to d note Gaelic (Irish and Scotch) as distinguished from Brythonic (Wel h Cornish Breton) Cf *Gadhel*

goutre F *goutre* back formation from *gof treux* Prov *go fies* VL **gutta osus* from *gutta* throat Cf OF *goutr n* thr at

golconda Old name of Hyde abad famous for diamonds Cf *ellorato*

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(*T mes Lit S pp* May 29 9 9)

gold AS *gold* Com Teut cf Du *goud* Ger *gold* O⁹ *golt* Goth *guth* prob cogn with *yellow* *Goldbeater's skin* i. an animal membrane us d by goldbeaters to separate leaves of gold fil The *Golden Age* translates *L aurea aetas* (O⁹ rd *Mt s* 89) period of ideal innocence and prosperity cf *golden mean* *L aurea med oc ilas* (Hor *Odes ii x 3*)

golf From 15 cent Du *kolf* club cogn with Ger *kolben* club musket butt and nlt with *L globi* *M* mentioned (1457) with *fet bal* in a Sc statute dealing with forb d lea games

kolf bol s clav a g cl bbe *kolf bal* *leght bal* *plia claven* (RLL)

golgotha G γολγοθα Aramaic *gogolth* Heb *gulgoleth* skull Cf *caho s*

golard c Poetry From the *gohards* m⁹di oval buffoons (12-13 cents) OF *gol ard* glutton from OF *gole* (*guel*) mouth maw *L guls*

golliwog Created in US by M s Florence Upton Perh on *golly* (v i) with suggestion of dial *polliwog* tadpole which is still common in US Cf *teddy bear*

golly Negro perversion of *God*

golosh See *galosh*

goluption Facet perversion (10 cent) of *voluptuous* cf rustic *boldacious* (*bolit x ai dacious*)

gombeen man [*Ir*] Usur r From *Ir gaim* *bēn* cogn with *MedL. cambium* See *cha go*

gom(b)roon Persian pottery From town on Persian Gulf See *bīn an*

-gon [math] G γωνος, from γωνία, angle
Used for the plane figures with more angles
than a quadrangle.

gondola It "a kinde of small boates like
our wherries used in Venice" (Flor).
Perh a Venet formation from *dordolare*,
to see saw, an imit word (cf *dardle*). For
sense of car of air-ship cf *nacelle* *Gundel*,
ship's long-boat, is common in Furch and
occurs (*gondale*) in the *Voyage of the Bar-
bara* (1510)

gonfalon [hist] It *gonfalone*, banner used
in Church processions. Earlier is *gonfanon*,
knight's pennon (c 1300), OF. (*gonfalon*),
OHG *guntfano*, battle flag (Ger *saine*),
cf AS *gūthfara*, and see *vane*. Change of
-n- to -l- is due to dissim (cf F. *orphelin*,
OF *orfenin*, dim from L *orphanus*)

gong Malay limit of sound Cf *tom-tom*
Gongorism Affected literary style of *Gón-
gora* y *Argo'e*, Sp poet (†1627) Cf
Euphuism

goniometer Instrument for measuring angle,
G γωνία

gonoph [slang]. Pickpocket (*Black House*, ch
xix). Jewish Du *gannef*, Heb *gannābh*,
thief But the author's father, a Suffoll. man
(†1920 aetat 85), used it in the sense of
stupid lout, ME *gnof*, cogn with EFris
hnuse, lump

A niche *gnof*, that gestes held to bord
(Chauc. A. 3188)

gonorrhoea [med] G, from γόνος, seed, πόα,
flux, cf *diarrhoea*

-gony. G -γονία, generation, from γένεσθαι,
to become Cf -*gery*

good AS *gōd* Com Teut, cf Du *good*,
Ger *gut*, ON *gōthr*, Goth *gōths* With the
good people, propitiatory name for the
fairies, cf G *Eumenides*, the Furies, lit.
the gracious ones, used for the ill-omened
Euryses In *good* *gracious* substituted
for *God*, cf *good-bye* (v1) and *goodness*
gracious, for *goodness sake*, with orig. ref to
goodness of God With *goods* and *chattels*,
formerly also in sing, cf Ger *hab' und gut*,
havings and property, *gut*, an estate This
use goes back to AS To *make good*, in
current sense, is US

My wife is resolved to go to London for good and
all this day (Pepys, Dec 1, 1665)

good-bye Earlier (16 cent) *godbwyte*, etc
For *God be with you* (ye), altered on *good*
day, etc, cf F *adieu*

Are you resolved upon't? If not, God bw'y'
(Brome, *Jovial Crew*, ii)

goody¹. Old country woman. For *goodwife*,
fem of *goodman*, master of the house
(*Lute*, xii 39); cf *hussy*

goody² Sweet Earlier *goody-goody*; cf. F
bonbon, from baby-lang.

googly [cricket] From c 1908 ? Arbitrary
formation (*goggle* × *wiggly*), ? or of S Afr
origin, from Du *goochelen*, to juggle

gooroo, guru. Hind *gurū*, teacher, priest,
Sanskrit *guru*, grave, dignified

Guru Har Gobind, sixth of the great Sikh gurus
(*Kipling, In the Presence*)

Goorkha, Gurkha. Nepalese soldier in
British service Hind *gurl* ā, prob con-
keeper See *garhgar*

goosander Bird. Perh formed from *goose*
after obs *bergander*, sheldrake. For second
element cf ON. *gōd* (pl *ander*) and *secdūch*.

goose AS *gōs* Aryan; cf Du *Ger gans*,
ON *gās*, Sp *ganso* pointing to Goth **gans-*,
cogn with L *anser*, G *χίψ*, OIr. *gēs*, swan,
Sanskrit *hansa*, goose One of the few
bird-names common to Aryan The -s was
orig a suffix (cf *fox*) and from same root
come *gander*, *gannet*, Prov *gantā*, OF.
jante, wild goose, Late L *gantā*. The
tailor's *goose* is named from its *goose-neck*
handle With *game of goase* cf F *jeu*
de l'oie With *goose-flesh*, resulting from
cold or fright, cf F *chair de poule* *Goose-*
step is mod (c. 1800) The game called
goose in the Midlands, corresponding to
the London urclun's *eat*, is perh a separate
word, F dial (northern) *guisse*

gooseberry. The *goose* is no doubt for *goose*,
cf dial *groser*, *grozel*, *grozell*, gooseberry,
the third of which is F. *groseille*, from Ger.
hans, curly, as in *krausbeere*, *kräuselbeere*,
from minute hairs on some varieties Cf
Du corrupt. *krausbes*, lit. cross-berry, with
kraus, cross, for *kroes*, curly Cf MedL *ma*
crispa (curly grape), gooseberry In sense
of chaperon (19 cent) perh. from affecting
to be engaged in picking gooseberries while
keeping an eye on the young people

gopher¹ Wood (Gen vi. 14) Heb *gōpher*
gopher² See *goffer*

gorerow [archaic] From *gore*¹, in orig sense
Cf *carrion crow*

Gordian knot Tied by Gordius, king of
Gordium (Phrygia), with prophecy that he
who untied it should rule the world Alex-
ander cut it through with his sword In
Shaks (*Cymb* ii 2)

Proverbialiter nodus Gordius de re difficili atque
perplexa dicitur (?).

gore¹ Blood Orig filth AS *gor* dung cogn with Du *goor* mud VHC *gor* dung of animals still in Swiss *gur* ? and ult *g* ith Ger *ga en* to ferment Earlier sense in archaic *gorbell* fat paunch *gorcrow* Poet use for L *crocor* from 16 cent

gore² Of lress (umbrella balloon) AS *g ra* cogn with *gar* spear (see *garfish*) formerly used also of triangular piece of ground (Kensington Gore) Cf Du *gear* Ger *gahren* and similar use of F *pointe* *gores of a smoke* po nte de ch m se (Bag)

gore³ Verb ? From obs *gre gare* spear (v s) This is very doubtful in view of early Sc *gorre* and obs E *jurre* Cf also Ol' *gorrelle* a justice jurt thumpe or thwacke (Cotg)

see *aler t j rre* or butt with the bones (Cotg)

gorge F throat neck VL *gu ga* for *g ges* a whirlpool raging alyss supposed to have been L slang for *gutter* Cf *testis* thence F *us* a head and our *bread basket* *poison-trap* etc In all Rom langs In OF & ME used esp of crop of falcon with *nee fill gorged to di gorge* *u he one s gorge* etc With fig senses (ravine etc) cf those of neck With *gorget* Ol' *gorgete* of *corset*

go ga, gmg the throat gullet, or w *zon* p *pe* th *gorge* or *pau* Nela h uko (Flor)

gorgeous Earlier *gorgyas* etc OF *gorgias* elegant swaggering also a noun elaborate neck garment which must have been first sense (cf *bandry*) App from *go se* (q v) Cf F *se rengorger* to "throw out one's chest like a peacock and our fig use of *savil*

gorget [hist] See *gorge*

gorgio Roman name for ncn gipsy Bad transliteration (Borrow) of Sp *gipsy gacho* cf Ger *gipsy gatscho* Origin unknown **gorgon** G F *gorgon* as if for **Tappur* from *yopur* terrible Head of Medusa on Athenes shield Hence *gorgoni z* to petrify (Maud i xni 21)

gorgonzola Name of village near Milan

gorilla Ours in C version of voyage of Hanno the Carthaginian (c 500 BC) in sens of hairy savage Adopted (1847) for giant ape first described by Savage US missionary

gormandize See *gourmand*

gorse AS *gorst* (still as surname) cogn with Ger *gerste* barley and L *A rdeum* The

bush of Ma h xii 26 is rendered by AS *go sldam*

gosh For *God* cf *gad goll's*

Each one anath to himself by *gosse* (Krip bi a i j 1553)

goshawk AS *gos hafoc* goose hawk cf ON *gās haukr*

Goshen Land of light and plenty Heb (Gen vi n 27)

gosting Dim of *goose*

gospel AS *god fel* for *gód spel* good tidings (see *spell*) translating L *evangelium* (see *evangel*) Associated with *God* also in ON & OHG

gosa *gi m* *lest be m* *und m* *godsp* (i k)

goss [archaic slang] Hat Short for *gossamer* hat a light felt popular c 1830-40

We that on gossamer I alit (P) he k et 1

Gossamer ME *gossamer* or app for *goose sum* or applied to the period (St Martin's summer) when geese are eaten and *gossamer* is chiefly seen The substance and season have fantastic names in most Europ langs e g F *fil de la vierge* Ger *schwebfliegen* (these perh associated with the Assumption Aug 15) Du *kraan* *omer* (crane) etc

Gossip AS *godnibb* God akin used of those w) contracted spiritual affinity by acting as sponsors With later sense crony chatterer well exemplified in Shaks cf hist of synon F *compère* *compère* (see *compère* *compère*) or of Ger *gewässer* formed on Church L *compagis* With second element cf Ger *sippe* affinity.

See Th mony most honest blo mpe hal w tho t i le observe j c r appointed h w P t Th kee toy d era gossip

(Ea two d Hoo i i 2)

mony ge gossiping th q al tan aff ity or leag in that grows b t en w m by brist n g held tog ther con f a th (Cotg)

gossoon [i glos-ir] From ME *garson* F *garç*

Goth AS *Gota* Late I pl *Gothi* G *Gotth* adapted from first element of *Goth gut th uda* *Goth c* people (see *Dutch*) Often used of savage spoil r cf *Vandal Hun* The lang (L Ger) is preserved in the Bible transl of Ulfila (little wolf) bishop of th Moeso-Goths (4 cent) and a form of it was spoken in the Crimea during the Middle Ages As term of art and literature *Gothic* was contrasted with *classic* and often implied barbarism Cf *goth c type* as opposed to roman *Gothic* being used

by early scholars for mod *Germanic*,
Teutonic See also *Teutonic*

Gotham Home of "wise men" Village near
Nottingham Cf Ger *Schuldburger*, simi-
larly used

The wise men of Gotham are risen again!
(*Misogonus*, ii 3, c 1550)

Gotterdammerung See *twilight*

gouache [*paint*] F, It *guazzo*, "a water or
washed colour" (Flor), ? ult cogn. with
Ger *wasser*, water, ? or for It *acquazzo*,
L *aquat-*, from *aqua*, water

goufa Boat on Tigris See *kuphar*

They [the goufas] are coated inside and outside
with bitumen (*Daily Chron* March 30, 1917)

gouge Chisel F, Late L *gubia*, *gulbia*, cf
It *gubbia*, Sp *gubia* Of Celt. origin, cf
OIr *gulban*, Welsh *gylfin*, beak For verb
to *gouge*, once very popular in US, see
Thornton

Claw your eyes right out, like a Carolina gouger
(*Sam Slick*)

goulard Lotion From name of F surgeon

Opodeldoc, joint-oil, and goulard (*Ingoldsby*)

goulash [*cook*] Kind of stew (*Daily Chron*
Dec 1, 1919) Ger *gulasch*, from Hung

gourd F *gourde*, L *cucurbita*, whence also
Ger *kurbiss* For sense of water-bottle
cf *calabash*

gourmand F, connected by some with
gourmet, epicure, wine-taster, and thus with
OF *gromet*, lad, esp taverner's assistant,
from E *groom* But, apart from difficulties
of sense, the chronology of *groom* and
gromet is uncertain

gout F *goutte*, L *gutta*, drop, from early
med view as to the "humour" causing it
In Chauc Cf archaic *gout* (of blood), in
mod use after *Macb* ii 1

govern F *gouverner*, L *gubernare*, G *κυ-
βερνᾶν*, to steer a ship (see *James*, ii 4),
cf It *governare*, Sp *gobernar*. An early
example of naut metaphor *Governance*
(Wyc) is much older than *government* (16
cent)

gowan [*Sc & north*] Daisy, etc Cf earlier
golland, ult cogn with *gold* and *yellow*

gowk [*Sc & north*] Fool ON *gauki*,
cuckoo, cogn with AS *gēac* Cf Ger
gauch, cuckoo, fool

gown OF *gonne*, cf MedL *gunna*, It
gonna, OSp *gona* App orig a fur gar-
ment Ult. origin unknown For wide

senses of *coat*, *robe*, *frock* Often as em-
blem of office or status, e.g. *gownsmen*,
town and gown

grab Cf early Du & LG *graben*, cogn with
grape, *gripe* Cf *grabble*, to grope, Du
grabbelen

grace F *grâce*, L *gratia*, pleasing quality,
favour (cf. orig sense of *disgrace*), from
gratus, pleasing, cf It *grazia*, Sp *gracia*
Two groups of senses, as those of *gracious*,
follow L Oldest E meaning (c. 1200) 'is
1 el, God's grace', cf *graceless*, reprobate
Grace after meat, till 16 cent usu *graces*,
is adopted from F *rendre grâces*, L *gratias
agere* Hence *grace-cup*, now esp at uni-
versities French sense of pardon now
chiefly in *act of grace* For my *gracious*!
etc see *good* There but for the *grate* of God
goes was prob. said by John Bradford,
Protestant martyr (†1555). With use as
title, of archbishops, dukes, formerly also
of sovereigns, cf Ger *Euer Gnade*, from
gnade, favour

grackle Bird ModL *gracula*, for L *gra-
culus*, daw, chough, etc

grade F, rank, order, L *gradus*, step On
the up (down) *grade* is US railway lang,
cf *gradient* *Gradual* is MedL *gradualis*,
cf *graduate*, from MedL *graduare*, to take
a "degree" The *gradual*, antiphon be-
tween epistle and gospel at Eucharist, was
so called because sung at steps of altar
Gradus, L school-book, was orig *Gradus
ad Parnassum* (17 cent) for help in L
verse, cf *delectus (sententiarum Graecarum)*
Gradgrind One who recognizes nothing but
"business" Character in Dickens' *Hard
Times*

gradin-e [*arch*] Tier F *gradin*, It. *gradino*,
from L *gradus*, step, grade

gradus See *grade*

graffito [*art*] It, from *graffio*, claw, scratch
Applied to wall inscriptions at Pompeii,
etc Cogn. with *agrafe* (q.v.)

graft¹ In gardening Earlier *graffe* (*Piers
Plowm*), F. *greffe*, L, G *γραφίον*, stylus,
from *γράφειν*, to write, from pencil-shaped
shoot used in grafting Cf *imp.*

greffe a *graffe*, a slip, or young shoot fit to be
grafted (Cotg.)

graft² [US] 'Perh ident with E slang *graft*,
work, from obs *grate*, to dig Cf *I think
I can work it*

Wherever you have had a democracy, you have
seen it attended by the twin nymphs, Graft and
Boodle (*Blackwood*, May, 1917)

Grahamize [*grām*] From Sir James Graham who was Home Secretary when Mazzini's letters were opened in post (1841)

grail [*grēl*] Book of Mass-music OF *grail* MedL. *gradual* See *grade*

grail holy Cup used at Last Supper OF *gail* *grail* in *saint gail* (M.L. *sangreal*) MedL. *sanctus gradalis* perh. ult. from L. *crater* bowl Confused with *sang* and interpreted as bowl in which Joseph of Arimathea caught the blood of the Saviour

grain¹ P *grain* *grain* corn L. *granum* and *graine* seed L. *grana* neut. pl. used as collect. Cogn. with corn¹ *kernel* For *chad* in *grain* i.e. with *le mes* once believed to be a seed of *enprained* With *grain* texture surface appearance of *ganite* Against the *grain* is from carpentering See also *cross* With *grain* smallest unit of weight of hist. of coral *scip* etc. also barley-corn as unit of length

grain² *grainse* fishpear ON *grain* division branch whence dial. F *grain* prong *grallatorial* [*formish*] Herons etc. From L. *grallator* stilt-walker from *gallae* stilts for *gallae* from *grallor* I step of F *déclasser* in same sense from *déclasser* stilt (see *skate*)

gralloch (Ien.) To disembowel (deer) From Gael *gralach* intestines

gram¹ Chuck pea Port *grão* L. *granum*

gram² Unit of weight See *gramme*

gram, C *γράμμα*, letter from *γράφω* to write

grammery [*grāma*] M.L. *grammar* magic Re-introduced by Scott See *grammar* *glamour*

gramecy (archaic) OF *grant merci* great thanks See *mercy*

gramineous From L. *gramen* *grass* *grain* *grammologue* [*short-hand*] Incorr. for *logogram* App. coined by Pitman For in version of elements of *gramophone*

grammar F *grammaire* L. *grammatica* (sc. a s) G *γραμματική* (sc. r *γρῆ*) from *γράμμα* letter from *γράφω* to write For r cf. OF *mire* physician L. *medicus* In L. & G. used of philology and literature in widest sense in Middle Ages esp. of L. grammar (hence *grammar school* 14 cent.) and also of occult sciences popularly connected with the learned (hence *g. amarje* *glamour*) Most of the L. grammatical terms were translated from G. (see *case* *genitive* etc.) "The first school grammar ever written in Europe was

the Greek grammar of Dionysius Thrax a pupil of Aristarchus which he published at Rome in the time of Pompey (Whitney) The first English Grammar was written (c. 1600) by Ben Jonson

gramme gram F *gramme* Late L. *gramma* C *γράμμα* letter also small weight Adopted as unit in metric system by law of 1790 (1799)

gramophone An atrocious formed by reversing *phonogram*

grampus Earlier (16 cent.) *graudeforse* altered on F *grand* from M.L. *gape* OF *gapis* *graspis* *crispis* L. *crassus* *piscis* fat fish cf. *porpoise* In M.F. also *caspis* (see *coarse*)

granadilla *grenadilla* Flower Sp. dim. of *granada* pomegranate

granary L. *granarium* from *granum* corn Cf. *garner*

grand F L. *grandis* which supplanted *magus* (etc. in *Challemagne*) in *long* E has chiefly adopted spec. sense (cf. *grandeur*) etc. in titles or expressions which imitate foreign usage e.g. *Grand Duke* (*Inquisitor*) *Grand Junction Canal* *grand tour* etc. With *grandfather* etc. archaic *grandsons* *grandim* etc. after F *grand père* etc. (replacing AS *aldesfæder*) cf. Ger *grossvater* etc. The much later *grandson* correspond to more logical F *petit fils*

grantee Earlier *grante* *grantiv* Sp. *grand* L. *grandis* (v.n.)

grandiloquent From L. *grandiloquus* from *logos* to speak after *eloquent*

grandiose F It *grandioso*

Grandisonian Like S. F. Charles G. nd son faultless hero of Richardson no el. (1753)

grange Orig. granary barn F M.L. *grana* from *granum* corn Later outlying farm (Chauc.) Cf. Du *spijker* Ger *sprecker* loft orig. granary from L. *spica* ear of corn the sense having changed as in F *grenier* loft

grangerize From James Granger who published (1769) a *Biographical History of England* with blank pages for insertion of illustrative engravings etc. Cf. *bowdlerize*

Benjamin Lavett Granger etc. (1801) or par. graph. stick in my vol. in

(Daily Chron. Jan. 3, 1917)

granite It *gran* to *grained* adopted by most European languages Cf. Ger *granit* no ned (1872) by Vogelsang from Ger *gran* (f) (for) *phaz*

granny. For *grannam*, colloq for *grandam*.
grant AF *grantes*, *graunter*, OF *creanter*,
 from *creant*, pres part of *creire* (*croire*),
 L *credere*, to believe, entrust (cf *credit*).
 Possibly AF. *grauntis* may also partly re-
 present F *garantur* (see *guarantee*)
granulate From Late L *granulum*, dim of
granum, grain
grape F *grappe* (*de raisin*), bunch (of
 grapes), cogn with *grab*, *grapple*, etc Cf.
grape-shot (17 cent) Replaced AS *wīn-
 berige*
graph [math] For *graphic formula* Cf.
graphic, L, G *γραφικός*, from *γραφή*,
 writing, drawing, from *γράφειν*, to write,
 orig to scratch *Graphology*, F *grapho-
 logie*, was coined by Abbé Michon (1869)
-graph, -grapher, -graphy See *graph*
graphite Black lead, etc Ger *graphit*, or
 F *graphite* (c 1800), because used for
 pencils (v s)
grapnel Orig naut (Chauc) Dim from
 F *grappin*, dim of OF *grappe*, hook, of
 Teut origin and cogn with *agrafe*, *grab*,
gripe, etc
grapple Orig naut (Palsg) Cogn with
 above With fig to *grapple with* cf to
come to grips
grasp ME *grasp* (often synon with *gripe*),
 for *graps*, cogn with *grab*, *gripe*, etc Cf
clasp, *wasp* For fig senses cf *comprehend*
 Thou shalt grasp [var *gripe*, Vulg *palpare*] in
 mvdān, as is woned a blynd man to grasp in
 derknisses (Wyc Deut xxviii 29)
grass AS *gæs*, *græs* Com Teut, cf Du
 Ger ON Goth *gras*, ult cogn with *grow*,
green, and L *gramen* Hence *grasshopper*,
 earlier *grasshop*, AS *gæs-hoppa* (for Bibl
 locust)
grass-cutter [Anglo-Ind] Corrupt of Urdu
ghāskatā Cf *boy*, *compound*², *godown*,
 etc
grass-widow. Orig (16 cent) woman who has
 cohabited, discarded mistress Cf obs LG
graswedewe, in same sense, also Du *gras-
 weduwe*, Ger *strohweib* (*straw*), in mod
 sense Orig allusion prob to bed of straw
 or grass (cf. *bastard*) Ger practice of
 strewing chopped straw (*hackerling*) before
 door of unchaste may be connected An-
 other theory is that the bride who had an-
 ticipated conjugal life wore a wreath of
 straw instead of one of flowers Current
 sense, esp Anglo-Ind, from c 1850
 Then had wyvys ben in his [St Paul's] tyme lytel
 better than grasse wydowes be now (Sir T More)

Gott verzeih's meinem lieben mann,
 Er hat an mir nicht wohl getan!
 Geht da stracks in die welt hinein,
 Und lässt mich auf dem stroh allein

(Goethe, *Faust*, 2865)

grate¹ Bars MedL, It *grata*, from L
cratis, hurdle Cf *grill*.

grate² Verb F *gratter*, to scratch, of Teut
 origin, cf Dan *kratte*, Ger *kratzen*, E
s-scratch For fig sense cf to *set teeth on edge*

grateful. From obs adj *grate*, L *gratus*,
 pleasing (cf *ingrate*) A most unusual for-
 mation *Grateful and comforting* preserves
 oldersense Cf *gratitude*, *gratuity*, through F
 gratify F *gratifier*, from L *gratificari*, from
gratus, pleasing

gratin [cook] F, from *gratter*, to grate
gratis L, contr. of *gratus*, abl pl of *gratia*,
 favour Cf *gratuitous*, from cogn L *gra-
 titus*, freely bestowed

gratitude, gratuity See *grateful*, *gratis*.

gratulate See *congratulate*

gravamen MedL, grievance See *grave*², *grief*

grave¹ Noun AS *græf*, cogn with *grafen*,
 to dig (v 1) In dial also pit

grave². Verb AS *grafen*, to dig Com Teut,
 cf. Du *graven*, Ger *graben*, ON *grafa*,
 Goth *graban* *Engrave* has nearly sup-
 planted *grave* in spec sense, but *graven*
image survives

He hath graven and digged up a pit

(Ps vii 16, PB)

grave³. Adj L *gravis*, heavy, serious Cf
gravity, opposite of *levity* Scient sense of
gravitate, *gravity*, and of their F equiva-
 lents, appears in 17 cent

grave⁴ [naut] Chiefly in *graving-dock*, where
 ship's bottom is cleaned by burning and
 tarring From F *greve*, beach, where ship
 was careened for the purpose *Graving-
 beach* also occurs, cf to *beach a ship*, and,
 for simpler ancient naut methods, see
*dock*³ See *gravel*

graving (du français *grave*, *rivage*) Action
 d'échouer un bâtiment à marée basse, pour le
 carner ou l'espalmer on dit en français "Œuvres
 de marée" (Lesc)

gravel F *gravelle*, dim of OF *grave* (*grève*),
 shingle, etc Of Celt origin, cf Welsh *gro*,
 gravel, pebbly beach To be *gravelled*, in
 perplexity, is a naut metaphor; cf *stranded*
 and see *grave*⁴ But perh influenced by
gravel (v 1)

When we were fallen into a place betwene two seas,
 they graveled the ship

(Acts, xxvii 41 Rheims version, 1582).

It strooke him from the place where hee sate, and
 groveled him (Purch xix 10).

gravel blind Used by Shaks (*Mere of Jew* ii 2) as jocular variation on misunderstood *sand-blind* (qv). Understood by later writers as halfway between *sand-blind* and *stone-blind*.

graveolent fctd. From *L. gravis* heavily *ad e* to smell.

graves See *greaves*.

Graves's disease *Ophthalmia gastro* Dia- gnosed (1835) by Dr G. a. s. of Dublin Cf *B. A. C. disease*.

gravid *L. gravis* dat. from *gravis* heavy.

gravitate *gravity* See *grav*.

gravy App. originated as cooking term (13 cent.) from misreading of *OL grand* from *grum* used in *OL* as gen. name for cooking ingredients. This conjecture unlikely as it appears to be confirmed by the fact that *ML* recipes for *gravy* and *OL* recipes for *gravy* are practically identical (cf *ruskard*).

gray See *grey* C as in *gray* butterfly from *c. hour*.

graze ¹ Of cattle *AS gassian* from *gass* (*cf glaze glass*) *Ca* *ier* fodder of cattle is partly *OL gassian* fatterer (*see graze*).

grazer on the flower of the also *g. u. r. of cattle* of the *(Cotg)*.

graze ² To touch lightly. Of doubtful origin. It appears to contain suggestion of *rose* (*cf abrasion*) of *obs glaze* to glance (qv) and of skimming the surface of the *g. ass* (*cf Effluer*) *Pr* *u* associated with *graze*.

H. sed. u. H. et. h. et. at. h. with. h. alone. which. g. and. bet. h. fare.
(11. 11. 1. 223. 133.)

do. r. t. f. y. l. 11. t. the. g. r. o. l. w. n. e. bled. d. l. u. to. g. r. a. z. on. the. g. r. o. d. at. as. now. or. a. l. f. l. e. s. (17. 17.)

grease *I. g. ass* *VL* *c. r. s. r. a.* for *cr. a. s. n. e. i. t. p. l.* from *crassus* lat. *Cl. f. r. o. c. a. s. s. e. l.* *Grease* (US) Mexican is said to be due to greasy appearance.

great *AS grāt* *WGer* *cf Du groot* *Cer gross* Use in relationships (*great uncle* etc.) is later than that of *grand*. With *Old Greats* (*Verdant Green*) for earlier *Great Go* of *Smalls*.

greaves ¹ [hist.] Armour for legs. *OP grete* shin *cl. (er schiene* shin greave. Origin unknown but quot below last line of which means "that with which one covers calf and shin" suggests it meant the hard part as opposed to the soft part (*fl. mollet*

calf) and so may be ult. ident. with *greaves*.

Hem. y. d. o. n. o. a. m. a. i. s. t. r. e. J. a. q. e. s. I. a. g. y. r. l. e. g. r. a. n. d. g. o. l. e. t. f. l. r. e. c. P. o. u. r. e. u. q. u. i. l. f. a. y. e. q. u. a. t. r. p. l. q. e. s. D. e. u. s. i. l. v. e. n. d. i. t. q. u. y. q. l. l. y. g. r. i. f. C. e. d. m. i. t. o. n. c. e. v. r. e. m. o. l. t. a. r. d.

(*W. l. f. o. n. G. r. d. T. e. s. t. x. i. j.*)

greaves ² *greaves* Fitrous refuse of tallow. *LC* *g. e. n.* cogn. with *OFFC grube* (*grube*) which some connect with *Ger grab* coarse as applied to the solid constituents. Orig. a whaleman's word borrowed also in *Dan greier*.

grebe *f. grābe* of unknown origin.

Greecian In *A* (*Act* v 3) for *Greek* speaking Jew. *Cl* sense of *Greek* scholar hellenist as still at *Chr* t a Hospital.

Greecian bend Affected carriage of body (c. 1870). Recorded 1811.

greek Orig. *Sc* back-formation from *g. e. d. s.* *AS grāding* *Com Teut* *cf Obax g. l. d. a.* *Old g. r. āt. a. s.* *ON gr. āt. u. g. r. C. t. h. g. l. d. a. s.* also *ON gr. āt. h. r.* hunger. *Coth grādis* cogn. with Sanskrit *grāh* to be hungry.

Greek *AS g. r. e. c. a. s.* (*pl*) *cf Old* *CA u. e. h.* *Coth gr. e. k. a.* an early loan from *L. Græci* *G. r. p. u.* (*cf L. Græci*). In sense of card sharper from *l. g. r. e. c.* in same sense (*cf Corinthian*). The *Greek Church* renounced communion with the Roman Church in 9 cent. (*cf Græc. & Latin c. oss*). *Greek fir* (*u. l. d. i. f. e.*) was first used by the Greeks of Constantinople. In *VI* it is called *Cereki* *h. fir* *1. r. o. b.* *1. l. a. p. t. e. d.* from *l. f. o. g. r. e. c. i. s.* *G. e. e. k. g. f. i. r. e. t. a.* to the wooden horse.

Bot f. e. m. e. w. p. a. l. l. w. Gr. k. i. o. m.

(*1. l. C. a. e. l. e.*)

W. l. e. n. G. e. e. k. p. r. y. d. l. k. t. h. e. a. w. t. h. t. o. g. of. w. a. r. (N. a. t. h. e. l. L. R. 10. l. v. 2.)

green *AS grēn* *Com Teut* *cf Du groen* *Cer gr. n.* *ON grōnn* cogn. with *g. ass* *g. o. u.* *As emilem* *nl* *jealo. s. y.* after Shaks *green-eyed* *n. s. i. t. e. r.* (*Old m. 3*) of vitality in *green old* *a. e. o.* of immaturity in *green horn* orig. young horned animal (*cf syn. n. l. b. e. c. j. a. n. e.* yellow beak) *green hind* (*orig. naut.*) The first *VL D* record for (village) *green* is 1477 but *atle g. e. n. d. o. l. a. g. e. s. e.* *h. e. n. c. e.* surname *Green* are abundantly recorded from c. 1300. *G. e. e. s. i. c. h. n. e. s. s.* (*chlorosis*) is a form of anaemia which gave a greenish tinge to the complexion. The *Boa d. of G. e. e. n. C. l. o. t. h.* (royal household) is recorded from 1600. *cf green age* see *g.* For *green goo* *c. see way ooze*.

Greenland, ON *Grönland*, was so named in 986, in order to attract settlers, though "certainly there is no place in the world that is lesse greene" (Purch) The sign of the *Green Man and Still* was suggested by the arms of the Distillers' Company, the supporters of which were two Indians, "wild men of the woods", cf the Ger sign *zum wilden mann* The *greemoom* was prob orig that of some spec theatre, decorated in green Pepys mentions more than once the King's *Greenroom* at Whitehall

*greet*¹ To salute AS. *grētan* WGer, cf Du *groeten*, Ger *grussen* Orig sense prob to come in contact with, as it meant both to salute and attack "An old word" (Kersey, 1706)

*greet*² [Sc & north] To weep AS, *grētan*, cf MHG *griazen*, ON *grāta*, Goth *grētan* greffier F, notary, etc From *greffe*, stylus See *graff*¹

gregarious From L *gregarius*, from *grex*, *greg-*, herd, cf *congregate*

Gregorian Music, from *Pope Gregory I* (590-600) Calendar (1582), from *Pope Gregory XIII*, adopted here in 1572

Gregory-powder From *James Gregory*, Sc physician (†1821) Cf *Daffy's elixir*

gremial Of the lap or bosom, L *gremium*

grenade F, orig pomegranate (q v) Also earlier *granado*, *granado*, after Sp *granada* Orig of an artillery missile (cf Ger *granat*, shell) "Though 'grenades' went out of general use in the 18 cent (!), the name of 'grenadiers' was retained for a company of the tallest and finest men in the regiment" (NED) The *Grenadier Guards* (first regiment of Foot Guards) received their mod name "in commemoration of their having defeated the Grenadiers of the French Imperial Guards upon this memorable occasion" (*Gazette*, July 29, 1815)

grenade, a pomegranet, also, a ball of wild-fire, made like a pomegranet (Cotg)

Now [1678] were brought into service a new sort of soldiers call'd granadiers, who were dexterous in flinging hand granados (L'Eclen)

grenadilla As *granadilla*

grenadine Fabrie F, from *grenade*, orig spotted with "grains"

Gresham's law [econ] That bad money drives out good, as explained (1558) by Sir T. Gresham to Queen Elizabeth

Gretna Green In Dumfriesshire, just over

Sc border, hence first spot at which runaway marriage could be conveniently celebrated with simplifications allowed by Sc law

"He has taken her to a Green" "A Goose Green?" asked Clarinda "A Gretna Green"

(J H Ewing, *Jackanapes*)

grey, *gray* AS *græg* Com. Teut, cf Du *grauw*, Ger *grau*, ON *grār* For *grey-friar* see *Franciscan* and *friar* The *grey mare* (better horse) is recorded for 1536 The *Scots Greys* (1681) were orig named from grey uniform, not from chargers *Grey-beard* is used in Sc for a large stone (whisky) jug In *greyhound*, AS *grīghund*, ON *greyhundur*, the first element means bitch (cf Ger *windhund*, greyhound, from OHG *wint*, hound), and the compd has prob changed its meaning The ME *grew-hound*, still in north. dial, results from an etymologizing attempt to connect with OF *Grien*, ME *Grew*, Greek, cf Sp *galgo*, greyhound, L *Gallus* (cans) The first *Atlantic greyhound* was the SS *Alaska* (1882) *Greytag* (goose) is supposed to be named from late migration Quot below is a nonce-variation on *into the brown* (q v) See *field*

Our machine gunners got fairly into the grey of them (*Daily Mail*, Dec 5, 1917)

griddle, *gridiron* AF *grīdīl* (cf Norm dial *gredit*), whence ME *gredile*. Found also in Gael Ir Welsh, from L, so that the immediate source may have been partly Celt *Grīdron* is folk-etym for ME *gredire*, var of *gredile* (cf *andiron*) The confusion of -i-, -r- is common in Norman dial, e.g. *Basire* for *Basile* (cf also F *navire*, VL **navilium*) *Grid* is a back-formation (19 cent) See *grill*

gride [poet] To pierce, etc. Metath of *grīdē*, adopted by Spenser from Lydgate *grief* F, wrong, grievance, from *grever*, to afflict See *grieve* In ME also damage, hurt, as in *to come to grief*

To implor forgiveness of all grief (Gavin Douglas)

grieve From tonic stem (*griev-*) of OF *grever*, to weigh down, afflict, etc, VL **grevare*, from **grevis*, altered from *gravis*, heavy, by association with its opposite *levis*, light (see *render*) Cf. fig use of *heavy*

Forsothe her eyen weren greved [1719] (*Wyc Mall* xxi 13)

*griffin*¹, *griffon*, *gryphon* F *griffon*, from L *gryphus*, from G *γρύψ*, *γρυρ-*, cf G *γρυρός*, curved, hook-beaked

griffin² [*An lo Ind*] New arrival in India
green hand Prob corrupted from some
native word (cf *blighty*)

griffon Dog Γ see *griffin*¹

grig Orig. used of various undersized animals (cf *lit*) now esp. (in dial.) of a small eel. It is uncertain what *merry grig* orig. meant as *grig* grasshopper cricket seems to be a mod. assumption from the phrase by analogy with *sierri* as a *crick*. In earliest records (16 cent.) it means boon companion and is found also as *sier y G crk*. Quite possibly it is the pet form of *Gregory* (cf surname *Grig*) and *merry Grig* may go with *merry Andrew* as yet. On the other hand Cotg. equates it with *Γ γ* in *ale* undersized man used in OF of a small horse.

gr. 1st a m rry grig pleasant rog perthall
kna (Cotg)

p h g delat pantagru list a m rry G eck
f ithfull dnu k rd good f l w f b)

grill F *gril* gridiron cf fem form grille
grating as in ladies gallery of House of
Commons (removed Aug 1917) OF *grail*
grille L *craticulum* *cratula* from crates
hurdle grating Cf *crest* griddle
cratula ung *gril* (E t)

grise Young salmon on first return from sea. 7 OF g isle grey of Sw gralar lit grey salmon See *gru led*

grim AS *grim* fierce Com Teut. cf
Du *grim* Ger *grim* ; OV *grimm* c₂n
with ME *grains* and Ger *gair* whence
OF *grai* ; surly Esp in *gim death* app
after Shaks but locus classicus is *Par L*
11 804

Crim D ath how f i d lo thom is thi am g
(S) ew l d no i 35)

grinace Γ prob from OHG *grimmaz*
cogn with *gr m* (v s) cf Γ *gr cer* to
gnash the teeth OHG **grimmaz*

grimalkin [archaic] For gray malin the
latter den of *Natilda* and *Narv* being
name for she cat (cf *tom-cat*)
I com G y y kin (U ch i l)

grune first as verb (15 cent) Of LG on
gun of ModFlem *grym* obs D *be remen*
den *grare* macula *in* *oor* *maculare*
angl *grimo* (Kul) ? cogn with AS
grima mask *orig* blackened face which
is still sense of *Norw* *grine*

Gramm's law (1819) Regular mutation of
consonants in German languages Stated by
Jakob Grimm German philologist (1796-1863)

Grimthorpe To restore an ancient building
From restoration (late 19 cent.) of St Alban
Abbey by Lord Grimthorpe. Coined by H.
Athenaeum (July 23, 1891)

gna AS *griennian* cf Ger *grienen* *grienen*
cogn with *groan* Ong to make a wry
moutl exp of pun or anger

And ge y g f d p t is ag (Rom 1 R 156)

grand AS *grindan* 'cogn with *l* frenders
to gnash the teeth cf Du *grinde* (rare)
Other Teut langs ha e a v rb cogn with
L. molere (cc *mual*) Often of hard or
monotonous work hence *grind* (u v)
walk taken for exercise constitutional
To *grind the faces of the poo* (Wyc) is a
Hebrew m (*fs* u *15*) A *g* ind tone was
ong a millstone To *keep (hold) one's nose*
to the grindstone meant earlier (c 1500) to
torture

gringo Mexican name for Englishman or
AS American Simer Sp² corrupt of
Gri o Greek

The Mexicans finally began friendly with the hated gringos (D. by CA March 2)

grp AS *grifa* handful *gripe* clutch
cogn ith *g rpe* In earlier use chiefly Sc
With fig sense of *grasp* US *g p* hand
bag for *grissa* & is prob of Du origin

гнр [дрт] Trench hollow 1S *grèpe grype*

gnpe AS *gripan* Com Teut cf Du
gripen Ger *greifen* OV *grip* Goth
gripan cogn with *gope* With *gpe*
clutching nouns cf F *griote* (v1)

grippe Influenza F seizure from *gr pp*
to clutcl of LL origin (s) ' or Russ
chrip hoarseness

grisaille [pə'zɪl] F from *g* & *gris* MHG
g is cf Ger *g* *g* is old man See *gris* ?

grisette F ork grl from gr grey (v s)
from former dress Cf Du *grau* popu
lace lit grey

griskun Dm₁ of d al gr e pig ON griss
grys 22720 gr e gr 2002 2202 (f 2002 f 2002)

grusly AS grusic terrible cogn with
grushe terror of ME grisen to shudder
MHG grisenlich grimly

grist *As grist from g and cl T out*
grist *mond e to grind Pro erb u e*
(*g + t to the mill*) occurs in ML.

gnistle AS *gnistle* cartilage of the nose
~~gnawgnistle~~ Analogy of Du *knarsheen*
 gnistle from *knarsen* to gnash suggests
 c anection with *g* 1st from *id* a of crunch
 ing

grit AS *grȳot*, sand, etc. The fact that Ger. *griess*, groats, grits, is from OHG *grīoz*, sand, points to relationship of *grits*, oatmeal, AS *grytla* (cf Ger *grütze*), with *grit*. The vowel of *grit* (for *grēl*) is due to association with *grits*. Fig (US) for pluck, character, orig *clear* (*hard*) *grit*, from quality of stone. Synon US *sand* (*Huckleberry Finn*) is a further variation on the same idea.

sablonneux sandy, greetie (Cotg)

grizzle To sulk, fret. ? Ironical allusion to *patient Grisul*, Chaucer's *Griseldis*.

Enough to make a grizzle fret (ALD 1797)

grizzled, grizzly From archaic *grizzle*, grey-haired, ME *grisel*, old man, OF dim of *gris*. See *grisaille*. The *grizzly bear* (uisus horribilis) belongs rather to *gristly*.

groan AS *grānian*, cogn with *grin*

groat Orig Du coin Du *groot*, great, in sense of thick, cf Ger *groschen*, F *gros sou*

I have found the groate which I had loost

(Tynd Luke, xv 9)

groats Crushed grain. AS *grot*, particle, cogn with *grit*, cf Du *grutte*, Ger *grütze*. See *grout*, *gruel*.

Grobian Churl Ger, facet. latinization (*Grobianus*), from *grob*, coarse, surly, cogn with *gruff*

grocer Orig dealer "in the gross," wholesale OF *grossier*. See *gross*, *engross*. The Company of Grocers, incorporated 1344, were wholesale dealers in spices and foreign produce. For limitation cf *stationer*, for converse cf *costermonger*

grog Nickname of Admiral Vernon, who wore usually a *program* cloak, and who first (Aug 1740) ordered dilution of sailors' rum. Hence *groggy*, unsteady

rogram Earlier (16 cent) *rogram*, *grogeran*, etc, F *gros grain*, coarse grain, cf *fingering*. Restored form is used in trade and US. A Ger perversion is *grobgrun*, lit coarse green (see *gruff*)

Item paid for xij y rdes ij quarters of grow-graine chamblet ij li xij s (Rutland MSS 1558)

A grosgrain carpet lay on the asphalt to the edge of the side-walk (O Henry)

groin Earlier *grīne*, ME *grynde*, cf AS *grynde*, abyss, cogn with *ground*, and dial *grindle*, runnel. For change of vowel cf *boil*. Arch sense is later than anat.

aines the grine, or groyne of man or woman (Cotg)

Groher [bibl] From Jean Grohier, F. bibliophile (†1565)

gromwell Plant Altered, perh on *speedwell*, from ME *gromil*, *gromel*, OF *gromil* (*grémil*). OF. has also *grémil*, due to influence of *grain*, but the first element is prob. OF *grume*, pip of grape, also grain in gen, ? L *grumus*, hillock, clod, clot. The plant (*lithospermum*) is noted for its hard seeds. The var *graymull* is ModF *grémil* (vs)

groom Orig (c 1200), boy, male child; cf. OF *gromet*, lad (see *grummet*). Both are of obscure origin (see remark sv *girl*). Mod spec sense has developed from gen sense of servant as in *horse-groom*, *stable-groom*

groove Du *groefe*, trench, cogn with *grave*, cf Ger *grube*, ON *gröf*, pit, Goth *grōba*. For fig sense cf *rut*

grope AS *grāpian*, cogn with *grasp* (qv), *grip*

grosbeak. Bird F *grosbec*. See *gross* and *beak*

groschen Coin Ger, dim of *gross*, great Cf *groat*

gross. F *gros*, Late L *grossus*, of obscure origin, said to be unconnected with Ger *gross*, great. Many of the L senses are not found in F, while others are represented by the derived *grossier*, rude, vulgar, etc. For noun sense, bulk, cf *grocer*, *engross*. Spec sense of duodecimal hundred is F *grosse* (= It *grossa*, Sp *gruesa*) Cf *great hundred*, long hundred, Ger *grosshundert* (120)

grot, grotto Earlier *grotta* F *grotte*, It *grotta*, L, G *κρυπτή*, from *κρύπτειν*, to hide (see *crypt*). OF had *crite*, *crote*, now superseded by the It word. The London street *grotto* (Aug 5) is said to have been orig in honour of St James the Greater, whose shrine at Compostella was one of the holy places of Europe

grotesque F, It *grottesca* (sc *opera*), fem of *grottesco*, from *grotta* (vs), because imitated from rude designs found in old buildings excavated

grottesca a kind of rugged unpolished painters worke, antieke worke (Flor)

ground AS *grund* Com Teut, cf Du. *grond*, Ger *grund*, ON. *grunn*, Goth *grundus* (in compds). Orig. bottom, esp of the sea, cf *groundling*, *ground-swell*, and Ger *zu grunde gehen*, to founder. Orig sense also appears in *grounds*, sediment,

in 17 cent In slang sense of provender (17 cent) often linked with *bud*, drink

grudge Earlier *grutch*, to murmur, grumble, OF *groucier*, *groucher* (see *grouse*²), of obscure origin, perh imit, cf *growl*, *murmur*

And the Fansees and scribis grutchuden [Fulg. *murmurare*] (Wyc *Idie*, xi 2)

Let them grudge [Fulg. *murmurare*] if they be not satisfied (*Ps* lxx 15)

gruel OF (*gruau*), crushed grain, groats, dim of archaic *gru*, of LG origin, see *groats* For pugil to give one his *gruel* see origin of to serve out (s v *serve*), and cf *Se* to give one his *kale* through the reek (*Old Mort* ch xiv)

gruesome From ME and dial *grue*, to shudder, cf Dan *gru*, horror, Ger *grauen*, to shudder, *grausam*, cruel, *gräulich*, horrible, etc Ult cogn with *grisly*

I begin to grue at the sound of it (*Caltriona*)

gruff Orig (16 cent) coarse in quality, etc Du *grof*, "crassus, spissus, densus, im-politus, rudis" (Kil), cogn with Ger *grob* (OHG *gruob*, perh a compd of OHG. *riob*, rough), which means coarse (tobacco, material, etc) and surly See *Grobian*

grumble Cf F *grommeler*, LG *grummeln* Imit, or perh allied to *grim* Hence *Grumbletonian* (17 cent), orig applied to the "Country party" as opposed to the "Court party" Coined on *Muggletonian*

grume [med] Clot OF (replaced by *grumeau*), L *grumus* See *gromwell*

grummet [naut] Fig use of obs *gromet*, *grummet* ship's boy, common in F & E, 13-18 cents, also Sp *grumete* (see *groom*) Cf *gasket*, with which it is associated in earliest quotations

grommets are little rings which have no other use but to tie and make fast the casketts [gaskets] (*Manwayring, Seaman's Dict* 1644)

grumete garçon ou esclave de galère (Oudin)

gourmette a ship-boy, servant or apprentice, in the dialect of Provence (Falc)

grump Suggested by *grumble*, *grunt*, *dump* Grundy, Mrs Character in Morton's *Speed the Plough* (1798) Several times referred to in the play in the now familiar phrase *What will Mrs Grundy say?* It is curious that to this forgotten author is also due the usu misquoted *Approbation from Sir Hubert Stanley is praise indeed*

grunsel See *groundsel*

grunt AS *grunnellan*, frequent of *grunnan*;

cf Ger *grunzen*, from MHG. *grunnen*, also F. *grogner*, L. *grunnire* Of imit origin

gryère Cheese From name of Swiss town (Fribourg)

gryphon See *griffin*¹.

grysbok SAfr antelope Du. *grijs*, grey, cf *springbok*, etc.

guacho See *gaucha*

guaiacum Resin Sp *guayaco*, *guayacan*, from native lang of Hayti

guana Var of *iguana* (q v)

guanaco Kind of llama Sp, Peruv *huanacu*

guano Sp, Peruv *huanu*, dung.

Guarani Native lang of Brazil

guarantee Also *guaranty*. First as noun (= *warranty*), p p fem of F *garantir*, to protect, etc, from OF *garant*, protection, OHG. *werend*, pies part. of *ueren*, to protect. Cf *acir*, *lawdweh*, *warrant* The verb was orig used (18 cent) in pol sense, e g of powers guaranteeing by treaty the independence of smaller countries, such as Belgium

guard, guardian F *garde*, *gardien* Late (15 cent) substitutions for *ward*, *warden* (q v); cf the correlation of *guardian* and *ward* The noun was orig abstract or collect, as in *on one's guard*, *bodyguard*, etc The *guard* of a stage-coach was armed for the defence of travellers He has been taken over with the *driver*, *coach*, and *booking office*, by the railways

guava Sp *guayaba*, from Wind name of tree

guabas a sort of tree in the West Indies of no value (Stevens).

gubernatorial [US] Of a governor, (q v)

gudgeon¹ Fish F *goujon*, L *gobio-n*, from *gobius*, cf *goby* Fig senses from readiness to swallow any bait; cf *gull*

gudgeon² [tech] Pivot of lunge, socket of rudder pintle (naut) OF *gojon*, ? from F *gouge*, wench, prostitute, with an obscene allusion Cf synonym F *femlot* (*de gouvernail*), also E *male*, *female screw*, *grummet*, *gasket*. See *pintle*, *pivot*

Guebre Fire-worshipper F *guèbre*, Pers *gabr* Cf *giaour*.

Guelder rose From *Guelanders* (Prussia), old capital of Guelderland (Holland), formerly Pruss province

Guelph [hist] It *Guelfo*, OHG *Welf* (whelp), name of a Ger princely family, used as war-cry of the anti-imperialists at the battle of Weinsberg (1140), as *Waiblingen* was by their opponents See *Ghibelline*

Hence ducal house of Branswick and formerly royal house of Britain (*Windsor*)
guerdon F OF *guedredon* a mixture of L *donum* gift with OHG *andarlōn* return pavement cogn with AS *gūðr lean* requital Cf It *guiderdone* Se with *mithers widdershins loan*

guerrilla Sp dim of *guerra* war OHG *uerra* (see *war*) Often wrongly used for *guerrillero* *guerrilla* fighter

guernsey Seaman's vest orig knitted at *Guernsey* Cf *jersey*

guess Verb ME *gessen* to estimate appraise very common in Wye for *I think* cf Sw *gissa* Dan *gisse* Dn *gissen* Prob of Norse origin Uel in US with orig sense (cf *calculate reckon*)

guess [*d al*] In *another guess* Corrupt of *gates* genitive of *gate* of another's ay land See *other*

My method will be 1 unit a oth gates busi ess th n this (P pyn, Sep 6 1668)

guest AS *gæst* mod *g* for *y* being app due to cogn ON *geitr* Com Teut cf Du Ger *gast* Goth *gasts* com with L *hostis* enemy common let being that of stranger
Gueux [*hist*] Name assumed by patriots of Netherlands who rose against Spain (16 cent) F beggar of unknown origin Cf *Carbonari*

guffaw Orig Se Imit
guggle See *goglet* *gurple*

gucowar See *gahwa*

guide F *guide* Prov *guid* or It *guidare* (replacing OF *gui* r whence VL *gven* to *guid*) Goth *gitan* cogn with Ger *weisen* to show and with L *gē* f

guidon Pennon F It *guid* s from *guida* s to *guide* Replaced Ol *guon* (s)

guild gild AS *gield* payment *gegield* a solicitation cf *gield* *heall* *guild* *hail* Orig idea is contribution to some rel later to trade or craft association Inst *g* may be due to cogn ON *gild* *gall* *guill* feast or to early adoption by AF & MedL but *y* forms also occur Cf Du Cer *geld* m *ney* Goth *gilt* tribute Du *gilt* *guild* See *jukil*

Weis me f ech f h m a f u b u g y s
 T utten m y d h a l l o n a d y s (Ch c A. 362)

guilder Du coin Corrupt of Du *gilden* (q v)

guile OF cf AS wif track See *uile*

guillemot Bird F dim of *Guillem* cf *robin* etc In Hahl *wil not* is often used in same sen e But it may be partly altered from Welsh *guylog* (ec *guil*) which is app the origin of the word below similarly associated with *William*

S a fowler wh h we call w lockes (Pur b)

guilloche [*arch*] From F *guilochis* a kind of flourishing in masonry or carpentry (Cotg) perh from surname *Guiloch* de rivative of *Guillaume* cf *man* *ard* *guillo* *tine* and F *guillemet* inverted comma from printer named *Guille* *iet*

guillotine F from *Guilotin* name of physician (1814) who from humanitarian motive suggested its use (1783) instead of the old clumsy method of beheading with a sword The name is a double dim of *Guillaume* s

guilt AS *gylt* VED rejects connection with AS *gelda* to pay for requite (see *guilt* *yield*) although *39 gylt g renders* L *debit* in AS version of *Matt* *xxii* 18 and Cer *schil* means both debt and guilt

gump See *gump*

guinea First coined (1663) from *Guinea* gold and for the purposes of the *Guinea* trade Cf *guinea* *foul* imported from *Guinea* in 16 cent formerly used also of the turkey The *guinea* *fit* comes from Brazil and quot below gives an earlier and more natural name for the animal It was I imagine so called because brought home by the *Guineemen* slave ships at the end of their triangular voyage (England to Guinea with trade goods Guinea to Wind and Simer with slaves the middle passage Wind to En land with *Guinea* World produce) Its F name *cochon d'Inde* is equally vague Cf *gall* *pot* and hist of *h key* So also maize is often called *Guinea* *wheat* or *T key* *u h e i* in Hahl and Putch In sense of company director or jobbing clergyman *guinea* *fit* is a 19 cent witicism

Item f r a tag f th Gwynn y con y sen t B l y r i j (H ill d MSS 109)

gupure F from *gaper* of Teut origin and com with *whip* cf Ger *we fen* to wind thread into a shawl (Iudw)

Half oom of whppld e d (H ill tom P be 1 521)

gupure a grosse black thread (cove ed r whipt bout with s l) wh raf corded b t ba ds be mad (Cotg)

guise F, OHG *wīsa* (*weise*), manner, whence also It *guisa* See *wise*¹ Sense of style, costume, survives in *disguise*, in the *guise of*, etc., and dial *guiser*, mummer, whence *geezzer*

In their ragged and beggarly guise

(Bunyan, *Mansoul*)

guitar F *guitare*, Sp *guitarra*, G *κιθάρα*, cf *cithar*, *citole*, *gittern*, *kit*², *zither*

guleh [US] ? From obs *gulch*, to devour, swallow (of imit origin) on analogy of *gorge*, or perh corrupt of latter

gulden Coin Orig applied to various gold coins in Holland and Germany MHG *guldin* and Du *gulden*, golden

gules [her] Red F *gueules*, pl of *gueule*, maw, throat, L *gula*, ? from open throat of her beast But some derive it from Pers *gul*, rose

gulf F *golfe*, of the sea, *gouffre*, abyss in gen, Late G *κόλφος*, for *κόλπος*, bosom, used as L *sinus*, bosom, in same sense, cf Sp It *golfo*, whence F *golfe*, also Ger *busen*, bosom, gulf The *Gulf Stream* is named from the *Gulf of Mexico*

gull¹ Bird Celt, cf Welsh *gwyllan*, Corn *gullan*, Bret *goelann*, whence F *goëland*, gull

gull² Dupe, etc. ? Obs *gull*, immature fish, also kind of gudgeon, cogn with Du *gul*, small cod, cf *gudgeon* (q v) and verb to *cod* ? Or from *gull*¹, from the bird's ready swallowing of anything thrown to it

gullet F *goulet*, dim of *gueule*, throat, L *gula*

gully F *goulet*, in sense of passage, "gorge" (v s)

gulp Imut, cf Du *gulpen*, to gulp, Dan *gylpe*, to beleh, vomit

gum¹ Of the teeth AS *gōma*, cf Ger *gaumen*, gum, palate, ON *gōmr*, palate

gum² Sticky substance F *gomme*, VL *gumma*, for *gummi*, G *κόμμι*, prob of Egypt origin In US for india-rubber and chewing-gum, gum for sticking being called *mucilage* For the antiquity of chewing-gum see *masticate* Up a gum-tree refers to the 'possum in difficulties *Gum arabic* (ME) is exuded by a kind of acacia

Whose subdu'd eyes

Drop tears as fast as the Arabian trees
Their medicable gum (O¹ v 2)

gumption Orig Sc (c 1700), of unknown origin.

gun First recorded 1339, "instrumenta de latone, vocitata *gonnes*" Perh from female

name *Gunhild*, recorded as applied to a mangonel, "una magna balista de cornu quae vocatur *Domina Gunilda*" (1330-1). *Gunhild*, an ON name of which both elements mean war (cf *gonfalon*), was a common name, with pet-form *Gunna*, in ME, and there are many hist guns which have names of the same type, e.g. the famous 15 cent *Mons Meg* of Edinburgh Cf *Brown Bess*, *Long Tom*, Ger *die faule Gerte* (Brandenburg, 1414) and contemp Ger *Bertha* (Krupp), from the proprietress of the gun factory at Essen A 6-inch howitzer now (Oct 1918) collecting war-loan subscriptions in Bethnal Green is called *Hungry Liz* Connection with ON *gunnr*, war, was even suggested by Lye (1743) Another, and less fanciful, suggestion is that *gun* is for OF *engon*, var. of *engan*, device (cf *gun*¹ for *engin*), a form recorded in the region (Mons) whence the first gun constructors came to England; cf *Mons Meg* (v s), prob made at Mons Perh both sources have contributed, the latter having helped to fix the already existing nickname *Engan* is from OF *enganner*, to trick, of unknown origin. It has a var *engage*, missile, engine, whence early Sc *ganyie*, missile, regularly used in association with *gun* To *stick to one's guns*, *son of a gun*, are both naut The *gunroom* was formerly used by the gunner and his mates *Gunpowder tea* is so named from its granular appearance *Gun-runner*, late 19 cent, was coined on *blockade-runner*

gunny Coarse sacking Hind *gōñ*, Sanskrit *gona*, sack Cf Du *gonje*, from Hind

gunter Chain, scale, etc From Edmund

Gunter, mathematician (†1626)

gunwale, gunnel From *gun* and *wale* (q v)

Cf *channel*² Now usu of boats, but orig of bulwarks of ship Cf synon Du *bosbank*, of which first element is *bus*, gun (see *blunderbuss*)

gunyah Austral hut Native word.

gurgitation From Late L *gurgitare*, to engulf, from *gurgis*, *gurgit*-, abyss

gurgle Cf *gargle*, Ger *gurgeln*, It *gorgiare*, L *gurgulio*, gullet All of imit on

gin Cf colloq *guggle* (Johns).

gurjun EInd tree Native name

Gurkha See *Goorkha*

gurnard, gurnet Fish OF *gornard* from *grogner*, to grunt (v 1), from L *grunnire*; because the fish makes a grunting sound when caught So also in other langs. e.g.

Du *kno kaan* from *knorr n* to grumble
Ger *knurrfisch* from *knur ren* to growl
See *cur*

cnul a gormart a c rre (A Jumlax)

guru See *gou* on

gush Ult cogn with Du *gutsen* Ger
gissen O^v *gissa* to pour See 1: 1
With mod fig sense cf *effusus* and F
d'panchement lit pouring forth

gusset F *gorssel* orig flexible armour join
ing plates under armpit perh from *gousse*
shell of pod

gust Of wind ON *gustv* cogn with *gissa*
to gush First in Shaks

gust See *gusto*

gusto It L *gustus* taste cf F *goût* OF
goust and *disgust*

He [C ely] r d m though with too ach *gusto*
some litt poems of his own (Pepys Nov 3 663)

gut AS *gutlas* (pl) from *glolar* to pour
(see *ingol*) Flushing-gut i made from in
testines of silkworms cf *calcul* With *gut*
channel passage cf *bayou* (q v) With
gits stamina courage cf *pluck* (q v)

gutta percha Malay *gelak* gum *percha* tree
producing it Assimilated to L *gutta*
drop

gutta serena Amaurosis L clear drop

To the ka drop se en h th quecht the orb
(F 1 1 15)

gutter F *goût* the roof gutter from *gou* a
drop L *gulus* With *gutters* (p) cf F
sauie nisse in jump gutties The verb to
guts of a candle refers to its becoming
"channell" on one side

guzzle To eat greedily After *gi t* and *guzle*
guttural from L *guttur* throat

guttly [golf] For *gullis percha*

guy In g v rope (na t) Luv referred to
ML *gjen* to guile (q v) But cf Norw
Dan *gie gi* Sw *gi* a LL *giken* Di
gik n all naut verbs from a LC name
for the stalyard (Du *gi*) Cf Ger *ge e*
guy n p *anfieren* to guy up (from LL)

guy Cuv *Faukes* was executed 1603 The
name is found in most Europ langs
F *Cu* It *Gu do* C r l e t etc See 1: 15
Verb to *guy* is theat. and if on L^y
may be rather in Du *de g u g uanstellen*
to make fin where *gu g* is prob connected
with *g echelen* to giggle

guzzle From 16 cent al s in sense of
putter down Ierh connected with I

gossier throat or it may be imit (cf *gulp*
gurgle)

gwyniad Fish esp in Lake Balh Wel h
from *gwyn* white

gybe (wa t) To alter course of vess l so that
boom of sail *gybes* i e swings from side
to side Du *gyffen* cogn with *fib*

gyle Beer brewed at one brewing Du *gylt*
cogn with *gylen* to ferment

gymkhana [Anglo-Ind] Altered alt r *gym*
nastie etc from Urdu *gani hâima yar qu t*
court lit ball house

gymnasium L $\gamma \mu \nu \alpha \sigma \iota \omega \nu$ from *gymnos*
naked Introduced into Ger as name i r
high school by 15 cent humanists (cf
gymnos phi t Hindu ascetic philosopher
(see *zophist*) *gymnosus* el etric e i coined
(1748) by Linnaeus from G *gymnos* hark
because of absence of dorsal fin

gynaecium L G *gynai* n apartment (f
women from *gyn* *gynai* woman i i
gynaecology study of women's diseases
gynocracy rule by women See *queen*

gynous G *gynos* from *gyn* (v v)

gyp College servant (Camb) ? Cf old
gippo varlet from obs *gippo* short
jacket from F *gipe* see j *ghak*) F r
transference of sense cf *button*

gypsum L from C *gypso* hulk *gypsum*
prob of On tal onpin

gypsy See *gip*

gyrate from L *gyrate* from *gym* circuit
C *gypso* ring Cf *gyr* *drop* invented an i
named (185) by Ducault (1846)

gyrfalcon See *g falcon*

gyron gyron (h r) Shape of right an led in
angle F *gyr* n earlier *gyron* from Oll
g o spear head See *gost* *gyr* n k

gyve AF *giv* flier also battle *gyves* de
drags (Lab *Alas*) Verb from w the (q v)
used for halt r flier in MF with F *g*
as usual for Teut w and corrupt of th
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e g Leips writes *Qu end se for* (Qu *nd* is
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gi fu) Earle t VLD record (Lavaniun)
and qu *berisim* was that Lucius Aru
were *gyves* in the wrong place

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Hades G *αἴδης* in Homer name of god of lower world later transferred to his king dom Adopted by LXX to render Heb *sheol* abode of departed spirits and introduced into E (c 1600) in connection with controversy on fifth article of Apostl's Creed

hadji Arab *ḥāǧǧ* pilgrim (to Mecca)
haematite hematite [m s] L G *αἷμα τῆς* (sc *λιθός*) from *αἷμα* blood

haemorrhage hemorrhage Earlier *ha y F hēmor agie* L G *αἱμορραγία* from *αι* *πυ* *ννα* to break burst (v s)

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haft AS *haft* handle cogn with *ha e* cf Ger *haft* and *handhabe* in same sense

hag Witch Shortened from AS *hæglesse* witch fury from *haga* hedge haw cf synon OHG *hagazussa* (*hexe*) also ON *i nriht* OHG *zunrta* lit hedge rider (see *town*) The suffix is cogn with Norw dial *tysja* crone With *ha ridden* oppressed by nightmare cf *p. ridden* These words have affected *bedridden* (q v)

hag [Sc & north] As in *moss hag* ON *hæg* ravine orig blow cut (see *haggle*)

haggard F *h i ard* orig used (v s) of hawk incapable of being tamed App from OHG *hag* hedge haw whence F *ha s* As a] first applied to the eyes later sense of gaunt scraggy being due to association with *hag*

Esp ev *hagard este* luy qui est de n. de hayes (31^e *manoir de P* 14 cent)

A d like the h g d beak at every f the That comes b f re his ey (Tw *fish & cat* 12)

haggs Now esp Sc but a common word in ME App by some strange metaphor from F *agasse agave magpie* OHG *agalst* a which usu has initial *h* in LG dialects Cf the two senses of *pie* and also obs *chevet* daw meat pie F *chovette* daw etc It has been associated with *hach* and F *hacker* to chop (v s)

wurst Adck haggass both pot h or hatch-d m at (Ludw)

haggle Orig to mangle Frequent of dial *ha* to chop hack ON *högga* cogn with *hew hack* Fig sense perh partly due to association with *chop* (q v)

hagiography hagiology From G *αἴγιος* holy Cf *ha iscope* a squint in char h arch

ha ha haw haw Sunk fence F *haha* The suggestion that this is from the exclamation of surprise caused by the obstacle is not very convincing but it may be from the OF hunting-cry *hahas* to rally the dogs A playful elaboration of *hase* hedge seems more lik ly than either

ha(c)k Eastern wrap Arab *ḥayḥ* from *hah* to weave

haiduk See *h ydch*

hail Frozen rain AS *ha ol* Com Teut cf Du Ger *hi el* ON *hail* cogn with C *αἰλῆς* small stone

hail To call Now chiefly naut as in to *hail for* Orig from noun *hail* health anxiety used in greeting as in *hail fellow well met* ON *heil* cogn with AS *hēlu* or from corresponding adj (see *hale* *nassail*) Cf Ger *heil* used for L *ate sal s* For cognates see *whole*

Hail [I w] e] thou that art h ghly f vou ed (L h i s)

i hail h p is to c ll to her t kn w whence she is or whither d (S *D d* 78)

hair AS *hār* Com Teut cf Du Ger *haar* ON *har* Normal *haar* *haar* has been altered under influence of F *haire* hair shirt OHG *harra* (**harya*) which is common in ME Mod collect has replaced older pl (Gen xlv 29) *Ha rheadth escape* is after Shaks (*Oth* i 3) *Not to let n a h a r* was used orig of horses To *keep one s hair on* is mod app playful advice not to tear one s hair *Hair of the do that bit you* as homoeopathic remedy is in Phny (Val *Ilust* xxix 5) To *split ha s* is 18 cent. for earlier to cut (*d side*) the hair

M havel e t th hair when he ad ed n t bsolvt ly to dis vow could are b t etc. (Sanctrott, 652)

hake Fish Prob cogn. with ON *haki* hook from shape of jaw cf *pake* Norw *hak fish* trout and Ger *h chl* pike cogn with AS *haced* pike

hake Frame work in various senses Also *beck* Var of *hach* (q v)

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Like mattoles were here weapons wrought,
With long helmes of yren stoute (NED c 130)

halcyon L, kingfisher, altered from G. *ἀλκυών*, as though from *ἄλς*, sea, *κύων*, conceiving, from the belief that the bird hatched its young in a floating nest during the *halcyon days* Really cogn with L *alcedo*, kingfisher, and prob with *aik* Cf L *alcedonia*, calm weather

hale¹ Adj Northern form of AS *hāl*, whole (q v) It has coalesced with ME *hail*, cogn ON *heill* (see *hair*²)

hale² Verb F *haler*, to pull, haul, OHG *halōn* (*holen*), cf synon Du *halen*, perh cogn with G. *καλεῖν*, to call *Haul* is a later borrowing of the same F verb, *hale* surviving in such phrases as *haled to execution*.

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Scie that these two my sonys sitten, oon at the righthalf, and oon at the lefthalf, in the kyngdam (Wyc *Mati* xx 21)

A quart for a pene and a pynte for a hapeney (Nott *Dor Records*, 1579)

The half hearted and half witted people, which made much the major part of both Houses (Clarendon)

halbut From ME *haly*, holy, and *butt*¹, perh because eaten on holy days, cf F *héllebute*, Du *heilbot*, Sw *helgefunda* (flounder), etc Capt John Smith writes it *holybut*

halidom [archaic] AS *hāligdōm*, holiness, relic, sanctuary See *-dom* Cf Du *heilighdom*, Ger *heiligtum* In ME often *-dam*, *-dame*, by association with Our Lady

hall AS *heall*, spacious room or building, cogn with *helan*, to cover, hide, and ult. with L *celare* Com Teut., cf Du *hal*, Ger *halle*, ON *holl* F *halle*, covered market, is from Ger Sense of entry, vestibule, comes from the time when the entrance hall was the chief living-room *Liberty Hall* is an 18 cent imit. of earlier *Cutpurse Hall*, *Ruffians Hall* *Hall-marled* means stamped at *Goldsmiths' Hall*, London

hallelujah See *alleluia*

halliard See *halyard*

hallo Also *hello*, *hillo*, *hollo*, *hullo*, *halloo*, *holla*, etc Cf F *hold!* and our *hi there!* also OHG *hala*, imper of *halōn* (see *hale*²), as summons to ferryman, but the whole group is mainly natural interjection. In hunting (*view halloo*) perh OF *la lou!* for *loup*, wolf

hallow AS *hālgian*, from *hālig*, holy (q v); used to render L *sanctificare* Noun *hallow*, AS *hālga*, saint, survives in *Hallowmass*, *Hallowe'en*, *All Hallows*

hallucinate From L *hallucinari*, for *alucinari*, to wander in mind, coined, on *raticinari*, from G *ἀλλύειν*, to be distraught, cogn with G *ἡλεός*, mad

halm See *haulm*

halma Game G *ἄλμα*, leap, from *ἀλλεσθαι*, to leap, cogn with L *salire*

halo From L *halos*, G. *ἅλως*, threshing-floor, round disk, cf F *halo*, It *alone*, Sp *halón*, which point to VL. **halo-n-* First (16 cent) in astron

haloid [chem] From G *ἅλς*, salt

halt¹ [archaic] Lame AS *healt* Com Teut, cf obs Du. *halt*, MHG *halz*, ON *hallr*, Goth *halts* Hence to *halt* (L *claudicare*) *between two opinions* (1 Kings, xvin 21), *halting delivery*, etc, perh sometimes felt as belonging to *halt*².

halt² [mil] Orig in to *make halt*, F *faire halte* (earlier *halt*), Ger *halt machen*, from *halten*, to hold, stop, cf It *fare alto*, Sp *alto hacer*, also from Ger

halter AS *hælfster*, halter for horses WGer; cf Du Ger *halfter* Orig sense that by which something is held, cf *helve*, *helm*, and L *capistrum*, halter, from *capere*

halyard, halliard Corrupt of *halier* (14 cent), from *hale*² For *-yard* cf *lanyard*

ham AS *hamm*, cf. Du *ham*, Ger dial *hamme*, ON *höm* Orig sense prob crooked, bent AS meaning, bend at back of knee, appears in *hamstring*, tendon of hock, now usu as verb

hamadryad L. C. Ἀμαδρυάδς wood nymph fabled to die with tree usu in pl from ἀμα together with δρυς tree In Chauc. 10 19 cent applied to Indian serpent (ophiophagus) and Abyssinian baboon

hame [dial] Of horse collar Of obscure origin Cf Du *haan* Ger dial *hāmen* which with obs Ger *hame* shackle for horses and cattle are perh cogn with L *hamus* hook

Hamitic [ling] Of descendants of Ham (Gen ix 2) Applied esp to group of ancient Afr langs including Egypt Cf *Japhetic-Semitic*

hamlet Ol *hamlet* dim of *hā nel* (hā : au) dim from LC *hām* home (q v)

hammam hammam Turkish bath Arab *hammām* bath In Purch (16 5)

hammer AS *hamor* Com Teut cf Du *hamer* Ger *hammer* ON *hamarr* The ON meaning stone crag common in place names suggests that orig sense was weapon of stone *Hammer* and *longs* is from the ardent blacksmith *Hammerbeam* (arch) is from shape The origin of *ham nereloth* cover of driver's box is obscure It occurs in 15 cent as name of a material perh for *hammered cloth* ? or cf Dan *hammel* awing bar of vehicle MHG *hamel* pole With *inde the* (auctioneer's) *hām ner* cf L *sub hastā*

hammock F *hamac* or Sp *hamaca* a Carib word Du *hang* 1st Ger *hām* *mate hang* mat are late corrupt due to folk-etym *hamaca* L loci pennis A hanging bed Brazil bed trade to hang up *ga at a tree* w *hā* *hā* a c bin bed in *shāp* (Mason)

Hampden village Protectr of popular rights, From Crav's *Elegy*

hamper¹ Verb In ME also to fetter bind App cogn with ON *hampt* to restrain *Amell* stickle cf Ger *hām* *nem* (MHG *hamen*) Analogy of *pastern* (q v) suggests ult. connection with *hām* cf archaic *hām* shackle

hamper² Ba let MF *hampe* OF *ha* 2 *per* case to hold *hanaps* goblets OHG *knapp* (*arf*) cogn with AS *hnap* c p bowl The name was later applied to a receptacle for documents hence the *hanaper* or *hambur* of Chancery For *hānap* due to inability to pronounce *hū* cf *hā augut*

hamster Rodent Ger OHG *hamist* a corn weevil, field mouse Of obscure origin, prob non Aryan (cf *raf*) The Lith a nian name: *taras*

hanaper [archaic] See *hampe*²

hand AS *hand* Com Teut cf Du Ger *hand* ON *hönd* Goth *handus* For some extended meanings e.g. that of writing cf L *manus* and F *main* With *ai ha ds* (naut) cf *hand* workman sailor also *green hand* *oil hand* to be a good hand at etc To play into the hands of *shoe one's hand* are from cards *Hand over hand* now varied to *hand over fist* refers to rapidly pulling on a rope (naut) To *wa h one's hands* of alludes to Pilate *Handbook* AS *handboc* was used to render L *m n ale* or Graeco L *es h dion* but in current sense, is from Ger *handlich* *Handcuff* is app from *hand* and *cuff* as AS *handlofs* manacle is not found in ME Ar haic *handfast* to betroth alludes to the clasping of hands With *hand-canter* (gallop) controlled by rider cf *four in-hand* and *out of hand* *Handiwork* AS *handwerc* (see *agart*) has affected *handi raft* AS *hinf craft* AS has also *handwære* labour With verb to *ha die* cf Ger *hand l* to deal and F *man e* from *man* hand A *hand nail* serves her mistress "ready to hand" cf AS *handþegn* attendant *Handsome* want orig easy to handle cf *toothsome* In *handsome* is that *handsome does* a pro erb frequently cited by ugly women (Crose) the second *handsome* is an adv *Harder he is* Du *handsprak* of which second element origin with *poth* : alt red on l *rike* cf F *un feet* also from Du F *handke ck* *fsee herck of*

1 w B ent re t recommend them a an old Par Name vary h *ai* *ai* *ai*

(Gladstone 1 H 10 Jan 2 56)

handicap From *hand in cap* a kind of lottery game at which winners were penalized to the profit of the pool later applied to method of arranging stakes and weights for horse race

Among the pleasures some of us find to be sports that I never knew before

(Pepys, Sep 1 660)

hand craft handwork See *hand*

handle. Noun AS *handl* from *hand* *Handle to one's name* is first recorded in Marryat With to give a *handle* cf F *donner p* 112

handlaw See *hand*

hands l *hansel* (a ck) New Year's gift earnest money etc. ON *Amsal* hand sale used of shaking hand in concluded bargain But early senses suggest also connection w *hansel* (q v) cf a chav

Dan *hænse*, to pay one's footing n a gild

estrene a New-Yeaes gift, or present, also, a handsell (Cotg)

handsome See *hand*

handy From *hand*, replacing (16 cent) ME *hend*, *hende*, *hendy*, ready to hand, skilled, AS *gehende*, *hendig*, from *hand* (with umlaut) Cf Ger *behende*, handy, from *bei*, by, and old dat of *hand* Some regard the old adj (cf ON *höndugr*, capable, Goth *handugs*, wise) as connected rather with a Teut verb, to grasp (see *hinf*) *Handy-man*, in sense of sailor, is from Kipling

hang Mixture of three verbs, viz AS *hōn* (cf OHG Goth *hāhan*), strong trans, AS *hangian*, weak intrans, ON *hengja*, causal of *hanga* Cf Ger *hangen*, intrans, *hängen*, trans, *henken*, trans (of execution only) *Hanged* is now usu limited to death by the rope, or fig, e.g. *I'll be hanged* To *hang out* refers to old custom of hanging out a sign With to *hang up*, put out of immediate use, cf *on the shelf* To *hang fire* was orig used of guns To *hang in the wind* is naut metaphor *Hanger*, short sword to hang at belt, may be from cogn Du *hanghier*, "pugio de zona pendens" (Kil), in *pothooks* and *hangers* it is from the kitchen device to which the pots were suspended by hooks Orig the *pothook* was *u* or *ʔ* and the *hanger* was *ʔ* *Hangdog*, one fit only to hang dogs, is a formation of the *cutthroat*, *pickpocket* type To *get the hang of* is US *Hanger-on* is 16 cent

The boat was tossed over the rocks and I ong with two others escaped (the rest drowned), one of the three being demanded what he thought in the present peril, answered, hee said nothing, but "Gallowes chume thy right," which within halfe ʔ yeere fell out accordingly (Capt John Smith)

His [a quack's] flag hangs out in town here, i' the Cross Inn,

With admirable cures of all conditions
(Middleton, *Widow*, iv ʔ)

hangar [neol] F, shed ʔ Cf MedL *angarium*, shoeing forge, ʔ or of Teut origin and cogn with *hang* (cf *penthouse*)

angar an open shed, or hovell, wherein husbandmen set their ploughes, &c. out of the sun, and weather (Cotg)

hanger Wood on hill-side AS *hangra*, from *hang*

hank ON *hōnk*, hank, skein. If dial *hank*, handle of a jug, is the same word (which is likely, cf *hasp*), it belongs ult to *hang*.

cf Ger *henkel*, *hengel*, jug-handle, cogn. with *henken*, *hängen*, to hang Cf also dial *hank*, propensity, exactly answering to Ger *hang* (v 1)

hanker "Scarcely used but in familiar language" (Johns). From c 1600. Cf dial *hank* and Du *hunker*, in same sense Prob contains idea of *hang* and *hunger* See *hank*

a *hank* or fondness animi inclinatio sive propensio (Litt)

hanky-panky ʔ Arbitrary formation, after *hocus-pocus*, cf *jiggery-pokery* in same sense Perh altered from *hokey-pokey* by association with *sleight of hand* Richard Cocks (in Purch) uses *legerdy maine* exactly in current sense of *hanky-panky*

Hansard Offic reports of Parliament, published by Messrs *Hansard*, from 1774

Hanse, Hanseatic [hist]. OHG *hansa*, used by Tatian for L *cohors* (Matt xxvii. 27), cogn with AS *hōs*, troop, and adopted in MHG as name of a guild or confederation of traders powerful in various Ger. ports (Hamburg, Bremen, Lubeck), and established in London as early as 12 cent See *steelyard*

hansel See *handsel*

hansom From name of patentee (1834)

hap ON. *happ*, luck, chance, cogn with AS *gehæp*, convenient Hence verb *hap*, *hap-pen*, and adj *happy*, orig lucky, a sense which survives in *happy-go-lucky* and *happily* For *happy dispatch* see *hara-kiri* It is possible that in *haphazard* the first element was orig obs *hap*, to seize, snatch, F *happer*, Du *happen* This would be a normal formation of the *cutthroat*, *catch-penny* type, while the collocation of the two nouns *hap* and *hazard* seems unnatural Synon Ger *geratewohl* is a similar formation

lapper to hap, or catch, to snatch, or grapse at (Cotg)

I doubt few will be pleased with his [Prince Rupert's] going [in command of the fleet], being accounted an unhappy man (Pepys, Aug 31, 1664)
That action is best, which accomplishes the greatest happiness of the greatest numbers

(Francis Hutcheson, 1725)

haplography Writing only once what should be written twice From G *ἀ-λόγῃς*, simple. Cf *ditlography*

hara-kiri, *hara-kari*. Jap, bellycut Englished as *happy dispatch*, perh by some misunderstanding

harangue I earlier *harangue* OHG *harung* (ing) circle of audience cf *harunga* See *rank* *ranch* *haruit* *ha* see *his per*
 a ge an arag an e hou a declam thm
 (Thor)

arr ng i a pulp t rth g or e ering pla a
 title for h res or feales i armer (b)

haras Stud farm Adopted in MF but now
 treated as foreign word F prob con-
 nected with Arab *faras* horse whence OI
hara stallion via some unrecorded Sp
 form

harass F *harasser* ? from OI *hater* to set
 a dog on

harbinger ME & OI *h r b g e u r* from
herb g ier (*h/berger*) to provide harbour
 age lodgings OI *herberge* OHG *her*
be ga army-shelter See *harbour* *beltry*
scabard Orig host entertainer liter
 official preceding monarch etc to arrange
 for his quarters whence fig sense of fore-
 runner For *u* cf *pasten* *r miss* *er*
 etc Office of *h r b g i r* to royal
 household was abolished in 1846

Cayn my h b r g r (we oost, i g boepel)
 greetth you w i (Wye, Rom 2 i 23)

harbour ME *herberke* AS *herebeorg* army
 shelter or cogn OI *herber* Cf *har*
bin *er* *harvy* *orough* *scabard* Orig
 lodging shelter in gen but naut sense
 appears early (Chauc 4 403) Hence verb
 to *ha bour* now usu in bad sense e.g.
harbou a *conshell* (*exit designs* etc)

I was herberkes e a d y lohed me
 (Tyn, Matt 33)

hard AS *hæd* Com Tent cf Du *hæd*
 Ger *hast* ON *ha thr* Goth *hard* s cogn
 with G *hært* strong Ground sense
 unyielding opposed to *sof* Subjective
 use of *hæd* difficult now only in *hard* of
hearing ME sense of firm ground sur-
 vives in *Po tsmouth Hard* Some a lv uses
 are parallel with those of *fast* e.g. to *run*
 (follow) *ha d* cf *hard* and *fast* (naut) For
ha d b ien see *bite* *Hard up* was orig
 naut (steering) With *hard cash* opposed
 to paper money cf F *pi d es so n t e*
Hardshell uncompromising is US e.g.
ha dshell Baptist *Hard labor* occurs in an
 act of 1853

hardy F *hardy* pp of OF *ha dir* OHG
ha tjan (*hârtes*) to make hard Orig bold
 reckless a in *foolhardy* *hardhood*

N th e y man w h rdy t o th d y f to
 be hym n o r e (Wye Mat 2 i 46)

hare AS *hara* Com Tent cf Du *hars*
 Ger *hase* ON *here* ? cogn with AS *hæ* *n*
 grey and ult with L *canis* hoary (for
casinos) Heywood (1562) has to *holde with*
the hare and run with the hounds *Ha e*
brained and th *March Hare* go together
 (see *hatter*) Tt *Harbell* was in ME the
 wild hyacinth or blue bell Mod sense is
 Sc and is partly due to *har* in allusion
 to very slender stem *I rst catch your hare*
is not from Mrs Glasse s *Cook ry Book* With
ha e lip cf Du *ha enl p* L *labium lepori*
u m

harem Arab *h r am* from *hara na* to pro-
 hibit

haricot F OF *he* *iq* a stew ? from *har*
gote *ha l go er* t cut up Hence applied
 to the bean earlier *fève de haricot* A recent
 suggestion that *haricot* is Mex *ayicotti* is
 negated by the fact that the word is
 much older than the discovery of Amer
ha bepot of me y u n s han ot (Pal g)

harikari See *ha a hirs*

hark ME *hearken* intens of *he* cogn with
 Ger *horken* cf *hearken* altered on *heir*
 from earlier *harken* AS *hroren an* *Hirh*
 is almost obs exc in imper As hunting
 term e.g. *hark away* to *hark back* (forward)
 it may be a separate word Earliest hunting
 sense to incite urge on (Temp i 1)
 suggests connection with OF *hater* to
 hound a dog at or s t a dog on a beast
 (Cotg) or F *ha o hue* and cry (cf *tally*
ho yock)

Harleian OI books and MSS collected by
Ha ley Earl of Oxford (1724) and his
 son the MSS being acqu red (1753) by
 the British Museum

harlequin OF *h rlequin* *hallegu n* *harne*
quin etc nam of a demon or shd
 huntsman a companion by a merry
 like that of Herne the Hunter who is
 perh the same person OF *la haisn e*
harlekun is represented by ME *Harl*
mayne s merne (Lan, land) cf also the It
 demon *Auck no* (Dante) It is a Flem dim
 of some personal name perh of *Han* John
 though this cannot be settled with t
 knowledge of orig form For the use of
 personal names for demons cf *hobgob n*
w ll o the wisp etc (F *arl quin* is used
 for will o the wisp in Champagne) an l
 for similar application to buffoons cf
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harpings [naut] Strongest side-timbers near stem Prob from F *harpe*, used of various clamping devices in wall-building, cogn with *harpoon*

harpoon F *harpon*, from *harpe*, cramp-iron ? Cogn with *harpy*, ? or with OHG *harpa*,

instrument of torture. Earlier (16 cent.) in E is *harping-iron* Spec sense seems to have been given by the Basques, the first whalers, some of whom were usu taken on the early E. & Du. whaling voyages to the Arctic Or it may be via Du *harpoen*, the Dutch having also been early whalers

The admirall had in her six Biscayners, expert men for the killing of the whale (Purch)

harpsichord See *harp*

harpy F *harpie*, L *harpyia*, usu pl, G *ἄρπυιαι*, winged and clawed monsters with female body, from *ἄρπάζω*, to snatch. In fig sense from 16 cent

arquebus See *arquebus*

harridan Corrupt of F *haridelle*, "a poor tit, or lean ill-favored jade" (Cotg) On- gin obscure Possibly a fantastic formation on F dial (Norm) *harouisse*, jade, ON *hross*, horse (q v) Cf ModF *rosse*, jade (lit. & fig), from Ger

harrier The bird, *hen-harrier*, etc, is from *harry* The hound, though associated with *hate*, is perh the same word

harrow ME *haruc*, cogn with ON *herfi*, ? and with Du *hark*, rake For fig use as verb (*Ham* 1 5) cf *toad under the harrow* It has been associated with obs *harrow*, by-form of *harry*, used esp in AS & ME of the *harrowing of hell* by Christ.

Crustene men may seye, as the frogge seide to the harve, cursid be so many lordes (Wyc. Sermons)

harry AS *heargian*, to make war, from *here*, army, cf Ger *verheeren*, to harry, also Norw *herje*, Dan *hærge*, Swed *härja* (ON *hcrja*) in same sense For AS *here* cf *harbinger*, *harbour*, *Hereford*, etc

Harry Also ME *Herry*, F *Hcuri*, Ger *Heinrich*, OHG *heim-rîh*, home ruler With *Old Harry*, by the lord Harry, cf *Old Nick* See also *Arvy* That Harry, not *Hcury*, was the regular ME pronunc. is shown by the overwhelming superiority of the surnames *Harris*, *Harrison*

harsh Orig of texture ME *harsh*, cf Sw *hårsk*, Dan *harsh*, rancid, rusty, of bacon also Ger *harsch* (from LG), ? ult cogn with *hard*

harshlet See *haslet*

hart AS *heort*, *heorot* Com. Teut, cf Du *hert*, Ger. *hirsch* (OHG *hiruz*), ON *hjórt* ult cogn with L *cervus* and G *képas* horn The cauled horns of the animal were once the chief source of ammonia

hence *harishorn* as medicament in AS
With *harislongue* (fern) cf synonym *harisue*
de cerf

hartebeest Antelope S Afr Du from *hart*
(v s) and *beest* beast

Hartleian Of David Hartley psychologist
(†1757) Cf *Berkeleyan*

harum scarum Cf obs *haro* to harass (q v)
frighten and *scar e* Perh orig *haro em*
scare em

To h re d rat them thus at every t m ot to
teach th m (Lock *Ed em*)

haruspex L soothsayer by means of entrails
of victims Cf *auspices* First element is
cogn with Sanskrit *hara* entrails

harvest AS *harfest* autumn W Ger cf
Du *kerfst* Ger *herbst* autumn prob com
with ON *harst* autumn and it with L
carpere to pluck G *harvest* fruit Goth
has *arans* work season Gradual limita-
tion of sea e (from 14 cent) is due to bor-
rowing of *autumn* and competition of *fall*
(of the leaf) Sense of crop first in Tynd
(*Matt* ix 38) *Harvest* home time at which
the crop has been brought home is first
in Tusser

harvest aton ant mone (P 1 g)

harveyized steel Process patented (1888) in
England by H A Harvey of New Jersey
Cf *macadam e*

hash Earl er *hachy* *hashce* T *hachis* from
hacher to chop (see *hatchet*) To *make a*
hash of; perh a variation on to *make a*
mess of With to *ettle one's hash* cf to *cook*
one's goose

hash a bach y or baclo e a sliced g llim fry
or miced m at (Cotg)

hashish hash sh Narcotic Arab *hashish*
dry herb See *assassin*

haslet haslet (dial) Ol *haslelet* (*halelet*)
small spit double dim of OF *hasle* spear
L *hasla* influenced by OHG *harst* grid
iron For v of *haslet* cf *furze p*
haslles th inward of a beast a a-hog *hasl t*
calves gather sheep pl k &c (Cotg)

hasp AS *haspe* *hasp* cf obs Du *haspe*
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also mean ekem cf *hawh* which has also
a double s nse

hassock Orig tussock of sedge used as rud-
imentary kneeling cushion AS *has sue*
course grass ? cf Wel h *hasg* cogn with
sedge and obs Welsh *he* or *hassock*
hastate Spear shaped L *hastatus* from
hasla

haste OF (*hâle*) of Teut origin cf Goth
hafts conflict AS *hast* violent Du
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verb *haste* which since 16 cent tends
to be ousted by *hasten* *Hastener* Dut h
oven may be rather connected with obs
hasteler cook turnspit and other ME
derivatives of OF *hasle* to roast (s e
hasl f)

Of *hade* hat t m m s n spe d (B bo)

hat AS *hatt* cf ON *höttr* hood ult cogn
with hood Ger *hut* hat and *head* It is
uncertain whether *hat br ck* refers to a
collection or a new hat for the success-
ful professional bowler The form of the ex-
pression is allusive to the conjurer pro-
ducing articles from a hat To *eat on s*
hat was earlier according to MED to *e t*
Ott *Pouley's* (Charles II s) *hat*

hatch Grating etc No v chiefly naut
(*hatchway*) or univ (*buttery hatch*) AS
hæc whence also dial *he h* *hick* cf Du
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rence in place names (Colney *Hat* h was
one of the entrances to Finsfield Chase)

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hatch To engrave shade with fine lines
F *hacher* to cut see *hach re*

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be Ger *hach* ho but this would not
account for Prov *apcha* With to *bury the*
hat bet (Am r Ind.) cf th *pipe of peace*
With *hatchet* faced cf *lantern jawed* To
th ow the hatchet (mod.) is app a variation
on to *d aw the lion's*

hatchment [hist] Archaic F *hachement*
crested helm t etc above shield in ar-
morial bearings app for *assessment* from
acc mer to adorn a very common OF verb
of doubtful origin Cf obs. L *atchament*
often confu ed with *achiere ment*

No trophv word nor hat hment o h boues
(lit m v s)

bate AS *hete* noun *hætu* verb Com
Teut. cf Du *hate* Ger *hass* ON *hate*
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hatchel See *hackle* *h* *chle*

hatchet *Γ* *hachette* dim of *hache* axe OHG
happa (*happ*) scythe *F* *ha-ke* could also
be *Cer* *hache* *h* *ce* but this would not
account for Prov *apcha* With to *b* *ry* the
h *ichet* (NAmer Ind) cf the *pips* of *peace*
With *hachet* *fac* *d* cf *lantern* jawed To
throw the *hat* *het* (*mol*) is app a variation
on to *d* *aw* the *ton* *bow*

hatchment [Hist] Archaic *Γ* *hacheme* *t*
crested helmet etc above shield in ar-
morial bearings app for a *escutment* from
acesmer to adorn a very common OF verb
of doubtful origin Cf obs *Γ* *acheament*
often confused with *achiet* *e* *ment*

h trophy sw *d* north *h* ment o *h* bores
(H ml 1 5)

hate AS *helo* noun *hat* *an* verb Com
Teut cf Du *haat* Ger *ha* ON *hatr*
Goth *hatts* *Hat* *ed* is of ME formation
with rare suffix *red* AS *rad* *n* condition

of kindred Mod use of *late* for bombardment, etc., is an allusion to the *Hymn of Hate*, perpetrated (Aug 1914) by one Lissauer. See *beat*

hatter, mad as a The association of the *March Hare* and the *hatter* is due to Lewis Carroll. The wildness of the hare during March is well known, and *mad as a March hare* is used by Su T More (1520). *Mad as a hatter* is mod US (*Sam Slick*, 1837), and *mad* has here its LS sense of angry. The *hatter* may have orig been *adder*, or *Ger otter*, which means both adder and otter. *Attercop* spider, has also been suggested, and has some support in *mad as a bed-bug*, which I have come across in US literature.

hauberik [*hist*] OF *hauberc* (*haubert*), OHG *halsberg*, neck protection, cf AS *leutsbeorg*, hauberk, which did not survive. See *haws*, *scabbard*, *habergeon*.

haugh [*Sc & north*] AS *healh*, corner, nook. In Sc and north used of flat alluvial land beside river, but meaning in E, is of *heal*, *hale*, from AS *dat*, varies according to locality. Common in place-names, *-hale*, *-hall*.

haughty From earlier *haught*, F *haut* (see *hauteur*). For monogram -g- cf. *sprightly*, *delight*, etc. Perh really back-formation from ME *hauteness*, from F *hautain*, by analogy with *naughtiness*, *naughty*, etc. No lord of thine, thou haught insulting man (Rich II, iv, 1).

haul See *hale*². In 16 cent often *hall* (cf *maul*). Noun, as in *fine haul*, is from metaphor of hauling in a fishing-net.

haulm, *halm* "Little used" (Skeat), but that was before we all became potato growers. AS *healm*, stalk. Com Teut, cf Du Ger *halm*, stem of grass, ON *halmr*, straw, cogn with L *calamus*, G *κάλamos*, reed.

haunch Earlier *hanch*, F *hanche*, LG *hanka*, ? cogn with Ger *hinken*, to limp, cf obs Du *hancke*, hip. OHG *ancha*, joint (see *ankle*), whence Ger dial *anke*, nape of neck, does not account for *h-*.

haunt F *hanter*, to frequent, ? from Teut *ham*, home (see *hamlet*), via Late L **hamtare*. Ghost sense, first in Shaks (*Dream*, iii 1), is developed in E.

Hausa [*hng*] Bantu lang spoken on coast of WAfr. Cf *Swahili*.

haussmannize [*hist*] From Baron Haussmann, prefect of Paris (1853-70), who reconstructed a great part of the town. Cf *grimthorpe*.

hautboy F. *hautbois*, lit high wood, whence *H obor*.

hauteur F, from *haut*, high, L *altus*, influenced by synon OHG *lōh* (*hoch*).

havana Cigar from *Havana* (*Habana*) in Cuba.

have AS. *habban* Com Teut, cf Du *hebben*, Ger. *haben*, ON *hafa*, Goth *labar*. It is uncertain whether L cognate is *habere* or *capere*. Mod *he had better*, etc., replaces AS *him* (dat) *wære betere*, etc. In Shaks the old and mod constructions are confused.

Me rather had, my heart might feel your love,
Than my unpleas'd eye see your courtsey.

(Rich II, iii 3)

haven AS *hafen*, cogn with *have*, cf Du *haven*, Ger *hafer* (from LG for MHG *habene*), ON *höfn*, whence Dan. *havn*, corrupted in E-Copenhagen. Practically obs exc in fig sense.

haversack F *havresac*, LG *haversack* (cf Ger *habersack*), oat sack, orig trooper's bag for horse provender, cf northern dial *haver*, oats, ON *hafre*. This is the Com Teut word for oats, cf Du *haver*.

havildar Sepoy non-commissioned officer. Pers *hawāldār*, from Arab *hawālah*, charge, and Pers. agential *-dār* (cf *sirdar*, *res-saldar*, etc.).

havoc Usu with *make*, *play*. Orig only in to cry *havoc*, give signal for pillage, OF *havel*, *havo* (12 cent). Origin unknown, but prob Teut. Cf F *haro*, also Teut (Norman), in OF, always in *crier haro* or *clameur de haro*.

Cry havoc and let slip the dogs of war.

(Jul Cæs, iii 1)

haw¹. Berry AS *haga*, fruit of *hawthorn*, AS *haguthorn*, from *haga*, hedge, enclosure (see *hag*¹), whence archaic *haw*, as in obs *church-haw*, churchyard. *Hawbuck*, bumpkin, churl (c 1800), as in *Hawbuck Grange* (Surrey), is prob from *haw*, hedge, and *buck*, in 18 cent sense of dandy, etc (cf *hedge-priest*).

haw² In eye of horse or dog ? From *haw*¹, from shape. Cf F *orgelet*, sty (in eye), dim of OF *orgeol*, Late L *hordeolum*, barley-corn, sty.

unguis a diserve in the eye called an haw (Coop).

haw³ In *hem* and *ha(h)*, *haw haw*, etc. See *hum*.

hawk¹ Bird AS *hafoc* Com Teut; cf Du *haviik*, Ger *habicht* (OHG *habeck*), ON

hawk ? Ult cogn with *hawk* in sense of gra-p seize *Haukweid* is translated from G *spuow* from *paʒ* hawk

hawk² To clear the throat Imit

hawk³ Plasterer's palette Prob from *hawk*¹ Cf *F oisen* a hod lit bird

hawker kind of pedlar The form of this word LG *haker* v Du *heuker* huckster (qv) is due to E *hawker* v huck in ME not only meant falconer but also itinerant d al r in foreign ha ks travelling from castle to castle Verb to *hawk* is a back formation (cf *e lge peddle*)

hawse [na:t] Turther *halse* AS *heal* neck prow of ship Com Tent cf Du *Cer* ON *Goth* *hals* cogn with L *collum* *Halse* neck to embrace is still in dial us See also *athu* 1

hawser [na:t] AF *haucour* (14 cent) from OF *hauc* v (*hausse*) to raise hoist (see *enchain*) It has been associated in form and sense with *haue* (s) F *hausserie* *hawser* is borrowed back from I But some connect *hawser* with L *heliarius* barge tower from G *hā* to drag and this view finds some support in OF *hausserie* towing path

Lay ag v ursell swart my hawser (O1)

hawthorn See *hau*¹

hay¹ Dried grass AS *hæg* cogn with *heu* Com Tent cf D *hoo* Ger *heu* ON *hey* Coth *hau* Hrs fter (*hay*-asthma sus ner e l rh) is irritation caused by grass pollen

Wh the s nesh th mak h y
(II ywood 1546)

hay² [hi:t] Hedge enclosure AS *he* hedge encloure com with *hi*¹ *hau* but the ME word more often represents cogn F *haie* OHC *ha* s Hence *hayward* d who protected enclou re against cattle and trespassers common n w as surname **haysel** [di:l] Hay ea on (F ang) MF s le season

The great seasonal occup tions, like haysel d b rve-1 (Sir 4, Goiden Oct 9 1917)

hazard F *has* rd (12 cent) a diegame (f chance) cf Sp Port a or Of Oriental origin The statement of William of Tyre a contemporary of the Crusades that the game was named from the astle of *has* t (in Zarba) in Palestin has a curious parallel in the hist of Boston (qv) Vulgar Arab a *ahr* s r l hr the die (cf *az m th*) : a less fanciful etymon but

this is a word of doubtful authority hi h may have been borrowed from Sp or iron It *zara* a game at dice called hazard (Flor) Cf *apricot carat* et

haze¹ Mist Back formation from *haz* (1592) orig naut App connected by some mysterious piece of folkli re with the *ha* e trace an animal which plays an important part n t r folklor Cf *der la p b auet* LC d *ha* e broiel lit the hare i breying (in his subterranean kitle n) i u d of a ground m st Cf synonym *der fr l s hadet* sick lit the fox is bathing

haze or *hake* fog 1 (Litt)
S h d tr t d h e r u w sl i a t p f
f d r wese (V W)

d ha boud xt mar v eders hie w n
i som e ber d n s h pl tzh b ein bel über
den dbod n eht F s b
(Bergh us p k h t d m)

haze² [na:t & US] To bully L dial *ha* e to frighten ill treat App connected though reason is quite obscure with *haze* Cf F *lamer* to bully haze dial f rm of *br* e r from *brume* mist haze
t has or hie ou pe terr l i l obtundo
(Litt)

hazel AS *hæsel* Com Tent f Du *haz el* (ear) Ger *hazel* ON *hisl* com with L *co ulus* (*cosulus*) *hazel*

Th w h q mel th man t er k k uta
ha ng oth r son b h bica w th h i
h eleges (R w & J l i i)

he AS *he* From the same base orig demonstr as *he* *hen* etc com with L *e* t a Ger *e* Coth is represent an other have cogn with L s but th h base appears in Ger ad s *her him* and *heute* to day (cf AS *hæ-dæg*)

he he he Natural interj cf *ha hi h* 2 f and other lings *Ha ha he h* are in *Yella* s *G ammar* (c 1000)

head AS *hæfod* Com Tent cf Du *hoofd* Ger *kampf* ON *h'f* th Goth *hauþ* ult cogn with I *e p f* t With *he* l nit cf *poll tax* c *pital* or For to se to a *head* see *gather* but there is also association with F *ren d chef* (see *achie*) With geog ense cf *cape*² with en of commander cf *chief* *Head* and *font* is after Shaks (Oth 1 3) *He d o er heels* is a curious perversion of early r k l o r *head* used in MF description of Jonah's descent into the whale cf *over k d and* ea s by the *head* a d *evra* (should rs) To *make head* or *tail* of is to d sentance

beginning and end With to make head
against cf F *tenir tête a* With *headstrong*,
heady, cf *testy* (q v) *Headway* is naut ;
cf *leeway*, and to head for (F *mettre le cap*
sur) To head off is to force to change of
direction by getting in front

The water foules han her hedes leyd
Togedre (Chaucer *Parl Fowls*, 554)

All the current of a heady fight (1 Hen. IV, ii 3)

-head ME suffix *-hede*, cogn with *-hood*
Only in *godhead*, *maidenhead*

headborough [hɪst] Orig head officer of a
frithborh (see *frankpledge*)

headlong For earlier *headling*, with adv
suffix as in *grovelling* Cf *sidelong*

Al the drove wente heedlynge [Vulg praecept] in
to the see (Wyc *Matth viii 32*)

heal AS *hēlan*, from *hāl*, whole Com
Teut, cf Du *heelen*, Ger *heilen*, ON.
heila, Goth *haljan* Cf Sc *heal*, health
See *hale*¹, whole, holy Gradually restricted
in sense by adoption of *cure*

health AS *hællth*, from *hāl*, whole (v s) In
ME also in sense of deliverance, salvation
Cf *wealth*

Myn vghen han seyn thin helthe

(Wyc *Luke*, ii 30)

heap AS *hēap* WGer, cf Du *hoop*, Ger
hausen See *forlorn hope*. All of a heap is
for earlier all on a heap (Shaks), for AS
on heape Cf OF *cheoir à tas*, to fall all
of a heap

hear AS *hieran* Com Teut, cf Du *hooren*,
Ger *hören*, ON *heyra*, Goth *hausjan*,
prob cogn with G *ἀκούειν*, to hear, and
ult with *ear*¹ Rustic year is AS *gehieran*,
much commoner than simple verb, whence
ME *where* With *hearsay* cf to hear say,
now considered vulgar, and F *entendre dire*

Then eried a wise woman out of the city, Hear,
hear (2 Sam xxi 16)

hearken See *hark*

hearse F *herse*, harrow, portcullis, L *hirpex*,
hirpic, large rake In ME an elaborate
framework to hold candles over bier or
coffin Afterwards applied to a canopy,
the bier itself, and poet to the tomb
Mod use from 17 cent Cf *rehearse*

Underneath this sable hearse

Lies the subject of all verse (W. Browne)

heart AS *heorte* WArvan, cf Du *hart*,
Ger *herz*, ON *hjartr*, Goth *harta*, L *cor*,
cord, G *Kardia*, OIr *críde*, Welsh *cradd*,
Russ *serdtsé*, etc The more elementary
fig senses are found in AS, including that

of seat of intellect, memory, now only in
by heart (cf F *par cœur*) Searchings of
heart is after Judges, v 16 To wear one's
heart upon one's sleeve is after Shaks (*Oth*
1 i). To take heart of grace is a mysterious
pun on hart of grease (earlier *herte* of gresse),
a fat hart (? likened to stout heart), sim-
plified by the fact that both words were
usu spelt *herte* in 16 cent

I take herte a gresse, as one doth that taketh a sodayne
courage upon hym. je prens eueur en panse (Palsg)

Heart of oak are our ships, heart of oak are our men
(Song, 1760)

hearth AS *heorht* WGer, cf Du *haard*,
Ger *herd* For fig senses, *hearth* and *home*,
etc, cf F *foyer*

heat AS *hæte*, from *hāt*, hot; cogn with Du
hitte, Ger *hitze*, ON *hite*, Goth *heitō*, fever.
Sporting sense is from ME meaning of
single intense effort *Heat-wave* is US

heath AS *hæth*, heathland, heather It is
uncertain which is orig sense Com Teut,
cf Du Ger *heide*, ON *heithr*, Goth *haihi*.
With *heathen*, AS *hæthen*, cf Ger *heide*,
but the choice of the word may have been
determined by superficial resemblance to
G *ἔθνη*, nations, gentiles Some think
the Goths took it from Armen *hethanos*,
a loan-word from G *ἔθνος* Pagan (q v)
is not a parallel ease *Heathensess*, obs
exc in romantic style, which looks like
a formation on F *largesse*, *noblesse*, is AS
hæthennes (see *-ness*)

heathen See *heath*

heather From 18 cent only (orig Sc),
earlier *hathir*, *hadder* Connection with
heath is uncertain, though Ger *heidekraut*,
heather, lit heath-plant, makes it likely.
(cf also OHG *heidahi*, heather) To set
the heather on fire, start a disturbance, is
Sc

heave AS *hebban* Com Teut., cf Du
heffen, Ger *heben* (OHG *heffan*), ON *hefja*,
Goth *hafsjan*, cogn with L *capere* Orig
to lift, raise, as in to heave a sigh, to heave
the gorge (*Oth* ii i), whence mod sense of
retching Cf also *heave-offering* (Ex xxix
27) Also intrans, to rise, hence to heave n
sight Now chiefly naut, with correct past
hove

heaven AS *heofon*, heaven, sky, with LG
cognates App unconnected with Du
hemel, Ger *himmel*, ON *himinn*, Goth
himins, which are perh cogn with *home*
(of the gods) Common in pl, after L
caeli, G *οὐρανός*, Heb *shamayim*, in early

departure, from *hajara*, to depart, cogn with name *Hagar*

heifer AS *hēahfor*, -*fre*, -*fru*, ME *hayfare*, suggest that this may be for *high-fare* (goer) Another theory connects it with Ger dial *hagen*, *hegel*, bull, and AS *fearr*, bull

heigh Natural ejaculation (interrogative), with addition of *ho* indicates weariness, etc
heighday See *heyday*

height AS *hēchthu*, from *high*, cf *heighten*
Mod pronounce (v i) was not fixed till 18 cent, and -*th* is still common colloq

The height and depth of thy eternal ways
(*Par L viii 115*)

Heine [*hist*] Ger, for *Herrlich* (see *Harry*)
The Canadians call their enemy Heine and not Fritz (*Daily Chron* Aug 25, 1917)

heinous F *hainus* (OF *hainos*), from *haine* hatred, from *hain*, to hate, of LG origin (cf Goth *hatjan*)

heir Altered from ME *er*, OF (*hon*), I, *heres* (VL acc **herem*, for *heredem*), cogn with G *χῆρος*, bereft ME form survives in surnames *Ayre*, *Eyre* For *heirloom*, hereditary tool, chattel, see *loom*¹

This is the ere, cume ye, slea ye him
(*Wic Matt xxi 38*)

helianthus Sunflower From G *ἥλιος*, sun, *ἄνθος*, flower

helichrysum Immortelle From G *ἥλιξ*, spiral, *χρυσός*, gold

Helicon G *Ἑλικών*, mountain in Boeotia, sacred to Muses Cf *Parnassus*

helicopter [*neol*] Device for enabling aeroplanes to rise perpendicularly From G *ἥλιξ* (v s), *πτερόν*, wing

With the development of a helicopter, machines could land and rise from any flat roofed house
(*Daily Mail*, Mar 21, 1919)

heliograph From G *ἥλιος*, sun Orig of photography

heliotrope Orig kind of sunflower (v s)
From G. *τρέπειν*, to turn

helium [*chem*] Isolated (1895) by Ramsay
From G *ἥλιος*, sun, after *selenium*, *tellurium*

helix L, G *ἥλιξ*, spiral, cf F *hélice*, screw (of steamer)

hell AS *hell*, abode of dead, place of torment, cogn with *helan*, to hide, whence dial *hele*, to cover up, and surnames *Helher*, *Hillyar*, etc, tiler Com Teut, cf Du *hel*, Ger *hölle* (OHG *hella*), ON *hel*, Goth *halja* In AV for *Sheol* (OT), *Hades* and *Gehenna* (NT.) For expletive

and fig uses of *devil*. *Gambling-hell* is after 18 cent F *enfer*, in same sense First NED record for *hell-for-leather* is from Kipling, but my memory of it goes back nearly fifty years Can it be for *all of a lather* (q v) with secondary allusion to *leather* in sporting sense of skin as affected by riding? *Hell-eat*, Sc *hellicat*, are prob suggested by *Hecate* (*Macb*, iii 5)

hellebore Earlier *ellebore*, F *ellebore*, L, G *ἐλλέβορος*

Hellene G *Ἑλλήν*, first as pl, in Homer, of a Thessalian tribe named from its chief
Hellenistic is now used of later G

hello See *hallo*

helm¹ Helmet AS *helm* Com Teut, cf Du. Ger *helm*, ON *hjaln*, Goth *hilm*, cogn with *hele*, to cover (see *hell*), L *celare*, G *καλύπτειν* Also in Rom langs, from OHG Replaced, exc poet, by dim, *helmet*, from OF With *helm-cloud* (lake-country), whence *helm-wind*, cf. the "hat" of Mount Pilatus in Switzerland

Hat Pilatus seinen hut, so wird das wetter bleiben gut

The helm wind which blew in the Lake Country
1st week (*Manch Guard* Mar 13, 1918)

helm² Tiller AS *helma*, cf ON *hjálm*, helm, MHG *helm*, handle (see *halbert*), cogn with *helve*

helminthology Study of intestinal worms.
From G *ἔλμινθ*, *ἐλμινθ*, man-worm

helot, G *ἑλλοτες* (pl), of *ἔλος*, Laconian town whose inhabitants were enslaved and, according to Plutarch, made to act as awful examples ("drunken helots") to young Spartans Sense of ill-used "outlander" (v.i) dates from Lord Milner's famous speech on SAfr (c 1898)

No Rumanian government could have intervened except for the purpose of redeeming the Rumanian helots in Hungary (*Daily Chron* Nov. 6, 1916)

help AS *helpan* Com Teut, cf Du *helfen*, Ger *helfen*, ON *hjalpa*, Goth *hulpan* Orig strong, as in Bibl *holpen* Spec sense of serving at table (*second helping*, etc) prob began (17 cent) as transl of F *sevoir*, "to help, stead, avale" (Cotg) *Help*, servant, is recorded (US) for 1645, cf Bibl *help*, as in *an help meet for him* (*Gen* ii 18), for *Vulg adiutorium simile sibi*, whence ghost-word *helpmeet*, becoming later *helpmate* In sense of remedy (*can't help*, *no help*) always with neg expressed or suggested Applied in US to person, so as to avoid the "humiliating" servant

helter-skelter Cf *hurry-scurry* *hurry-scurry*
but both elements are obscure Can it be
formed on obs *Du hiltys little heel* used
ac.ording to Sewel of the winged heels of
Mercury? In Shaks (2 Hen II v 3) it
is used of a messenger's utmost haste

helve AS *h*: cf cogn. with *helm*¹ *heller* and
f runs in obs. Du. LG. & HG

jetter la m ch aya la igne to throw the h i e
afte th bat het (Cot)

Helvetian Helvetic From L. *Helvetia* (= *terra*) Switzerland

hem¹ Border AB *hem(m)* cogn with *la* :
enclosure (see *la no*) and with Ger *hemmen*
to constrain obstruct cf to *hem in*

hem^h h m Interj. sound of cleaning throat
cf. ahem hem and ha(n) hu u (q v)

hematit etc See *Anel*

hemisphere Lato L. (*ημισφαίριον* from *μη* half cogn with L. *semis* Sanskrit *śloka* and *σφαίρα* sphere Cf. *hemispha* (see *distal*))

hemlock Kentish form of AS *hymelce* No cognates known For vowel cf *left*

hemp AS *kenep* cf Du *kennepe* Ger *hanf*
ON *hampr* Though widely diffused in
Arryan (L *cannabis* G *yaftē* OSla
konopli; Pers *kanab*) it is prob a non
Arryan word borrowed early from Scythian
Th Teut forms are not from L *cannabis*
but independent acquisitions from a com
mon source

hen 4S hen form of kana cock Wter
cf Du hen Ger henne Mass form Corn
Teut is cogn with L. canera to sing
Eng henbane see h1 e Hence h1 12 cent

hence ME *þenne* with adv *s* for earlier
henre (1 *thence*) from demonstr stem of
he cf Ger *him* *ni* *nen*

henchman ME *henst-man* groom (cf. *MedL*
he gestman 115) from AS *heugast* horse.
 Comp. Teut. cf. Du *Cer henst* ON *hest*
 horse stallion etc. and the var name of
 the reputed Jewish conqueror of *h* at
 Fur change of sense cf. *con tabl* *marsh*!
 The word became obs. in 17 cent. and in
 mod. use may be one of Scott's ghost
 words (cf. *ba* in an *war son*). He found
hanchma in Burt's *Letters* on North S.
land (1, 30) explained as one who is always
 at his master's *haunch* (cf. *f. antey*) w: h
 is either a blunler or an intention. Its
 introduction into the *Lays of a Lays*
 (1, 35) and *B. & C.ley* (see ch. xvi) made it
 a mod. literary word. There may thus be
 no real connect. with the ME. word.

hendecagon From C $\nu\delta\epsilon$ a, eleven, $\mu\epsilon\tau\alpha$ angle

hendiadya [xan] Late L for C δ a
 δ a one thru h two eg *foeila et*
aarum for *an res foeil* gold'n goblets

henna Shrub and dye Arab *Lawsonia*

benoethelism Dilution of *monothelism* From
G. S. R. ONE

hepatic L. G. (pathos from deep liver)

heptad The number seven is etymologically derived from the Greek word *hepta*, meaning seven. The word *heptad* is used in the Bible to denote a group of seven. For example, in the Book of Genesis, the seven days of creation are referred to as the *heptad* of days. The word *heptad* is also used in mathematics to denote a set of seven elements. The word *heptad* is derived from the Greek word *hepta*, which is the root of the word *heptagon*, meaning a seven-sided polygon. The word *heptad* is also used in astronomy to denote a group of seven stars. The word *heptad* is a common word in many languages, including English, and is used in a variety of contexts.

her¹ Objects e case AS h e dat ct heo
she which earth repla ed also acc hie See
he Hence herself i h m clf m If (i r
myself)

her possession and case AS her genitive of
A20 she used as possess adj and de el pm,
pronoun forms *her* *her* cf Ger *h* her
orig genitive of she she

Restore the health through the herbium [over]
[over] [over]

herald Of herself (cf *It araldo* Sp *h all*)
OHC *ha a a t* army wielder (see *Ar*
bo t) found as personal name (*Char ov da*)
in Tacitus Cf *E H a t t* *vs* *He cauld*
and first element of *Ario tus* (Caesar)
I see no difficulty in supposing that the
herald's functions had changed in pre
documentary times

herb f herbe (OF *erbe*) I *herba* grass, et
The *h* as correctly, mute till 19 cent
Herbal book on her, is after *manuall*
n sal et hence *herbalist* *He* bore f
Herbo *err* shows the same conf. sion w t
arbor tree as L. = *bo* (q.v.) *Herb* of
grace (*Hand* iv 5) also called *herb* of e
penitence is a play on double meaning of
it (q.v.) See also *Lennet*

Heracles L. G. *Hercules* trail glory (Λεως) of Hera at whose command he performed his twelve labours. Hence *Plas* of *He* *cume* Calpe and Abyla (now Gibraltar and Ceuta) regarded by ancients as supporting western boundary of the world.

herd. AS *hord* Com Teut cl obs. Du
herde Cer *he te* ON *hyð* th (oth *hair* a
 com with *G. xophus* troop. Cf *herd* f r
herdum in use in compds i h *herd* etc.)
 AS *he de* also Com Teut (Cer *hinf* etc.)
 TI common *herd* is after Shaks (*ful* *Caes*
 1 2)

here AS *hēr*, cogn with *he* Com Teut., cf Du Ger *hier*, ON Gotli *hēr* *Heretofore* preserves otherwise obs *tofore*, AS. *tōforan* (cf *before*)

hereditary L *hereditarius*, from *heres*, *hered-*, heir *Heredity* (biol), F *hérédité*, appears to have been introduced by Herbert Spencer Cf *heritage*, *heritor*, F *héritage*, *héritier*

heresy F *hérésie*, from L, G *αἵρεσις*, selection, school of thought, sect, from *αἰρῶν*, to take The G word is rendered *sect* in transls of NT

Surreverunt autem quidam de haeresi pharisaeorum (Vulg *Acts*, xv 5)

heriot [leg] Gift to lord on death of tenant of latter's best live beast or dead chattel, orig restoration of mil equipment. AS *herc-gætwæ* (pl), army gear Second element is *getāwe*, trappings, etc., from *tāwian*, to prepare (see *taw*) Cf Du *verheerewaden*, "to renew fealty and homage to the lord paramount" (Sewel, 1766), from MHG *hergewæte*, warlike equipment, from OHG *gwaht* (*gewand*), attire

heritage, heritor See *hereditary*

hermaphrodite L, G ἑρμαφρόδιτος, son of *Hermes* and *Aphrodite*, who became one with the nymph *Salmaeis*

'Ee's a kind of a giddy harumfrodite—soldier and sailor too (Kipling)

hermeneutic [theol] Of interpretation From G ἑρμηνεύω, to interpret, prob from Ἑρμῆς (v 1)

Hermes L, G Ἑρμῆς, son of Zeus and Maia, identified by Romans with Mercury Applied as title Ἑρμῆς τρις μέγιστος, *Hermes* thrice greatest, by early mystics and alchemists to Egypt deity Thoth Hence *hermetic*, dealing with occult science, and with air-tight sealing of vessels, etc used by alchemists

hermetic See *Hermes*

hermit ME also *ermit*, *amut*, F *ermite*, L, G ἑρημίτης, from ἑρημία, desert (cf *eremite*) Cf name *Amistage* Unoriginal *h-* also in OF The famous *Hermitage* wine is from a hill near Valence with a ruin at the top

A solitary churchyard called the *Hermitage*, or more commonly *Armitage*

(*Bride of Lammermoor*, ch viii)

hern Archaic for *heron* (q v)

I come from haunts of coot and hern

(Tennyson, *Brook*)

hernia [anat] L; cf F *hernie*, replacing OF *hargne*. In Chauc

hero Back-formation from *heroes*, L *heroēs*, pl of *heros*, G ἥρως, hero, demi-god, cf F *héros*, It *eroe*, Sp *héroe*. For back-formation cf *satellite* *Heroic-comic* (al), first as title of Pope's *Rape of the Lock* (1712), is from F. *héroi-comique*, for *héroïco-comique*, with one *-co-* lost by dissim (cf *idolatry*) *Heroic verse*, decasyllabic iambic, is from It

And you beside the honourable band

Of great heroes do in order stand (Spenser)

Herodian Jewish partisan of *Herod* family, esp of *Herod Antipas* (BC 4-AD 39) In AS gospels (*Mark*, xii 13) The name is derived from *hero* (v s) See also *outherod*

heroin Drug Ger trade-name disguising connection with morphium

heron F *héron*, OF *haron*, *haigron*, *hegron*, from latinized form of OHG *heigr*, with Scand cognates, cf It *aghiuone*, Sp *avón*, and see *aigrette*, *egret* OHG *heigr* is app connected with MHG *reiger* (*reihet*), *heron*, Du *reiger*, AS *hrægra*, while the immediate AS cognate of *heron* is *higora*, magpie, wood-pecker *Hern* (archaic & poet) is very common in place-names and surnames Archaic and dial *heronshaw*, *hernshaw*, etc, is OF. dim *heronceau*, *heroncel* Hence, according to Hammer, to know a hawk from a handsaw (*Ham* ii 2), but this phrase (not otherwise known) may be of the type to know a great A from a bull's foot

herpes Skin disease L, G, from ἑρπεω, to creep, cogn with *serpent* Cf *herpetology*, study of snakes

Herr Ger, sir, Mr Orig compar of *helu*, noble, venerable, cogn with *hoar* (q v)

herring AS *hæring* WGer, cf Du *haring*, Ger *haring*, also F *haring*, from Du ? From AS *hār*, hoar, white, cf *whiting* Fig sense of *red-herring across the track*, in order to throw hounds off the scent (see *drag*), is app quite mod *Herring-pond* for Atlantic is recorded 1686

Herrnhuter Moravian (q v) From first Ger settlement at *Herrnhut*, Lord's keeping, in Saxony Sec *Heir* and *heed*.

hers See *her*² *Herself*, see *her*¹

herse [archaic] Portcullis, phalanx See *hearse*

Hertzian waves [phys] Discovered by *Hertz*, Ger physicist (†1894)

hesitate From L *haesitare* frequent of *haerere* *haes* to stick fast

Hesper Hesperus L G Ἠσπερος of the evening western cogn with *vesper* (q v) Hence the *Hesperides* daughters of the west who guarded the golden apples in the isle of the blest also *hesperid* in bot terms dealing with the orange

Hessian boots Worn (18 cent) by Hessian troops from Hesse Germany The Hessian fly destructive to wheat was so called because supposed to have been taken to America by Hessian troops hired to fight against the colonists during War of Independence (cf *Hannover rat*)

hest [archaic] AS *hæst* command with ex crescent *h* as in *a nidst* etc See *behest* *h ght*

hetaira Courtesan G ἡταῖρα female companion

heterochite [gram] Γ ἡτεροχίτη L G ἑτεροχίτης irregularly inflected from *ερεος* other different *χίτη* to bend Cf *heterodox* from *doxa* opinion *heterogeneous* from *γένος* kind

hetman Earlier also *ataman* of the Cossacks Pol from Ger *hauptmann* head man captain The first *hetman* known to Western Europe was Mazepa (†1709)

G eral Kaleidm has been elected prior Ataman i Uk e (Duly Ch on Sep 9 17)

heuristic Irreg formation from G *po* to find

hew AS *hlawan* Com Teut cf Du *honen* Ger *hauen* ON *högga* cogn with *hay* and ult with L *cudere*

hexad The number six C ἑξας *ἑξ* from *ἕξ* six cogn with L *sex* Cf *h ex* on from *γω* a angle *hexameter* from *peripor* measure *hexapla* six fold parallel text of OT made by Origen neut pl of ἑξαπλούς six fold *heptatech* pentateuch (q v) with Book of Joshua

heyday Interj ? From *he h hey* natural ejaculation with second element as in Ger *heida* from which it may have been imitated This: lit *h there* but the *da* may also be interjectional cf F *ou da* The *heyday* (of youth etc) is now understood a *h heyday* but the earlier sense of excitement etc e g *h v-drv in the blood* (Hamlet 4) seems to have some association with the interj It is not impossible that the exclamation itself is sometimes for *high day* cf F *jour de Dieu* *Hey* is a common ME

spelling of *high* and the surname *Heyday* *Hayday* is certainly for *high day* (cf names *Holiday* *Christmas* etc)

heyd yi O festum di m (Litt.)

heyduck heyduke Polish servant Cf Pol *hayduk* al o in Boh Magyar etc Said to be name of a Hung tribe (cf *slave coolie* etc)

hey ho Orig naut (see *rumbelow*)

hi Interj Cf *hey he* *h ho* etc

hiatus L from *hiare* to gape Cf *dehiscent* *chasm*

hibernate From L *hibernare* from *hibern* s from *hiems* winter

Hibernian From L *hibernus* for *hierna* G *I pny* from Ocelt form of *Erin* whence also AS *Irland*

hibiscus L G βόσκος kind of mallow

hiccough Late spelling associated with *cough* of earlier *hiccup* *hi h t* unit of sound cf F *hiquet* the hiccock or yering (Cotg) Du *h kken* to snb

hickory For *poik chery* native Virginian name (17 cent)

hidalgo Sp formerly also *hiyo dal o* (ie *al o*) son (L *filius*) of some-one (L *al quis*) Cf OSp Port *fidalgo* This formation unknown to other Rom langs may be an unit of Arab *ibn* was son of people used as complimentary title

hide¹ Skin AS *hida* Com Teut cf Du *hid* Ger *haid* ON *hulh* cogn with L *cutis* G *kurros* and perb with *hide²* Hence *hide* to flog *H d bound* was orig (16 cent) used of cattle then of trees but fig use is very early (cf *case hardened*)

h d bound *di* temper in horses when the skin sticks so fast to the back and ribs that you cannot pull it from the flesh with your hand I doubt *hy* trees are likewise *d* to be *h le-bound* with the bark of *k* too loose

(Diet Rust 1717)

hide² [hist] Measure of land AS *h d* earlier *higd* from *hior* family as in *hiorse* *hiorsepe* family household hite of land cogn with *hind* and with Ger *heirat* marriage The old popular etym from *hid*¹ prob originated from Virgil's account of foundation of Carthage

M *ratique vel in facie omni* Hyrtam
T *rino quantum posse t circumdare i rego*
(A 36)

hide³ Verb AS *hidan* with cognates in LC & obs Du ? cogn with *hi* ? or with G *nē* to hide

hideous F *hideux*, OF *hisdos*, from *hilde*,
? L *hispidus*, bristly, ult from *hircus*, goat
Cf *horrid*

hie [archaic] AS *higian*, to be intent on,
strive, whence ME *hien*, also reflex., to
hasten, gradually becoming a verb of
motion (cf *hasten*), cf Du *hygen*, to
pant, Dan *hige*, to strive after.

Abraham hiede [*var* hastide, *Vulg* festinavit]
into the tabernacle (Wyc Gen xvm. 6)

hierarchy ME *ierarchie* (Wyc), OF, L, G
ieparchia, rule of a *hierarch*, high-priest,
from *iepos*, holy Cf *hieratica* (sc *charita*),
finest papyrus, used in sacred writings

hieroglyphic G *ιερογλυφικός*, from *γλύφειν*,
to carve (vs) First used of Egypt
picture-writing Cf *hierophant*, expounder
of sacred mysteries, from G *phainein*, to
reveal, as in *zycophant*

higgle Thinned form of *haggle* (cf *slip*, *flap*),
representing a less noisy dispute Hence
higgle, itinerant dealer

higgledy-piggledy Earlier also *highly-pigly*
Prob reduplicated jingle on *pig*, with ref
to huddling together. To *pig* (*in*) occurs
in this sense in 17 cent

They ly higgledy piggledy, master, mistress,
children, men and maid servants altogether
(NED 1671)

high AS *hēah* Com Teut, cf Du *hoog*,
Ger *hoch*, ON *hār*, Goth *hauh*, cogn
with Ger *hugel*, hill, and northern dial
how Fig senses as in F *haut*, L *altus*
Latest application as intens perh is *high*
tea *High and dry* is naut *High and*
mighty was orig epithet of dignity, cf
highness, and Du *Hoogenmoogendheiden*,
"High Mightinesses," offic title of States-
General *Highbrow*, "intellectual," is US
(cf *supercilious*) *High Churchman*, adopted
in mod sense by Newman and Pusey, was
in 17 cent equivalent to Tory, *High-sher*
For *high-flown*, -*falutin'* see below A *high-*
low (boot) is a compromise between a high
boot and a low shoe *High road* is a late
formation on *high street*, *highway*, both AS.
comps With *king's highway* cf F *chemin*
royal *High-strung* is orig from music
High-tored, of lofty principle, etc (now
US), is used by Scott With *high-handed*
cf F *haut à la main*, "proud, stately,
surly, stullen, stubborn, a striker, like
enough to lay about him" (Colg).

high-falutin' [US] Fantastic variation on
high-flown (? floating) See examples in

Thornton, app often quite serious, of which
quot 1 is hardly a caricature Is this type
of oratory due to Red Indian influence?
But, as quot 2 shows, we can do a little
in the same line in this country

He is a true-born child of this free hemisphere!
Verdant as the mountains of our country, bright
and flowing as our mineral licks, inspired by
withering conventionalities as air our broad
and boundless peregriners! Rough he may be So air
our bards Wild he may be So air our bufflers
But he is a child of nature and a child of freedom,
and his boastful answer to the despot and the
tyrant is that his bright home is in the settin' sun
(Chuzzlewit, ch xxv).

They recognized it wasn't frothy turgid rhetoric
which has been saved up to them for years, it was
the dynamite of facts booming like a minute gun
awakening the dormant mental splendours of
those imaginative industrious sons of toil, revealing
to them the sophistical cogwheels of political vote
catching chicanery (Hull Daily News, 1910)

high-flown Associated in sense with *high-*
flying (cf *outspoken* for *out-speaking*), but
really from *flown*, swollen, tumid, pp of
flow (q.v) Cf synon Ger *geschwulstig*,
swollen, earlier also *schwulstig*, from
schwellen, to swell Formerly used also for
drunk (see quot from Milton s v *flow*)

The young gentleman is come in, Madam, as you
foresw very high flowne, but not so drunke as to
forget your promise (Brome, *Mad Couple*, m 2)
eine schwulstige rede oder schreib'art a high strain,
a bombast, a tumid, high, high flown, high
strained, bombastick, swelling, swollen or swollen,
speech or stile (Ludw.)

hight [archaic] Only as pp, named, called.
Represents the past tense or passive (or
middle) voice of AS. *hātan*, to command,
and is the only Teut example of that
voice Com Teut, cf Du *heeten*, to bid,
be named, Ger *heissen*, ON *heita*, Goth
hastan It is used as a facetious archaism
by Shaks

This gnsly berst, which lion hight by name
(*Dream*, v 140)

hughty-tighty See *hoity-toity*.

hilarity F *hilarité*, L *hilaritas*, from *hilaris*,
cheerful, G. *laapós*

Hilary Session of High Court, term at Ox-
ford and Dublin From *St Hilary*, Hilarius,
bishop of Poitiers (†367), whose day is
Jan 13

hill AS *hyll*, with cognates in LG & obs Du,
nlt cogn. with L *collis*, hill, *celsus*, high
Hill-top, describing a pretentious type of
novel, is a neol

hillo See *hallo*

hilt AS *hilt* cf obs Du *helt* OHC *helt*
ON *hyllt* also OF *heltte* *heltte* from Teut
Orig n unknown *Up to the hilt* suggests a
home thrust

him AS *him* dat sing of *he* and *hit* re-
placing in ME acc *hine* which survives
in southern dial e.g. *hine* *u seed un?*
Cf G r *ihm* (acc) *ihm* (dat) Hence *him*
self often in ME *his self* *self* being taken
as noun cf *hys self* etc and *his own self*
hind Female deer fem of *hart* AS *hind*
Com Teut cf Du *Ger hinde* ON *hind*
Origin unknown I rh orig the hornless
as opposed to *hart* (q.v.)

hind (archaic & dial) Foreman or bailiff
of a farm ME *hine* peasant AS *hina*
gen pl as in *hine* *fader* paternalism
cogn with *hinde* (q.v.) orig sense being
member of household The *discreet*
as in *sound* *hine* being still in dial use
Quot 2 shows confusion between this very
respectable word and *hind* App it was
not known in the speaker's country
though it is in common use as far apart as
Scotlan and Cornwall

A c rta wain or heavy boy (alet de labo r g)
(Fl rto 3 M t g r h 2)

So n thing whi h dropped from th i rned and
right hon urabl Lo i Advor t la t light some
wh i gne ed m W b n h w s speak g f the
labour r f Scotia d l th k h lled th m
hind I thi k homo rable gentlemen on t
othe side of th Houe would feel v ry m ch
anno ed if w w e to all th m anious to
goat (Joseph Arch f (1936)

hind As in *hi dleg beh nd* Earlier *hinder*
as in *hindmost* and dial *hinder end* AS
hinde cf Ger *hinter* as in *hinter* *hinter* *hinter*
leg *hinde land* *Hindmost* is after *foremost*
(q.v.)

hinder AS *hindrian* to keep back from
above cf Ger *hinder*

Hind [Hind,] Urdu *hail* from Pers *hind*
India Sanskrit *sindhu* river hence region
of Indus and Sindh Used of a vernacular
Aryan lang of northern India akin to
Sanskrit and in this Dict. of such ver-
naculars a gen Cf *Hindi* Urdu *hindi*
from Pers *hind* *slan* ued for Urdu
from *Hind* *slan* (*slan* country as in
Afghanistan etc) is best avoided as a ling
term owing to possible confusion with
Hind See Urdu

hinge MF *hen* not found in AS but
clearly cogn with *hane* cf F *penne*
the hudge of a doore (Cotg) from

pendre to hang For fig senses cf *car*
dial See also *hook*

hunny Offspring of stallion and she ass
L *hinnus* cf G *hinnus* *hinnus*

hunny To neigh whinny ME *henry* I
hennir L *hinnus*

hunny (S & north) Darling See *honey*
hunt First in Shaks in sense of opportunity
chance as in Othello's great speech (1.3)
From obs *heit* to gra p AS *heitan* to
pursue cogn with *hunt* or with *ha id*
With to like a *hit* cf earlier to *atch hold*
of a *handle* (Sir T More)

hinterland Ger see *hind* and *land* Due to
Ger colonial expansion

The rymodern theory of th H tert d
(D I v r 15,)

hip Of body AS *hype* cf Du *hup* Ger
hufte (OHG *hif*) Goth *hip* Hence also
arch *h p* On the *hip* is t om wrestling? or
football *Hip and thigh* (B bl) seems to be
a Hebraism

With th knees to tch him pon the hip (at
football) (St ddes A of Abu c)

hip Of wild rose ME *hefe* AS *hrope* cf
OHC *hrofo* thorn bush

hip As in *hip hip hurrah* Earlier also *hep*
Cf Ger *hepp* cry to animals signal for
attack on Jews

hipped Depressed From archaic *hip* *hup*
(c 1700) usu pl short for *hypochondria*
cf *ob t* etc Cf Du *hiep* melancholy
for *hypochondria* Perh influenced by obs
hip to dislocate the hip or by wrestling
hip to throw (see *h p*)

even saw i hip to pul th h p or thigh out of
joint (Cotg)

hippocampus G h G from *hros* horse
(cogn with L *equus*) and *kampos* sea
monster

hippocras [archaic] Spiced wine ME
ypocras OF from *Hippocrates* C phy-
sician (5 cent a c) originator of a filter
called Hippocrates sleeve (bag) The f m
prob aims at *ypocras* as though sub-
mixture (see *crasis*)

hippocrene L G fountain on Helicon
from *hros* *hros* fountain of the horse
because made by hoof of Pegasus. See
heats *Ode to Nightingale*

hippodrome F L G *hippodrome* race-
course for chariots from *hros* race For
hippogryph fabulous monster ft *ippo-*
griso (Anost) see *griso*

hippopotamus Late L Late G *hippopotamus*

from ποταμός, river (cf *Mesopotamia*). Also called *river-horse* (Longfellow, *Slave's Dream*), and in Ger *Nilpferd*, Nile horse. Has replaced ME *ȝpotame*, etc., from OF *hircine*. Of the goat, L *hircus*.

hire AS *hȳr*, hire, wages, with LG cognates, cf Du *huur*. Not known in HG, ON, or Goth. Ger *heuer* is from LG. *Huehing* is a late formation (16 cent.), not from AS *hȳling*, servant. In *John*, x 12, Tynd and Coverd have *hired servant*.

hirsute L *hirsutus*, shaggy, from *hirtus*, in same sense, ? cogn. with *horrid*, ? or with *hircus*, goat.

his AS genitive of *hē* and *hit*, cf OHG *is*, *es*, genitive of *er*, *he*, now replaced by *sein*, genitive of reflex pron. In ref. to neuters *his* is replaced by *its* from c 1600, but is still usual in AV and Shaks. With ME *hisen* cf *hern* (see *her*²).

He that takes what isn't hisen,
When he's caught must go to prison

Hispanic Of Spain, L *Hispania*
hispid [biol]. Bristling L *hispidus*. See *hideous*.

hiss Imit, cf Ger *zischen*, F *siffler*, to hiss, whistle, L *sibilare*. Wyc uses it (var *whistle*) in both mod senses.

Pour qui sont ces serpents qui sifflent sur vos têtes?
(Racine, *Andromaque*, v 5)

hust Natural ejaculation, better represented by 'st, cf *whisht*. Milton uses it as verb, to summon silently.

And the mute silence hust along (*Peñeroso*, 55)

histology Science of organic tissues. From G *istós*, web, tissue.

history Learned form of *story*¹ (q v), L *historia*, G *istoria*, from *istop*, *istop-*, wise, learned, from root of *eidevai*, to know. In ME not differentiated in sense from earlier *story*.

histrionic From L *histrion-*, actor, of Etruscan origin.

hit ON *hitla*, to hit upon, meet with, as in mod. to *hit on*, later, to reach with a blow, etc., ? cogn. with Goth *hnutan*, to catch. Has assumed one sense of AS *slēan* (see *slay*), but there are many traces of orig. sense, e.g. to *make a hit*, to *hit it* (now to *hit it off*), agree, with suggestion of common aim. To *hit the mark*, the *nail on the head*, are both from archery, the *nail*, earlier *pin*, marking the centre of target. For double sense cf Ger *treffen*, to meet, to hit (the mark).

hitch To raise with a jerk, esp. trousers. First in late ME., which has also *hatch*, *holch*, in same sense. If the last is the orig., it is F *hocher* (12 cent.), in same sense (see *hodge-podge*), used esp. in *hocher la tête*. For vowel change cf *bulk*, *bitch*². Sense of fastening (esp. US) is orig. naut. (Capt John Smith). Hence also *hitch*, obstruction, orig. made by quick jerk of rope round object; cf *clove-hitch* for a special knot (see *cleave*¹). To *hitch one's waggon to a star* is from Emerson.

hithe, hythe [hist] AS *hȳth*, landing-place. Very common in place-names (*Hythe*, *Rotherhithe*, *Lambeth*, *Eritth*, etc.).

hither AS *hider*, from demonstr. root of *he*, with ending as in cogn. L *ci-tra*. Cf *here*, *thither*.

hive AS *hȳf*, ? cogn. with ON *húf*, hull of ship, and ult. with L *cupa*, tub.

ho Natural exclamation, cf *ha*, *hi*, *oh*, etc. Esp. naut., e.g. *heave ho!* westward *ho!*

hoar AS *hār*, white with age, venerable, cf Ger *hehr* (see *Herr*), ON *harr*, and cogn. Goth *hais*, torch. Now chiefly poet. and in *hoarfrost*.

hoard AS *hord*, treasure. Com. Teut., cf OSax *hord*, Ger *hort* (poet.), ON *hodd*, Goth *huzd*. Formerly used in connection with treasure, money, etc. (hence surname *Horder*, treasurer), now (1916) of sugar, matches, etc.

hoarding From archaic *hoard*, fence, barrier, archaic F. *hourd*, palisade, from LG form of OHG *hurk* (*hurde*), hurdle (q v.) Cf sense-development of *grill* (q v.)

hoarhound See *horehound*.

hoarse ME *hors*, *hoos*, etc., AS *hās*. Com. Teut., cf obs. Du *heersch*, *heesch*, Ger *heiser* (OHG *heis*), ON *häss*. The *-r-* is unexplained.

hoos raucus (*Prompt Parv*)

hoax Contr. (c 1800) of *hocus* (q v.)

hob¹ Clown, goblin. Pet-name of Robert. With *hobgoblin* cf. *Robin Goodfellow*. *Hiel* is used for Richard II in *Richard the Redeless*, as *Hob* is for Robert Bruce in a song, temp. Ed I. See also *Hodge Robin Goodfellow* is also called in dial. *Dobby* and *Master Dobbs*, likewise from *Robert*.

From elves, hobs and furies,
That trouble our d'vils (Beaumont and Fletcher)

hob² Side of fire-place. Earlier *hub* (q v.) Also in various dial. senses. Hence *hob-nail*, associated also with *hob*¹.

pouch But the fact that *hokuspokus-fihokus* is still used in Norw & Sw suggests that there may be something in the old theory of a blasphemous perversion of the sacramental blessing, *hoc est corpus (filii)* Hence *hocus*, to hoax (q v), later, to drug one's liquor for swindling purposes.

These jugglers *hocus* the vulgar and incautious of the present age (NED 1686)

taschen-spieler a juggler, a *hocus-pocus* (Ludw)

hod Earlier (13 cent) *hot*, F *hotte*, "a scuttle, dossier, basket, to carry on the back" (Cotg), of Teut. origin, cf obs Du *hodde*, Ger *hotte*, "a vintager's dorser made of wood" (Ludw)

hodden grey Used by Ramsay, for rime, instead of *grey hodden* (cf *hawthorn green*, etc), hence by Burns, Scott, and later poets Origin of *hodden*, cloth made by using one black fleece with twelve white, is doubtful, & northern p p of to *hold*, thus wool "holding" natural hue

But Meg, poor Meg! maun w' the shepherds stay,
An' tak' what God will send in hodden gray
(Gentle Sheph v 2)

Hodge Yokel Pet-form of *Roger* (cf *hob*)
See Chauc A 4336, 4345, where the Cook is called *Hogge* and *Roger*

Piano tuners of doubtful fitness will prove poor substitutes for *Hodge* (Obs Jan 21, 1917).

hodge-podge Earlier *holch-polch*, which is altered from earlier *hotchpot*, F *hochepot*, from *hocher*, to shrike Earliest E sense (c 1300) is fig, of lumping property before division (? by shaking up names in a pot) Mod *hot-pot* is partly suggested by it For F *hocher* cf Du *hutsen*, *holsen*, MHG *hutzen* (see *hustle*)

hodometer, odometer Pedometer From G *ōdōs*, way Cf 18 cent F *odomètre*

hoe F *houe*, OHG *houwā* (*haue*), cogn with *hew* A hard row to hoe is US

hog AS *hogg* In E a castrated swine reared for slaughter, in Sc a sheep up to first shearing, also used in dial of other yearling animals Perh cogn with *hag*, to cut (see *hag*), cf *gelding*, and Ger *hammel*, "a ram that is gelded" (Ludw), from OHG *hamalōn*, to mutilate Hence to *hog* a horse's mane, make it bristle The *whole hog* is perh connected with the story told by Cowper (v1), which is much older than first occurrence of to *go the whole hog*; we may compare Lamb's essay on Roast Pig

Thus says the prophet of the Turk,
"Good Mussulman, abstain from pork,
There is a part in every swine
No friend or follower of mine
May taste "

But for one piece they thought it hard
From the whole hog to be debarred

(Love of the World reproved, or,
Hypocrisy detected)

hogmanay [Sc & north] New Year's Eve, etc Earlier (17 cent) *hogmynae*, *hagmane* Corresponds in sense with OF *aguillanneuf*, of unknown origin, with innumerable vars and existing dial forms, due to folk-etym, such as *hogmanae*, *hoc in anno*, etc, none of which will explain *hogmanay*

au-guy-l'an-neuf [lit to the mistletoe the new year] the voice of country people begging small presents, or new-years gifts, in Christmas, an ancient tearme of rejoicing, derived from the Druids (Cotg).

hogshead From *hog's head* (14 cent), a fantastic name which can only be conjecturally explained Cf LG *bullenkop*, a beer measure, lit bull's head Hence Du *okshoofd* (earlier *hockshoof*), Ger *orkhoft* (from LG), Sw *okshufund*, Dan. *orkhoved*, altered on ox

hoicks Var of *yoicks*

hoiden See *hoyden*

hoist For *hoise*, earlier (15 cent) *hysse*. A naut word found in most Europ langs., cf F *hisser*, It *issare*, Sp *izar*, Norw Sw *hussa*, Ger *hissen* (from LG), Du *hyschen*, etc Our word is from Du, but ult source is unknown, prob LG They loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail (Acts, xxvii 40).

hoity-toity Vars *lightly-lighty*, *heighly-leighly*, and the earliest record, *upon the hoyty-loity* (1668), suggest the *high ropes* and *tight rope*, or simply a jingle on *high*

hokey-pokey For *hocus-pocus* The suggestion that *hokey-pokey*, ice-cream, is It o *che poco*! O how little! is ingenious

hold AS *healdan* Com Teut, cf Du *houden*, Ger *halten*, ON *halda*, Goth *haldan* Old p p *holden* still in some leg formulae Orig sense prob to guard cattle Fig senses as those of F *tenir*, which has replaced it in many compds (-*tain*), cf also -*hold*, *holding*, in ref to property, with *tenancy*, *tenure* To *hold with* was orig to side with To *hold water* (fig) is after Jer ii 13, to *hold forth* is after Philip. ii 16, where orig sense is to hold out, proffer *Hold hard* was orig. a hunting phrase With US to *hold up*, from order

to victims to hold up hands of Austral to *stick up*. From verb comes noun *hold* prison fortress etc but not interior of ship (v 1)

hold² [*hɔ:l*] For earlier *hol* *hole* (q v) cf Du *hol* from which F sense may be borrowed. Howell (*Tetra* 1) has *hoult*. For converse change cf to *but on hole*

hole of a schyppe can a (*Prompt Parv*)

hole AS *hol* orig adj hollow. Com Teut cf Du *hol* (cf *ker kohl* ON *hol* Goth *hulundi* cave. Also represents inflected forms of AS *hōl* a hollow. To *pick holes* in was early to *find holes* i.e. flaws. The relation between the *peg* and the *hole* appears in ols to *take a hole* *lowe* (16 cent) and mod *tophole* perh from some method of scoring but see *pe* *p* *n* *Hole-and-corner* is mod but Coverd has *not in corners and holes* (Vig in *foetus*) but *openly* (*Jer* u 34). The *betler* etc of Burnsfather's sketch seems likely to be come a permanent addition to the lang

It is a hole in his coat I will I him my mind (*Ham* 1 iii 6)

holiday AS *haligdag* holy day with differentiation of sound and meaning since 16 cent. See *hallow* *holy* *hollyhock*

holla F *hold* cf *hi there* *houpld* and see *hallo*

Holland Prob ODu *holtland* woodland and not hollow land. Hence *holland* (cloth) *holland* (gin) the latter representing Du adj *hollandisch* (cf *Scots*)

hollo *holloa*. See *hallo*. Hence verb *hollo*(w) to shout

hollow Orig noun AS *hōl*. By association with *hol* adj and noun (see *hole*) it became an adj in ME. For to *beat hollow* etc earliest to *carry it hol ow* (cf *hollow* i. *torv*). Skinner suggests corrupt of *u holly*. That such corrupt is possible appears from the names *Holloubread* *Hollownman* in which first element was orig. *h* *h* *holy*

hollow² Verb. See *hallo*

holly Earl r *holin* (as in names *Hollins* *Hollingsh* ad etc) AS *h* *legn* cogn with Du Ger *h* *list* (OHG *huls*) whence F *houx* and prob with Welsh *celyn* Ir cu *lean* Gael *cail ions*. See also *holer oak*

hollyhock For *holy hock* AS *hocc* *malow* cf synon Welsh *hacy* *hent gaid* which is a mixture of F & L (*benedicta*) Cf *herb benet* *samphire* etc

holm [geog] Small island e p in river. Very common in place names ON *holmr* as in *Isle of Axholme* cf LG *holm* cogn with L *ulmen* E *hill*. Hence *h* *Imagin* in mod romantic novels of duel on an islet

holm oak Evergreen oak. From dial *hol* *n* *holly* ME *holl* *n* see *holly*

Ag m t h f t of Chri m e ry m house also th p n h h hrs, n re decked with h m, i bays (St w S *ney* / London 1603)

holocaust F *holocauste* (12 cent) Late L (from *hol* whole *cauer* burnt from *cau*) An early Bible word cf *h* *lo* *graph* wholly written *holophotal* from *phor* *phor* light

holothurian Sea slug. From L *holothuria* (Pliny) pl of C *ολοθυρί* kind of *zoophyte*

holster Du *hol* *ter* a holster for a pistol (Hexham) cf Sw *hölster* Dan *höl* app cogn with ON *hul* *tr* case sheath AS *heol* *ter* hid ng place. But the sudden appearance in 17 cent of F & Du *hol* *ter* in this spec sense points to association with Ger *holster* a holster (Lud v) from OHG *hulst* case sheath. The etym relation of the two is obscure. For a similar case cf Du *halster* *halster* halter

holt [archaic] Wood. Very common in place names AS *holt*. Com Teut cf Du *hout* Ger *holz* ON *holt* cogn with G *elädes* twig Gael *coile* wood

holus bolus Atagulp. Facet latinization of the *hol* *bol* s or as though G *hol* *bolos*

holy AS *halig* from *hāl* whole. Com Teut cf Du Ger *heilig* ON *heiligr* Goth *hula* (on inscription only) Ulfila has *uēhs*. Adopted at conversion to render L *sacer* *sanctus*. *Holy* of *holes* is a Hebrewism preserved by LXX and I uli, Cf *hallow*

holystone [naut] Soft sandstone for scrubbing decks? For *holey* or *hollow*

hom S. cred palm of ancient Persians Pers *hōm* Sanskrit *śra*

homage OF (*hom m e*) from *hom* *ne* (OF *ome* *hone*) man L *homo* *hom* *n* cf ME *man* cf *homage* AS *mann-rāden* (see *hated*)

home AS *heim*. Com Teut cf Du *A* *heim* Ger *heim* ON *heim* Goth *haim* In to go home we have acc of direction (cf L *dom*) and the dat was earlier used as locative (cf L *domi*) The regular

omission of the art, e.g. *there is no place like home, nearer home*, etc., is partly due to this. With *to bring a charge home* cf *home thrust*. *Home Rule*, for earlier *Repeal*, is first recorded for 1860. For *homestead* see *stead*. *Homely*, plain, ugly (US), preserves a sense once common in E. For fig sense of *homespun* cf quot 2. *Homesickness* renders Ger *heimweh*, a Swiss compd., expressing the longing of the mountaineer for his native hills, and introduced into other langs by Swiss mercenaries in 17 cent.

It is for homely features to keep home

(*Comus*, 748)

Henceforth my wooing mind shall be express'd
In russet yeas and honest kersey noes

(*Love's Lab Lost*, v 2)

homer Measure (*Is* v 10) Heb *khōmer*, heap

homerie Laughter, combat, as of Homer's heroes

The battle is of a truly Homeric order

(*Pall Mall Gaz* April 28, 1917)

homicide F, L *homicida*, slayer, *homicidium*, slaying, from *caedere* Cf *manslaughter*

homily F *homēlie* (OF & ME *omēlie*), Church L *homilia*, G. *ὁμιλία*, converse, from *ὁμιλος*, crowd, from *ὁμοῦ*, together, *ἄλγ*, crowd Hence *homilectic*.

hominy Shortened from Algonkan (Virginia) *iochahomomie*, of which first element means maize

homoeopathy Coined (c 1800) by Hahnemann, Ger physician, from G *ὁμοιος*, of the same kind, *πάθος*, suffering Cf *allopathy*

homogeneous For earlier *homogene*, G *ὁμογενής*, of the same kind, from *ὁμός* and *γένος*. See *same* Cf *homologous*, from *λόγος*, ratio, *homonymy*, from *ὁνομα*, name, *homophone*, from *φωνή*, sound

homoeousian, homoeousian [*theol*] Holding Christ to be of like (*ὁμοιος*) essence, or same (*ὁμός*) essence (*οὐσία*) as the Father

homunculus L, dim of *homo*, man

hone Whetstone AS *hān*, stone, rock, cf ON *hein*, whence Norw *hein*, whetstone

honest OF (*h*)*oneste* (*honnête*), L *honestus*, cogn with *honor*, honour In ME as in F, with wider sense of honourable, cf *to make an honest woman of*. For decline in sense cf *respectable*

The membris that ben unhonest han more honestē
(*Wyc* 1 Cor xii 23)

honey. AS *hunig*, cf Du Ger *honig*, ON *hunnang* Goth has *milith*, for which see *mildeu*, *mealy-mouthed*. For Se. *hinny*, *hinne*, as term of endearment, cf *mitther*, *brither*. *Honeycomb* is an AS. compd., though the resemblance to a comb is not obvious. *Honeydew* was formerly synon with *mildeu* (q v). With *honeymoon*, allusive to waning of affection, cf F *lune de miel*, Ger *flitterwochen* (pl), from *flitter*, tinsel. *Honeysuckle*, earlier *honeysuck*, AS. *hungsüge*, privet, is a misnomer, as the flower is useless to the bee

Mi hony, mi hert al hol thou me makest

(*NED* c 1350)

honk Imit of cry of wild goose or hoot of motor-car

honorarium Late L, gift made on appointment to post of honour Cf *honorary*, conferring honour without payment, *honorific*, making honour, L *honorificus*

honour OF (*h*)*onour* (*honneur*), L *honor*, *honor-*, cf It *onore*, Sp *honor*. For sense of courtesy, as in *to do the honours*, *pay the last honours*, etc., cf sense-development of *curtsy*. *Honour bright* is Anglo-Ir. *Honourable* as "courtesy" title sometimes leads to a bull (v i)

The honourable gentleman [Joseph Chamberlain] is a damned liar

(J Dillon, M P, in H of C, c 1900)

honved Hung landwehr, orig national army of 1848, recognized by constitution of 1868 as *landwehr*, from which it was prob translated Hung *hon*, native land, *red*, defence

hood AS *hōd*, cf Du *hoed*, Ger *hut*, hat, ON *hōttir*; cogn with *hat* and ult with *heed*. Hence *hoodman-blind*, blind man's buff (*Hamlet* iii 4). With *hoodwink* cf *blinkers*

-hood AS *hād*, condition, orig person; cogn with Ger *-heit*, Goth *haidus*, manner, cf *-head*

hoodlum [US] San Francisco hooligan (c 1870) ? Perverted back-spelling (cf *slopf*) of *Muldoon* Cf *hooigan*, *larrikin*

hoodoo [US] Opposite of mascot Said to be for *voodoo* (q v), and, according to Sir R Burton, an Afr word from Dahomey

They [the German troops] now look on him [the Kaiser] as their "hoodoo"

(*Sind Ev. Felegr* May 26, 1918)

hoof AS *hōf*. Com Teut, cf Du *hoef*, Ger *huf*, ON *hōfr* To *pad the hoof*, for earlier

to beat the hoof is perh. altered by association with *pad* in *footpad* Cf *I battre la semelle* (foot sole) and our policeman's beat

hoof it or beat it o the hoof t walk on foot
(*Dict Cant Creek*)

hook AS *hōc* cf Du *hoek* cogn. with Ger *haken* ON *haki* To *laða* (earlier *sling*) *one's hook* is naut. slang for weighing anchor (the *mudhook*) With *off the hooks* (now used of death) cf *unhinged* (v1) By *hook or crook* (MIL. with *hook o with crook*) prob. alludes to instruments used by professional thieves (1) Cf description of Panurge's equipment (Rabelais ii 16)

The *hookes* [i.e. ca. lines] (y³ does
(Co. et. i. k. g. vii 5)

Touchant l'J. mon [poem] i th. es. slant
trib. ted to Vill l' j. l' la. se. à c. rig. r. et
poser a x. uer. seurs de Villon en lart de la
p. se et du croc.

(*V. rot. Pr. f. t. Villon's Hook* 253)

To the Duke of Albemarle whom I found mightily
off the hook (Pepys Nav 26 1664)

hookah Arab *hugghal* vessel (through which
the smoke is drawn)

hooker [naut.] Earlier also *hooker* *hooker*
Do *hooker* ? from *hook* *hook* or con-
nected with *hooker* huckster because a
small trading ship according to Faesch
much used on canals *Hookboat* is recorded
1262

hook-bait is piscat. ri. b. hami d. t. (Kil)
hooker's h. p. d. g. boat (H. al. am)

hookigan From lively Ir. family of that name
in the Borough. This information was
given to the author (c. 1860) by a house-
surgeon at Guy's who spent some of his
time in patching up the results. Hence
Russ *hookigan* (pl)

hook Ring AS *hōp* cf Du *hoep*

hook¹ To whoop Γ *houper* (12 cent.) from
cry *ho ip* to dogs or horses as in *hook id*
Hence *hooking-cough* If *hook* is a later
spelling cf 17 cent. *whoop* for *hook* (co
quot s v. recl. n)

hookoo Bird Farler *hook* *hookoo* Γ
huppe I *pupa* from cry

hoot From 12 cent. Prob. imit. cf *ho. p²*
foot hie Sc *hoots* interj. of disapproval

hop Verb AS *hoppian* cf Du *hopen*
Ger *hopen* (usu *küpfen*) ON *hopfa* In
MT to dance without any ludicrous sug-
gest on To *hop the twig* suggests the de-
parting bird On the *hop* at a dead an-
tage appears to be for *on the hop* (1 v)

With *hop o my thimble* earlier *h. ppe* 1 pon
my thimble (Palsg) cf *Tom Thimble*

Why h. p. ye so ye high hills? (P. i. 16 PB)

fradon a litt niml dwarf h. p. o m
th. mb (Cotz)

hop Plant Du *hop* cf Ger *hopen* Origin
doubtful but prob. cogn. with Γ *houppa*
tuft tassel F *ho bian* *hopa* earlier *hou*
billon is of Teut. origin. Another group
of names for the same plant is repre-
sented by AS *hymel* ON *humall* Late L. *hu nu*
lus *Magyar ka nlo* supposed to be of Finno-
Ugrian origin. The cultivation of hops
was introduced from Flanders in 16 cent.
though the occurrence of the word in the
Prompt Par. shows that they were known
earlier as a commodity.

Warr nt f. l. l. for charges in b. m. g.
certie a hopsett. rs (P. v. Cow. 1 Ad. 54-55)

Hops d. t. k. ea, carp and bee
Came to E. gland all in ye r.
(Quoted in the *Complaint A. gl. b. i.*
from Baker's *Ch. on U* 1643)

hope¹ Verb AS *hopian* cf Du *hop*
App. a LG word which appears later in
Scand. & HG (*hopen*) In ME often
merely to expect as still in *hop n. against*
hope Young *hop f. i.* has always been
ironic

Yit ho p. lung by. e. h.
Ho plog gases. i. h. p.
(L. v. g. on *Houp* 6 cent.)

hope² See *forlorn*

hoplite Heavily armed soldier Γ *hoplitēs*
from *hoplon* armour etc. See *panopli*

hopscoth Farber *Scot h. hoppe s* (17 cent.)
hop score *hop scot* From th. s. o. l. h. (q. v.)

scratch. In. c. t. ion. which has to be hopped

horary Of hours MedL *horarii* from
hora Cf F *hora re* time table

horde Orig. applied to Tatars and other
Asiatic nomads. Turki *orda* u. du. camp
wh. h. reached Western Europe (16 cent.)
via Russ. & Pol. the h. appearing first in
the latter. In most Europ. langs. See
U. in

horehound Fr *hou hound* ME *ho hounr*
AS *he. shune* h. ne. being a plant name of
unknown origin. For everesc. nt. -d. cf
hound sound. Named from white down
on leaves

horizon F (OF & ME *orizon*) Late L.
G *ὁρίζων* *ὁρίζων* (sc. *πῶς*) bounding
(circle) from *pos* boundary. In most
Europ. langs.

horn AS *horn* Com Tent; cf Du *hoorn*, Ger *horn*, ON *horn*, Goth *haur*, cogn with L *cornu* G *κέρας*, Welsh *corn*, etc. Connected with betrayed husband in most Europ langs, perh from practice of grafting spurs of capon on the bird's comb where they became horns; cf. Ryz G. *κερασφόρος*, cuckold hit horn-bearer, Bibl *horn of salvation*, lift up the horn, is a figure common to Semit langs, app tal en from horned head dress Senses of mus. instrument, drinking-cup, appear in AS With former cf *hornpipe*, orig the instrument to which the dance was performed With to *draw in one's horn* (like a snail) cf to *retire into one's shell* For *hornbeam* see *beam*, and cf Scand tree-names in *ben*, bone, for *hornblende* see *blende* A *hornbook* is a child's alphabet-sheet, mounted on wood and covered by a thin sheet of transparent horn For *horn of plenty* see *cornucopia*

He was tho glad his horns w to shrink
(Chauc *Troil* 1 300)

hornet AS *harnet*, cf OSax *hornobero*, lit. horn-bearer, Du *horzel*, Ger *hornisse*, app all from *horn*, from shape of antennae; cf Norw *Dau gjedehans*, hornet, lit goat-wasp, also L *crabro*, hornet, ult cogn with G *κέρας*, horn

hornito [geog] Volcanic mound (US) Sp, dim of *horno*, oven, L *furnus*

horologe OF (*horloge*), L, G *ὥρολόγιον*, hour telling, from *ᾠρα*, hour, time

The shadowe of lyues by the whiche it hadde go doun in the orloge of Acath (Wic Is xxxviii 8)

horoscope F, L, G *ὥροσκόπος*, nativity, time observer, from *σκοπεῖν*, to look (v s.) Cf *ascendant*

horrible F, L *horribilis*, from *horrere*, to bristle, shudder, whence also later *horrid*, L *horridus*, bristling, and poet *horrent* *Horify* is a late couage (c 1800) *Horror*, like *horrible*, comes via OF, and both are usu without *h-* in ME

In a deseert loond, in place of orroure
(Wic *Deut* xxxiii 10)

horripilation Late L *horripilatio-n-*, from *horripilare* (Apulcius), from *pilus*, hair (v s)

hors de combat F, out of fight Cf *hors d'œuvre*, lit outside the work, accessory (cf *exergue*) *Hors* is supposed to be L *foris*, outside, but the mit is hard to explain

horse AS *hors*; cf Du *ros*, Ger *ross* (OHG. *hro*), ON *hross* Goth *hass* *ahwa*, cogn with L *equus*, G. *ἵππος*, AS *coh* See also *u hors* For mech. applications cf *cast* The *hign* (or *great*) *horse*, orig distinguished from the palfrey, roadster, etc., is now fig only, in E as in other Europ langs The *White Horse* (Berks and elsewhere), mentioned 1171, is supposed to be the emblem of Hengist (see *Leuchman*) and Horse The *horse-chestnut* is said to have been used as food for horses, cf Ger *ross-lustant* and Turk. *at hastan*, from *at*, horse In *horse-laugh*, *horse-play* the sense of *horse* seems to be disparaging, cf *horse-radish*, and even US *horse-sense*, which has a suggestion of crudeness The *Horse-guards*, Whitehall, is alluded to as a place of meeting for principal officers in 1659 For *daughters of the horse-leech* see *Prov* xix 15 *Horse-power* was introduced by Watt The *horse-latitudes* are perh adapted from Sp *golfo de las zaguas*, "the gulph of mares, so the Spaniards call the great ocean, betwixt Spain and the Canary Islands" (Stevens), supposed to be from contrast with the *golfo de las damas* (of ladies), from Canaries to West Indies, usu smooth and with favourable winds. Jocular *horse-marine* may have been suggested by obs *horse-marine*, sea-horse (her)

Hors flesche is of such a price here that my purse is schant able to bye one hors (Paston Ltr in 376)

hortatory Late L *hortatorius*, from *hortari*, to exhort

horticulture Coined (17 cent) from L *hortus*, garden, after *agriculture*

hosanna Late L, G, Heb *hōsha'annā*, for *hōshi'āh-annā*, save, pray! as in Ps cxviii 25 A Passover cry of the Jews

hose AS *hosa* Com Tent, cf Du *hoos*, stocking, Ger *hose*, trousers, ON, *hosa*, stocking Also adopted by Rom langs (eg *Cinthose* is OF *courte hense*) for various leg-coverings Now usu of stockings, but breeches sense survives in *trunk-hose*, *doublet and hose* *Hose*, flexible tube, is the same word

They tarried 1j days to bye necessaryes for the shipe, as hoose for the pumpe
(Voyage of the Barbara, 1549)

hospice F, L *hospitium* (v 1)

hospital OF (*hôpital*), learned form of *hostel*, MedL *hospitalis*, neut. of *hospitālis*, from *hospes*, *hospit-*, host, guest In ME usu *spital*, *spittle*, as in *Spitalfields* See

also *hoskel hotel* Current sense is the latest older meaning of *ho pice* chantable foundation surviving in *Greeney & Hospi tal Christ's Hospital* etc. and in hit *Knights Hospitaller* member of Order prising from hospice founded (c. 1048) at Jerusalem for entertainment of poor pilgrims later *An kt of St John (Rhodes Malta)*

The 23 of Nov mbe [332] sh poere hltre f the City f Lond a wer t k n t Chnst Hosp t ft t the house of the Crev Fryers (W r thies y CA)

hospodar Ottoman governor in Rumina I um *hospodâr* from Russ *gospod* lord cogn with *L. hospes* (see *host*) Or the Rumn word may be direct from *L.*

host Army ME also out OF (h)ost L *hostis* enemy (comm with *guest*) treated in Rem langs as collect cf it oste Sp *hueste* Replaced AS *here* and was re placed exc poet and sg by *army* In Lord of Hosts (Jehovah Sabaoth) the ref is to the heavenly hosts of angels

He w s a host of d b ters in h mself (Barke)

host Landlord ME also o t OF (h)oste (hote) host or guest L *hospes ho pit* host guest ? for *hospit* guest lord cf Sp *hosped* and see *hosped* Archaic m n *host* is chiefly after n s e *host of the Garter* (Merry Wives)

complex sense con h r to reckon with ut h s host to n k h mself re of th g wh t e wholly at th du position f others (Cote)

host Consecrated bread ME also o st ost OF (h)os to (replaced by *hostia*) L *hostia* sa crificial victim applied in Church L to Christ

hostage ME & OF *ostu* n (of)ger VL *hos p tation* n high supposes a sense-develop ment the reception an l guaranteeing of the stran r (ho pes) This seems better than an attempt to connect *hostage* and its cognates with L *ob es* *hostive* Cf Pro *ostage* Olt *ostageo stativo* ost is an *hostia* n aptidge p n (Flo)

hostel OF (h)el Late L *h pitalis* See *hospital* B th thus an l *ho elry* v re re vived by Scott Fc *ho elr* OF *hostelier* eo ller

hostile I ho tils from *hostis* enemy First in Shaks. but *h tility* is earlier

hostler See *hostel* *ostler*

hot AS *hit* C m Teut cf Du *heet* Ger *heiss* ON *heitr* Hot and cold r n parlour

games are from hunting (s ent) *Hot* f usu associated with H nrv Iervs (1403) is much older a r nickname I *hot* te suggests a medieval torture but r m n unknown Fig s n e of *hot bed* is 18 cent

hotchlass Machine gun I rom in entor s name which is a var of *Hodgkiss* son of little Roger Cf *gailin navi*

hotch pot hotch potch See *hodge pod*

hotel F *hotel* *hostelry* mansion f h tel D t ho pitul *hstel-de* (the to n hall) OF *hostel* In 18 cent E for inn ho tel (1 v)

I took p my bod t th wh tel i m th n t St t k m Engt od though ow general n (Huk y M m 16)

Hottentot S Afr Du im t of luck n poech So explained 16 o Cf *barbar n*

houdah See *hound*

hough [Bibl] Archaic for *hook* AS *hoh* hel change of sense being due to *h u h* since AS *hoh n* connecting hel and hook Hence *hough* to hamstring (*fock* vt 6)

hound AS *hund* Com T ut f Du *hond* Ger *hund* ON *hunnr* (oth h nds cogn with G w v L *canis* Sanskrit *śvan* and with *h t* The true Teut word replaced in E exc in poe en e by later dog To *hound* on is f r caler to *hound*

H and e m n antlekid n b by (Wy 2 t)

houp la F see *hoop*

hour ME also r e over OF (h)or e (ke) L *hora* whence also Ger *uhr* hour back Pepla ed AS *hul* and *stand* eg th (ven) Canonical *hour* s are in AS *eofo* *hids*

hour F Pers *hur* nymph of Molt name dan paruls e from Arab *haz* to be dark eyed like a gazelle)

house AS *hūs* Com Teut cf Du *hu s* Ger *haus* ON *hūs* C th *hu* in *gūthū* temple Local Goth is *ra n* (see a such) Spec sen ex correspond larg ly w th th me of F m n *ison* *Housecarl* (hit t i ON *haskul* see *ca t* and cf *h e k* *tr n* s F m n *n du ros* With *hou sk* l cf C r *hauk* (tung) (see *hold*) To b s *dun* the *house* is theat W th *hou ea rri* f (16 cent) cf l *ge f e* is *crimat* bre h to hang up the pot book With *h u r f* sewing-cas e cf *chilulaine* (eo also *hussif*) The *houselock* is so named from be n grown on roof as protect n against

horn AS *horn* Com Teut, cf Du *hoorn*, Ger *horn*, ON *horn*, Goth *haurin*, cogn with L *cornu*, G *κέρας*, Welsh *corn*, etc Connected with betrayed husband in most Europ langs, perh from practice of grafting spurs of capon on the bird's comb, where they became horns, cf Byz G *κερασφόρος*, cuckold, lit horn-bearer Bibl *horn of salvation*, *lift up the horn*, is a figure common to Semit langs, app taken from horned head-dress Senses of mus instrument, drinking-cup, appear in AS With former cf *hornpipe*, orig the instrument to which the dance was performed With to *draw in one's horns* (like a snail) cf to *retire into one's shell* For *hornbeam* see *beam*, and cf Scand tree-names in *ben-*, bone, for *hornblende* see *blende* A *hornbook* is a child's alphabet-sheet, mounted on wood and covered by a thin sheet of transparent horn For *horn of plenty* see *cornucopia*

He was tho glad his hornes in to shrinke

(Chauc *Troil* 1 300)

hornet AS *hynet*, cf OSax *hornobero*, lit horn-bearer, Du *horzel*, Ger *hornisse*, app all from *horn*, from shape of antennae, cf Norw Dan *gjedehams*, hornet, lit goat-wasp, also L *crabro*, hornet, ult cogn with G *κέρας*, horn

hornito [geog] Volcanic mound (US) Sp, dim of *horno*, oven, L *furnus*

horologe OF (*horloge*), L, G *ὥρολόγιον*, hour telling, from *ᾠρα*, hour, time

The shrowde of Iynes bi the whiche it hadde go down in the oriloge of Acath (Wyc *Is* xxviii 8)

horoscope F, L, G *ὥροσκόπος*, nativity, time observer, from *σκοπεῖν*, to look (v s) Cf *ascendant*

horrible F, L *horribilis*, from *horrere*, to bristle, shudder, whence also later *horrâ*, L *horridus*, bristling, and poet *horrent* *Horridy* is a late comage (c 1800) *Honor*, like *horrible*, comes via OF, and both are usu without *h-* in ME

In a deseert loond, in place of orroure

(Wyc *Deut* xxxiii 10)

horripilation Late L *horripilatio-n-*, from *horripilare* (Apuleius), from *pilus*, hair (v s)

hors de combat F, out of fight Cf *hors d'œuvre*, lit outside the work, accessory (cf *exergue*) *Hors* is supposed to be L *foris*, outside, but the init is hard to explain

horse AS *hors*, cf Du *ros*, Ger *ross* (OHG. *hros*), ON *hross*. Goth has *aihsa*, cogn with L *equus*, G *ἵππος*, AS *coh*. See also *walrus* For mech' applications cf *easel* The *high* (or *great*) *horse*, orig distinguished from the palfrey, roadster, etc, is now fig only, in E as in other Europ langs The *White Horse* (Berks and elsewhere), mentioned 1171, is supposed to be the emblem of Hengist (see *henchman*), and *Horsa* The *horse-chestnut* is said to have been used as food for horses, cf Ger *ross-kastanie* and Turk *at kastan*, from *at*, horse In *horse-laugh*, *horse-play*, the sense of *horse* seems to be disparaging, cf *horse-radish*, and even US *horse-sense*, which has a suggestion of crudeness The *Horse guards*, Whitehall, is alluded to as a place of meeting for principal officers in 1659 For *daughters of the horse-leech* see *Prov* xxx 15 *Horse-power* was introduced by Watt The *horse-latitudes* are perh adapted from Sp *golfo de las yeguas*, "the gulph of mares, so the Spaniards call the great ocean, betwixt Spain and the Canary Is lands" (Stevens), supposed to be from contrast with the *golfo de las damas* (of ladies), from Canaries to West Indies, usu smooth and with favourable winds Jocular *horse-marine* may have been suggested by obs *horse-marine*, sea-horse (her)

Hors flesche is of suche a price here that my purse is schant able to bye one hors (*Paston Let* in 176)

hortatory Late L *hortatorius*, from *hortari*, to exhort

horticulture Coined (17. cent) from L *hortus*, garden, after *agriculture*

hosanna. Late L, G, Heb *hōsha'nā*, for *hōshi'āh-nā*, save, pray! as in Ps cxviii 25 A Passover cry of the Jews

hose AS *hosa* Com. Teut; cf Du *hoos*, stocking, Ger *hose*, trousers, ON *hosa*, stocking Also adopted by Rom langs (eg *Curt hose* is OF. *courte heuse*) for various leg-coverings Now usu of stockings, but breeches sense survives in *trunk-hose*, *doublet and hose* *Hose*, flexible tube, is the same word

They tarried 13 days to bye necessaryes for the shype, as hoose for the pumpe

(*Voyage of the Barbara*, 1549)

hospice F, L *hospitium* (v 1)

hospital OF (*hōpital*), learned form of *hostel*, MedL *hospitalis*, neut of *hospitālis*, from *lospes*, *hospit-*, host, guest In ME. *hospitall*, *spitall*, as in *Spitalfields* See

lightning, cf its AS name *thunor-wyrt*, thunder-wort, and F *joubarbe*, L *Jovis barba*, beard of Jupiter

Familiar in his mouth as household words

(*Hen V*, iv 3)

housel [*archaic*] Eucharist AS *hūsī*, cf ON *hūsī*, Goth *hunsī*, sacrifice, offering Unhousel'd, disappointed, unanel'd (*Hamlet* 1.5)

houings Of horse Earlier *house*, F *housse* (13 cent), "a foot-cloth for a horse" (Cotg), Arab *ghūshnah*, saddle-cloth A crusaders' word

house of a horse sandalum, sudaria (*Cath Angl*)

houyhnhnm Coined by Swift (third voyage of Gulliver) Cf *Yahoo*

Hova Member of ruling class in Madagascar Native word

hovel Orig shed, cattle-shelter OF *huvelet*, pent house, suggests OF **huvel* Cf OF *hobe*, cabin, hut, perh from OHG *hoube* (*haube*), hood, which is cogn with E *hive*, L *cupa*, tub Cf fig uses of *hood*, c g of a carriage, hatchway, chimney, etc

hoveller Also *hobbler*, *huffler* Unlicensed pilot, predatory boatman, esp on Kent coast ? From *hovel*, as inhabiting cabins on the shore

hover From c 1400, for earlier *hove* Origin unknown At first chiefly naut., of ships standing on and off coast

how¹ Adv AS *hū*, from stem of interrog *who* (q v), cf Du *hoe*, and, with different suffix, Ger *wie* (OHG *hweo*), Goth *hwaīwa* *Howsomever* was once a literary word, and *howbeit* (cf *albeit*) could be used in past (*how were it*)

how² [*north*] Hill ON *haugr*, lit high, cogn with Ger *hugel* (dim), hill Cf *Hoogh* (near Ypres), from Du, and Cape *La Hogue*, from ON

howdah, houdah Pers & Urdu *haudah*, Arab *haudaj*, orig litter carried by camel

howitzer Earlier *howitz*, *howbitz*, Ger *haubitze*, earlier *haufnitz*, Boh *houfnice*, engine for hurling stones Introduced into Ger during Hussite wars (14 cent) Froh Ger come also F *obus*, shell, *obusier*, howitzer

howl ME *houlen*, cf Du *hulien*, Ger *heulen* Imt, like L *ululare*, whence, influenced by Ger *heulen*, comes F *huler* (OF *uller*, *urler*) *Howling wilderness* is after Deut xxxii 10 Colloq *howler* is for *howling blunder* (cf *crying shame*, etc)

howlet [*dial*] Owl Associated with owl, but really a dim of the name *Hugh* Cf F *hulotte* in same sense, and dial *houchin*,

hob-howchin, owl The surnames *Howitt*, *Howlett*, *Hullett*, *Hewlett*, *Houchin*, *Huichin* similarly represent OF dms of *Hugh* Cf *robin*, *jackdaw*, *dicky* (*bird*), etc

hoy From 15 cent. Obs Du *hoer* Origin unknown The "Margate hoy" is in Pepys (June 16, 1661)

hoya. Plant From *Hoy*, E gardener (†1821)
hoyden, hoiden First applied (c 1600) to boor, clown Prob Du *heiden*, heathen, etc For vowel change cf 16 cent interj *horda*, Ger *heida*

heyden homo agrestis et incultus (Kil)

badault a foolle, dolt, sot, top, asse, cōcombe; gaping hoydon (Cotg)

Hoyle, according to [US] From *Edmond Hoyle* (1672-1769), writer on card-games and chess Cf *according to Cocker*

hub Prob ident. with *hob*², of which it shares some senses A dial word of which mod use is largely due to O W Holmes

Boston State-house is the hub of the solar system (*Autocrat of Breakfast Table*)

hubble-bubble Imt name, redupl on *bubble*, for *hookah*, which is recorded much later.

hubbub In 16 cent usu associated with Ireland Cf *abu*, war-cry of ancient Irish, and Gael *ub! ubub!* interj, of contempt

The Irish hubbabwe, which they kerne use at their first encounter (Spenser)

They began to raise a confused shout after the manner of the Irish hubbub (*China Voyage*, 1637).

hubby For *husband*, from 17 cent
huckaback Fabric for towels Among many early vars *hagabag* (Sc) suggests redupl on *bag*

huckleberry [US] App corrupt of *huckleberry*, *whorilleberry* (q v)

hucklebone Hip-bone, also astragalus Corruptly *knucklebone* Earlier *huck bone*, from which dial *huck*, hup, haunch, is a back-formation Prob cogn with *hook*, in sense of bend, ? or with *hough*, *hook*¹

astragalus the play at dice, tables, huckle bone (Coop)

huckster Obs Du *hoekster*, fem of *hoekter*, "caupo, propola, Ang *houkster*, huckster" (Kil) Prob from Du *hoek*, corner Cf Ger *krämer*, huckster, from *kram*, booth, and sc *canteen* Dial *huck*, to higgie, bargain, is back-formation like *beg*, *cadge*, *hawk*, *peddle* Sc *hawker* It may be assumed that the name was orig applied to a woman keeping a small stall (cf *baxter*, *brewster*, orig of female bakers and brewers)

cf *Du hommel*, Ger *hummel* (OHG *humbal*, *humpal*), cogn with *hum* as *bumble-bee* is with *boom*¹

humble-pie For *umble-pie*, from *umbles*, earlier *numbles*, entrails, etc of deer, OF *nombles*, by dissim for *lombles*, from L *lumbulus*, dim of *lumbus*, loin For loss of *n-* cf *apron*, *umpire*, etc To eat *humble-pie* was orig a pun, cf dial to eat *rue-pie* (see *rue*^{1,2})

nombles of a dere or beest entrailles (Palsg)

humbug Recorded as noun and verb c 1750 Origin unknown Perh associated by some obscure metaphor with *humming* and *bug*, insect, cf Sp *zumar*, to hum, to jest, and possible connection of OF *bourde*, humbug, with *bourdon*, drone-bee, also similar use of Sp *abejón*, drone (v 1)

abejón a bee that has lost his sting, a drone. *Abejón juego* a sort of play among children, at which one cries *buz*, and if the other is not watchful to pull away his head, he gives him a cuff on the ear Thence *jugar con uno al abejón* is to make sport of, or make a jest of a man (Stevens)

humdrum Imit of monotony Redupl on *hum*, with reminiscence of *drum*

humectate From L *humectare*, from (h) *humidus*, damp

humeral [anal], From L *humerus*, shoulder, cogn with G ὄμος, whence *omoplate*

humid F *humide*, L (h) *humidus*, from *umēre*, to be moist The *h-* is due to association with *humus*, ground

humiliate From L *humiliare*, from *humilis*, humble Humiliation, humbly are much older words (Chauc)

Humism [phil] Of David Hume (†1776)

hummock Orig naut (16 cent) and written indifferently *ham-*, *hom-*, later *hum-*, and also *hommaco*, as though Sp App cogn with much later *hump*, cf LG *hummel*, *hümpel* Norw *hump*, hillock, etc

hummaum See *hammam*

humour F *humour*, L (h) *umor-em*, moisture In ancient and medieval physiology, one of the four fluids, "cardinal humours" (v 1), which determined the individual temperament Later applied to "temper" or mood caused by such "humours," and, in E only from c 1700, to a *pie* aspect of the ludicrous or jocose The same series of meanings appears in its derivatives, e.g. *humorous* in Shaks means damp (Rom & Jnl 1 2), capricious, moody (As You Like It 1 1 2); and Addison was *humorist* for faddist.

In every human body
The choler, melancholy, phlegm and blood,
By reason that they flow continually
In some one part, and are not continent,
Receive the name of humours Now thus far
It may, by metaphor, apply itself
Unto the general disposition,
As when some one peculiar quality
Doth so possess a man, that it doth draw
All his affects, his spirits and his powers,
In his confluxions, all to run one way,
Thus may be truly said to be a humour

(Jonson, *Every Man out of It*
Humour, Induction)

The murmuring and mutinie of such rebellions
and turbulent humorists (Purch 217 46)

hump First in *hump-backed* (17 cent), app due to mixture of earlier *crump-backed* (see *crumpet*) and *hunch-backed* (see *hunch*), but cf LG *humpel*, *humpel*, hillock, knob, hump of camel *Hump*, despondency, may be a playful alteration of *h¹* suggested by *dump*, *griump*

humph Grunt of disapproval Better represented by *mph*

Humphrey, dine with Duke Orig to spend dinner-hour near supposed tomb of *Humphrey of Gloucester* in Old Saint Pauls Cf Sc. to dine with *St Giles and the Earl of Murray* (buried in St Giles' Church)

humpty-dumpty Small "dumpy" person (18 cent) App redupl on *dumpy*² (q.v.) But the antiquity of nursery-rhymes suggests that it may orig have been a proper name, from *Humphrey*

humus L, ground, mould, cogn with G χθών (for *χθόρ)

Hun "A reckless or wilful destroyer of the beauties of nature or art, an uncultured devastator, cf *Vandal*, *Goth*" (NED). AS *Hūnc*, *Hūnas*, cf ON *Hūnar*, Ger *Hünen*, MdL *Hunni*, *Clunni*, app from native name of race, which overran Europe in 4-5 cents, known to Chin. as *Hiong-nu* or *Han* Application to Germans dates from Kaiser's speech (1900) in which he held up to his troops the Hun ideal
Les Huns ont passé là, Tout est ruiné et détruit
(Victor Hugo)

The majority of good Huns all over the world being old soldiers, the Huns will be particularly well placed at the day of Armageddon
(Ole Luk oie, 1791)

hunch First in *hunch backed* (Rich III, iv 4, 2 Quart), for more usual *hunch-backed* (Folios and 1 Quart). Corraux has *hulch backed*, and *huel-backed*, *huch-backed*, *hutch backed*, also occur in 17 cent Cf. also *hump backed* With *nunch* (cf

bread) and 19 cent. *hunk* cf Wtem *hunk* in same sense. The relation of this series of words is quite obscure

hundred. AS *hundred* from *hund* the Aryan name (cf OSax *hund* OHG *hundert* Goth *hund* and cogn L *centum* G *hundert* Welsh *cant* Sanskrit *satam*) with suffix *red* reckoning as in Du *honderd* Ger *hundert* ON *hundrað* cf Goth *rathjan* to reckon, *rathja* number an early loan from L *ratio*. The ON *hundred* was 240 (see *gross*). Hist. the *hundred* is a subdivision of a county variously explained but certainly in some cases representing a hundred hides of land. Cf Chiltern *Hundreds*. The *Hundred Days* renders F *Cent Jours* between Napoleon's return from Elba and his second abdication. The Old *Hundredth* is the metr version of Ps c. hunger AS *hunor* Com Teut cf Du *honger* Ger *hunger* ON *hungr* Goth *hungerjan* to hunger. *Hunger* is the orig devised by imprisoned suffragettes is now a normal practice of the incarcerated

Among the prisoners who have gone on hunger strike in Ireland are prisoners convicted of burglary (Daily Mail 31s 8 1918)

hunk From c 1800. See *hunch*
hunker Orig Sc (18 cent.) App connected with Du *hinken* Ger *hinken* ON *huka* to squat on one's hams or hunkers also ON *hakra* to crouch. ? Nasalized under influence of *hunch*

hunks From c 1600. Also *hunar*. Dan *hundsk* stingy lit doggish. For metath of consonants cf *Mans mix*. Du *hondsch* Ger *hündisch* occur in same sense

hündisch *hündisch* *hont* (A. Jans s)

hunt AS *hunnan* cogn with *hound* and perh also with *hand* and Goth. *hantian* to seize. From AS *hunta* hunter comes name *Hunt* still much commoner than later *Hunter*. Happy *hunt* n ground app translates some Amer Ind name for heaven

Hunterian Of William († 1833) or John Hunter († 1793) brothers anatomists

hurdle AS *hyrdel* dim cogn with Du *horde* Ger *hürde* cf ON *húsk* Goth *hauðs* door cogn with L *cratus* hurdle

G *supra* w ker work. Much used in ME of defensive works (cf *hoarding*). Being drawn on a *hurdle* to execution for high treason was not formally abolished till 1870

hurdy gurdy Imat of sound. Cf earlier *hurdy-gurdy* uproar and *hurdyburdy*

hurl From 13 cent Cf LG *hurreln* to hurl push etc Prob connected with *hur* imat of vibration whirling and influenced also by *hurle* and *hurl* as in obs *hurlpool* *hurlwind*. Hence *hurler*. Its name for hockey (qv) hockey stick and perh *hurlbury*. But with latter cf F *hurler* derw reckless person perh connected with *hurle* to howl also Ger *hurlen* precipitately

hurrah Later than *hur*. s App a cry picked up in Thirly Y ars War cf Norw Sw Dan *hurra* Ger *hurrah* Russ *ura* etc. orig Ger perh from *hur* n to move quickly

hurricane Sp *huracán* from Carib whence also Port *furacão*. From Sp come F *ouragan* Ger *orkan*. Some of the numerous early E forms (from 16 cent) e.g. *hauachana* *furicano* *h lecano* are due to folk-etym and it is possible that the accepted spelling owes something to the early theory that the storm was named from its destruction of sugar plantations (q d *hurry cone*)

hurry First in Shaks. Cogn with *hurl* (qv) with some earlier meanings of which it coincides. *Hurry scurry* is a redupl. suggested by *scurry* (qv)

In th *hurle* nd upron (H. Hand's *Livy*)

The multitude w all up on *hurree* (ib)

hurst [*disd*] Hillock also grove. Very common in place-names AS *hyrst* cf obs Du *horst* thicket Ger *horst* esp in *adlerhorst* eagles aery ON *hrystr* rough barren place

hurt OF *hur* (*hurter*) to collide da h *hur* t cf Prov w *hur* lit. *urle* s. Origin uncertain but prob Celt

Hurt *un* *hal* *wandre* in the day he *hurth* n t (B *leg non offendit*) (Wyc Joh xl. 5)

hurtle From *hurt* Ong to strike against. Later senses associated with *hurl* (qv) with which it sometimes varies in early MSS

When e we f *iden* into a place of gra el. the *hurled* a *lax* *hurten* *hurden* f *leg* *impegerunt* the *whirl* (Wyc 4th xxvii. 41)

hurtleberry Now usu *whortleberry*. App from AS *hwortber* c hart berry used of the buckthorn cf Ger *himbeere* raspberry lit *handberry*. See also *whortleberry* *huckleberry*

husband AS *hūsbonða*, master of the house, from ON *bōndi*, peasant, freeholder (see *bond*?) Cf *housewife* Senses of tiller of soil (replaced by *husbandman*), spouse, are later Orig sense appears in verb to *husband* (one's resources, etc) and *husbandry*, with which cf *economy*

Gif the housbonde man [*Vulg paterfamilias*] waste in what houre the theef were to cumme
(*Wye Malt* xiv 43)

This day, not for want, but for good husbandry, I sent my father, by his desire, six pair of my old shoes, which fit him, and are good
(*Pepys*, Dec 5, 1667)

hush Earliest is *hush*, adj (c 1400), which appears to be ident with interj *hust* (Chauc) In 15 cent texts varies with *hunst*, *whust*, etc, natural exclamations enjoining silence, cf *hust* Verb and noun *hush* are back-formations from *hush* regarded as p p Cf also Norw Dan *hysse*, to silence, from interj *hys* For *hushaby* cf LG *hussen*, to hush With to *hush up* (17 cent) cf *hush-money*, and *hush-ship*, used during the Great War of new ships of secret design and purpose (cf *Q-boat*)

husk Late ME App a dim of *house*, perh from Du, cf early sense of Du *hushen* (v1) Approximate parallels are found in Ger & LG, but some regard it as cogn with *hose*, in orig sense of covering Hence *hushy*, dry-throated, or as though choked with husks, cf *bur* For US *hushing*, jollification accompanying corn-husking, see *bee*

hushken siliqua, gluma, calyx, theca seminis (Kil)

husky Eskimo dog ? Corrupt of *Eskimo* A Scotsman resident in Canada suggests to me that it may be the personal name *Husky* (? for Hugh), as in *Huskisson*, given by early Sc immigrants Cf *collie*

hussar Hung *hussar*, freebooter, OSerb *gusar*, *hursar*, etc, Late G *λουσαρίος*, Late L *cursor* *us*, whence also *corsair* (q v.) Applied in 15 cent to Hung light horse and adopted by several West Europ langs Cf *cossack*, *pandour*, *uhlan* The hussar uniform still bears traces of Oriental origin

The horsemen of Hungary are commonly called hussars, an exceedingly ravenous and cruel kynde of men (NED 1560)

Fussars are horsemen, clothed in tygers and other skins, and adorn'd with plumes of feathers (News-reader's Poet's book, 1759)

hussif *Housewife* (q v), in sense of needle case, etc Cf *hussy*

Hussite [*hust*] Follower of John Hus, Bohemian reformer (15 cent), burnt at Constance, 1415

hussy For *housewife*, cf *goody* for *goodwife* For mod depreciation of sense, due to association with adjs such as *light*, *saucy*, etc, cf hist of *wench*, *quean*, and growing dislike of the vulgar for the word *woman*

Huswife, Ile have you whipt for slaundring me
(*Look about you*, 1600)

Being so good a hussy of what money I had left her (Defoe, *Colonel Jack*)

husting AS *hūsting*, ON *hūs-thing*, house thing, orig an assembly of the immediate followers of a king or noble, as distinguished from the general *thing* or *folkmoet*, cf the London *Court of Hustings*, presided over by the Lord Mayor, and held on a platform in the Guildhall, whence election *hustings* (18 cent) See *storting*, *thing*

hustle From 17 cent Orig to shake up coins (lots) in a hat for gambling Du *hutselen*, in same sense, frequent of *hutsen*, to shake (see *hodge-podge*) The sense of jostling, ill-treating, esp in connection with robbery, is E. only, which points to confusion with ME and dial *hush*, F *houspiller*, "to shake, or towse" (Cotg), OF *houssepigner*, lit to comb (*peigner*) one's jacket (see *housing*) With US sense of *hustler* cf *push* The office Tube hustler started work at Victoria, Jan 1920.

hushvlyn, or *spolvyn* spolio, dispolio (*Prompt Parv*)

A "hustler" started work at Tottenham Court Road tube-station yesterday
(*Daily Chron* Jan 20, 1920)

hut F *hutte*, Ger *hutte*, cogn with *hide*.

First as mil word

huteh Orig chest, coffer F *huche* (13 cent); cf. MedL *hutica* Perh from Ger. *hut*, keeping

Huttonian [*geol*] Plutonic theory of rocks From James Hutton (1796).

hutti [*Anglo-Ind*] Elephant (Kipling, *Road to Mandalay*) Hind *hāthi*, Sanskrit *hastī*, from *hasta*, hand, elephant's trunk (cf Pliny, *Hist Nat* viii 10 29).

Hattē, which is likewise elephant in their language (Journain's *Journ* 1612)

huzoor. Eastern formula of respectful address Arab *huzūr*, presence

huzza Ori^s sailors shout so perh for hauling-cry *hissa* from *F hasser* to hoist (q v) But cf Ger *hussa*

hyacinth Now differentiated from earlier *jacynth* (q v) F L G *va* *θos* flower fabled to have sprung from the blood of *Hyacinthus* youth beloved by Apollo
hvacno *θi* blow *r* purple *jac* nt o *hyacinth* fl wer (Cotz)

Hyades [ast on] Group of stars near Pleiades C *ades* popularly connected with *ev* to rain but perh from *vr* swine L name being *suculae* little pigs Cf *hyena*

hyaena See *hyena*

hyaloid From C *alos* glass

hybrid L *hybrida* *hib ida* offspring of tame sow and wild boar ? From C *si* sow with second element cogn with L *aper* boar

hydra L G *δρα* water snake Tig allusion to the numerous and indestructible heads of the Lernaean Hydra killed by Hercules in Chauc See *other*

hydrangea Coined by Linnaeus from G *ιoup* water *δγγος* vessel in allusion to form of seed-cup icle

hydrant Orig US Irreg formation from G *δwp* water

hydraulic L G *δρα λι os* from *δwp* water *αυλος* pipe

hydro Short for *hydrophathic establ h nent*

hydrogen F *hydrogène* coined (1781) by G de Morveau from G *ιoup* water and *γην* to produce Cf *hydrophy* study of water distribution *hyd omel* mead G *μυλu*, honey *hydrophathy* water cure (cf *homosopathy*) *hyd ophob a* G *φobos* fear because human sifferers how aversion to water *hyd oplane* coined on *aeroplane* *hydrophy* l armed form of *drop y* (q v) *hyd ostatic* etc

hyena L *hyaena* G *iaua* sw ne (sem) from *e* pig

hygiene F *hygiène* G *υγινη* (sc *εχη*) from *υγιη* healthy whence also *Hygiea* goddess of health

hygrometer From C *υγρος* wet fluid

hylic Material G *υλικ* s from *λη* wood timber used by Aristotle for matter Cf *hyloisim* theory that matter has life

Hymen L G *Ἦμην* god of marriage from *η* , membrane (vaginal) ? Cf Sanskrit *sy man* suture Hence *hymenoptera* (Linnaeus) in acts with membranous wings

hymn I G *μνος* song of praise adopted by LXX to render various Heb words

Cf AS *ymen* ME *ymne* now restored on G form

Salmon and *ym es* and spiritual songs

(Wyc. Col ill, 16)

hyoid [anas] Shape of G letter u See *oid*
hyoscine Jonson (used by Crippen) From *hyoscyamus* G from *υοσκαμω* pig s bean whence *Γ ju quama*

hypoathral Open to the sky From G *υπο* under *αθρη* air

hypallage [gram] Change of natural order in figure of speech e.g. *dare classibus austros* (den ill 61) for *dare classes austris* G exchange from *υπο* under *αλλασσειν* to exchange

hyperbaton [gram] Inversion of natural order G from *υπερ* over (cogn with I *super*) *βαταιν* to step Cf *hyperbole*
hyperbole C *βόλλειν* to throw *hyperborae* C *Βορρας* north (wind) *hypersthene* (man) *Γ hypersthene* named by Italy (1803) from G *εσθως* strength because harder than hornblende *hyper trophy* G *τροφη* nourishment (cf *atrophy*)

hyphen C *υφέν* (adv) together from *υπο* under one Hence *hyphenated American* (1913) of Ger origin and preserving Ger sympathies

hypnotism Coined (1842) by Dr J Brand from *hypnotic* (17 cent) from G *υπνος* sleep Cf *bradism*

hypocaust Heating-chamber of Roman house or bath G *υπο* *κατω* from *υπο* under (cogn with L *sub*) *καυω* to burn Cf *hypochond* (a ong soft part of body) and organs below costal cartilages from G *χ ρος* gnstle hence, in C melancholy supposed to be situated in liver spleen *hypochondric* of per names G *κατος* child *hypocrite* G *υποκριτης* actor let one who answers back ult from *υπο* to judge decide *hypoderm* G *επιδερμ* skin *hypostasis* essence personality G *υποστασις* to set *hypotenuse* G *υποτινω* to stretch part from *υπο* to stretch because subtending the right-angle *hypothesis* putting under supportation from G *υποθεσις* to place (cf *hypothese*) from G gave from *Γ*)

hypo- From G *υπο* b *ht*

hyrax The (con) of the Bible G *υραξ* shrew mouse

hyson Cantonese form of Chin, *hyson* bright spring

hyssop L G *εσσυπος* of Oriental origin cf Heb *h* Hence AS *yssope*

hysterna Mod formation from *hysteric*, F *hystérique*, L, G *ὑστερικός*, from *ὑστέρα*, womb Cf *mother*, in same sense
O, how this mother swells up toward my heart!
Hysternia passio!—down, thou climbing sorrow
(*Lear*, II 1).

hysteron-proteron [*gram*] Inversion G *ὑστερον*, latter, *πρότερον*, former Cf *pre-posterous*

hythe See *hithe*

I AS ic Com Teut., cf Du *ik*, Ger *ich*, ON *ek*, Goth *ih*, cogn with L *ego*, G *ἐγώ*, Sanskrit *aham* Me (q v) is Aryan

iambic L, G, from *ἰαμβος*, ? from *ἰάπτειν*, to assail, because trad first used, by Archilochus (7 cent BC), in invective verse
? Or from root of *ἰάναι*, to go, with suffix as in *διθύραμβος*, *ὀρίαμβος*. Cf *trochaic*

iatic From G *ἰατρός*, healer, physician

ib, **ibid** For L *ibidem*, in the same place
Iberian [*ing*] Prehistoric race preceding Celts in Western Europe, esp in Spain
From G *Ἰβηρες*, the Spaniards (and Portuguese)

ibex L, kind of goat

ibis L, G *ἴβις*, prob of Egypt origin

Ibsenity Of *Ibsen*, Norw. author (†1914)
Jocular (*Punch*), after *obscenity*

Icarian Of *Icarus*, son of Daedalus The earliest airman

ice AS *īs*. Com Teut., cf Du *ijs*, Ger *eis*, ON *īss* *Iceberg*, ice mountain, may be Du *ijsberg* or Dan *isbjerg*

Icelandic [*ing*] Mod form of Old Norse, from which, owing to centuries of isolation, it differs much less than the cogn Scand langs

Ichabod, to write See I *Sam* IV 21

ichneumon L, G *ἰχνεύμων*, from *ἰχνεύειν*, to track, from *ἵχνος*, footstep, because it finds and destroys the eggs of the crocodile See *cockatrice*

ichnography [*arch*] Ground-plan From G *ἰχνεύειν*, to trace (v s)

ichor F, G *ἰχώρ*, fluid replacing blood in veins of the gods

ichthyosaurus Fossil monster From G *ἰχθύς*, fish, *σαῦρος*, lizard Cf *ichthyology*, *ichthyophagy*, etc

icle For *ice* *ichl*. From AS *īs*, ice, *gicel*, icicle, cf archaic Dan *isegel*, Norw dial *isjökul*, from ON *jökull*, icicle *Ichle* alone is still used in dial

Be she constant, be she fickle,
Be she fire, or be she icicle (NED 1687)

icon. Image, esp picture, etc of saint as object of veneration in Eastern Church
G *εἰκών*, likeness

iconoclast Late L, Late G *εἰκονοκλάστης*, from *εἰκών* (v s), *κλάειν*, to break. Orig. applied (8-9 cents) to image-breakers in Eastern Church

icosahedron G, from *εἴκοσι*, twenty, *ἔδρα*, seat, base

-ics Adopted from L, G neut pl *-ικά* of adjs in *-ικός*. F treats the ending as fem sing (*dynamique*, *tactique*, etc) exc in *mathématiques*

ictus L, stroke, p p of archaic *icere*, to strike, used as p p. of *ferre*

id [*biol*]. Unit of germ-plasm Coined (1891) by Weismann on *idioplasm*

idea L, G *ἰδέα*, look, semblance, from *ἰδεῖν*, to see Earlier is dial *idee*, via F Earliest sense in mod langs is archetype, as in Platonic philos, something of which survives in *ideal-ist* Image, conception, are later developments

Withal, I did infer your lineaments,
Being the right idea of your father,

Both in your form and nobleness of mind

(*Rich III*, III 7)

identity F *identité*, Late L *identitas* (5 cent), from *idem*, same

ideology Science of ideas (q v)

ides F, L *idus* (pl)

idiom F *idiome*, language, dialect, L, G *ἰδιώμα*, peculiarity, from *ἴδιος*, own, peculiar

idiosyncrasy G *ἰδιοσυγκρασία*, from *ἴδιος* (v s), *σύνκρasis*, mixture, from *σύν*, together (see *crasis*)

idiot F, L *idiota*, uncultivated person, G *ἰδιώτης*, private person, "layman," from *ἴδιος* (v s). Mod. sense is oldest in E, though theologians, from Wye onward, have used the word in L & G meaning

idle. AS *idel*, empty, useless WGer, cf. Du *ydél*, worthless, Ger *eitel*, vain Orig sense still in *idle words* (mind, etc) Cf sense-development of *vain* and L *vacuus* *Idlesse* is one of Spenser's sham antiques revived by Scott

The erthe was idel [*ear*, *veyn* with *ynne*, *Vulg manus*] and *voide* (*Wye Gen* I 2)

ido Artificial language, simplified (1907) from *esperanto* Esperantist suffix *-ido*, son, offspring of

idol F *idole*, Late L, G *εἰδωλον*, image, likeness, from *εἶδος*, form, cogn with *ἰδάν*, to see Used by LXX in mod sense.

In *idolater idolatry* (whence *marolat y babolatry* etc) second element is from *λατρεω* to serve. Correctly *idololater* one -ol being lost by dissim. (cf *hero comic*)

idyll L G εἶδος *dim* of *ἵδω* form picture. Orig short descriptive poem of rustic or pastoral type

e For L *id est* that is

ser F agent suffix L -arius

if AS *gif* Com Teut cf Du *of* (earlier *joſ*) Ger *ob* (OHG *oba ſbu*) Oñ *of* Goth *ibas* Supposed to be oblique case of a Teut noun meaning doubt

igloo *igloo* Eskimo house

igneous From L *ignis* from *ignis* fire

ignis fatuus ModL foolish fire cf F *feu follet* will o the wisp

ignominy F *ignominie* L *ignom nia* from *in* neg **gnomen* (nomen) name Cf *nobil*

ignoramus L we do not know. On^o leg (vL) *ignors* still being used of throwing out an indictment. Mod sense from Ruggie's play (1615) intended to expose the ignorance of the common lawyers with *Ignoramus* as title rôle

ignor m s is a word properly used by th grand enquest. and written upon th bill. when as they make their evidenc s d forb or two w k to make good the p^osentment (Cow l)

ignore Orig not to know (v s) still the only s use of F *ignorer* (cf *ignorance*) L *ignorare* from *in* neg **novare* to know (cf *ignarus*) Current sense is quite mod (vL)

Th y began by reviling me they now "gnore in the phrase goes (NED 185)

iguana Sp from Carib name *iguana yuani* etc Hence *iguanonodon* fossil dinosaur coined from G *οὖν* *δόντι* tooth after *masodon*

IHS G **ΙΗΣ** abbrev of **ΙΗΣΟΥΣ** Jesus transliterated into L characters with error preservation of G **Η** (instead of **Ε**) and hence popularly explained as acrostic for *Iesus Hominum Salvator* or *In Hoc Signo (t) nes* *In Hac (e) uce* *Salus* Dñ it a tem^o d or (Codex Bezae L A vi 3 7 cont.)

ilex L holm-oak evergreen oak

iliac Of the loins *il si aque* Late L *sicus* from *ila* loins entrails confused in *passia* *lia s* with G *ἰλας* *e laus* colic from *la* or to roll

Iliad L *Ilias* *Iliad* G *Ἰλιάς* (sc *ἱερὸν*) poem of *Ἰλίου Τροί*

ilk [Sc] Same AS *ilka* from pronoun stem (cf L *is*) and suffix *-e* (see *like*) Of that *ilk* implies coincidence of name with estate e.g. *Lundie of Lundie* Not ident with *ilk* in *ilka lassie* (*ilk a lassie*) which is northern form of *sack* (q v) cf Sc *u'ilk* for *u'ich*

ill ON *illr* replacing in early ME some senses of unrelated *evil* Apart from current mod sense for *sick* it is chiefly used as adj and adv in real or virtu l compds (*all blood with ill bred ill gotten* etc)

illacuate To snare From L *illaq a e* from *laqueus* noose snare See *lace*

illative Inferential From L *inferre* *illat*

illegitimate Current sense of born out of wedlock is oldest in E (16 cent)

ilith Coined by Ruskin on *ecallit* Cf *coolit*

illuminate For *ea* *ler illumine* L *ill i nina e* to throw into light *lumen lum n* See *lum vary lum* Hence *Illuminal* orig Sp sect of 16 cent later Cer secret soci ty of 18 cent now often used of groups claiming spec wisdom

illusion F L *illusio n* from *illudere* to mock deceive from *ludere* *lis* to play Cf *ludicrous*

illustrate From L *illu tra s* to throw into lustre (q v) hence to elucidate by means of pictures examples etc *Illustrous* is for earlier *ilust e* F L *illustis*

im See *in* *in*

image F L *imago m g* cogn with *in i* *ine* Orig effigy likeness (Gen l 7) as in *the very image of* Cf *ima ine* to form a mental image picture to oneself *Ima o* perfect stage of insect, is due to *Linnæus*

imam *amaum* Mohammedan p est. Arab

imam leader from *amma* to go before

imbale F *imbale* L *imbacilis* weak in body or mind for *imbacill s* qu: sine baculo *ie* tottering for lack of support. This etym long regarded as an early myth, is now accepted by competent authorities

imbibe L *imbibere* to drink in lit and fig

imbricate [bot] Overlapping like tiles From L *imbrica s* from *imbrex* *imbrex* gutter tile from *imber* *em* rain

imbrigo It confusion tangle from *trogi o* See *tro*

imbrue Now usu with blood but orig of bedabblement in gen earliest records referring to tabl manners (vL) OF *em broue* *imbrue* to bedaub from the same

root as *broth* (q v), cf It *imbrodolare*, "to fowle with broth or dish-wash" (Flor) Early examples show confusion with *imbue* and *brew* No connection with OF *embreuer*, to saturate, which would have given E *imbreve* (cf *retrieve*)

With mouth enbrowide thi coppe thou not take
(NED c 1430)

s'embruier to imbue, or bedable himselfe with
(Cotg)

imbue L *imbuerē*, to causc to drink in Earliest as p p, partly due to F *imbu*, L *imbitus*

imburse [archaic] F *embourser*, from *en* and *bourse*, purse (q v) Hence *reimburse*

imitatē From L *imitari*, cogn with *image* *Imitative* (ling) is a convenient term to include *onomatopoeic* and *echoic*

immaculate L *immaculatus*, unspotted, from *macula*, spot (see *maul*) Earliest in ref to the Holy Virgin

immanent Contrasted with *transcendent*, *transient* F, from *pres* part of L *immanēre*, from *manēre*, to dwell (see *manor*).

immediate F *immédiat*, MedL *immediatus*, without anything between, cf *medium*, *intermediate* The adv *immediately* is much older (15 cent)

immemorial See *memory* Esp in *time immemorial*, time out of mind, cf F *temps immémorial*

immense F, L *immensus*, unmeasured, from *metiri*, *mens-*, to measure

immerse From L *immergere*, *immers-*, to plunge into Also occ *immerge* (as *emerge*) See *merge* *Immersion* first occurs (17 cent) in ref to baptism

immigrant From L *immigrare* after earlier *emigrant* See *migrate*

imminent F, from *pres* part of L *imminēre*, to overhang, from *minēre*, to jut out Cf *eminent*

immolate From L *immolare*, orig to sprinkle with sacrificial meal, *mola*

immortelle F (sc *fleur*) Cf *synon everlasting* Cf F *immortel*, member of Academy

immunity F *immunité*, L *immunitas*, exemption from public service, etc, from *munus*, service, duty Med sense of *immune*, obs c 1660-1880, is a reintroduction from F or G

imure F *emmurēre*, to wall in, from *en* and *mur* See *mural*

imp AS *impa*, shoot, graft, from *in-pian*, to graft Like F *enter*, Ger *impfen*, an early loan from a L verb which may be-

long to *-putare*, to cut (**in-putare*), or to G *ἐμφύεω*, implanted, grafted The verb, which was also applied to inserting feathers into hawk's wing, is still in dial use The noun acquired the sense of human offshoot, child (cf *scion*), and then, from common use in *imp of Satan* (hell, wickedness, etc) reached its current meaning Cf *hussy*, *wench*, etc

Heav'n's sacred impe, faire goddesse [Peace] that
renuest

Th' old golden age (Sylv *Handicrafts*)

impact From L *impingere*, *impact-*, to dash against

impair OF *empeirier* (*empirer*), to make worse, VL **in-pejorare*, from *pejor*, worse, or of F. formation from *pire*, OF. *peure*, L *pejor*

impale F *empaler*, from *pal*, stake, L *palus*

impart OF *empartir* (replaced by *faire part de*), L *impartire*, *impartire*, to give a share of, from *pars*, *part-*, part

impasse F, from *in-*, neg and *passer*. Coined by Voltaire as euph for *cul de sac*

impassible F, Church L *impassibilis*, incapable of suffering, from *pati*, *pass-*, to suffer, cf *impassive*, not suffering.

impassion It *impassionare* See *passion*

impasto It, thick laying-on of colour See *paste*

impeach Orig to hinder, but Wyc also has it in sense of accusation F *empêcher*, to prevent, Late L *impedicare*, from *pedica*, fetter, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot Current E sense represents rather OF *empacher*, to accuse, for which see *dispatch* *Impeach* replaced earlier *appeach* (see *peach*) 'Soft impeachment' is after Sheridan, from hist. *impeachment*, accusation and trial before House of Lords at instance of House of Commons

I own the soft impeachment—spare my blushes—
I am Delia (Rivals, v 3)

impeccable F, L *impeccabilis*. See *peccant*

impecunious From L *in-*, neg and *pecuniosus*, rich See *pecuniary*

impede First in Shaks L *impedire*, lit to shackle, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot Much earlier is *impediment* (14 cent.)

impel L *impellere*, from *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive, force Cf *impulse*

impend L *impendēre*, to hang over, from *pendēre*, to hang Cf *depend*

imperative L *imperativus*, from *imperare*, to command, from *parare*, to make ready. First (16 cent) as gram term.

imperator See *emperor*

Imperial *F* *imperial* *L* *imperialis* from *imperator* rule empire *Imperial federation* preference *imperialism* in connection with British empire are quite good (c 1900) As applied to measures *imperial* indicates fixed by statute as contrasted with local usage Sense of tuft of hair on lower lip is from Emperor Napoleon III In sense of roof of coach trunk to fit roof *F* *imperial* app. jocular application of sense of height and dignity

imperious *L* *imperiosus* from *imperium* rule empire (q v)

imperfectible Unrecorded without written authority Only with right *I* from *L* *imperfect* and *perscribere* to write down **impertinent** Orig. not to the point See *per hinc* Current sense as also in *F* from *per cent*

Impetrate [*ikeol*] To obtain by request *I* from *L* *impetrare* to wrangle from *petere* to bring to pass

impetuous *F* *impetueux* *L* *impetuosus* from *impetus* attack from *impete* to assault from *petere* to seek strive towards

impi Zulu army Native word *impi* company of people esp. armed

impinge *L* *impingere* from *in* and *pangere* to fix drive in

implead [*le*] To sue *OF* *emplier* or See *plead*

implement Orig. household goods in gen. Late *L* *implementum* from *nolere* to fill up *Cl* *implement* fulfilment in Sc. law For restrict. m. of sense *cl* *stentil*

implicate From *L* *implicare* to entangle involve *im* *phicere* to fold twist *Cl* *imply* with which it is often synon. e.g. in by implication *Cl* *imply* orig. involved then implied but not expressed or explicit

implore *F* *implorer* *L* *implorare* from *plora* to weep wail

impluvium [*arch*] Basin for rain water in Roman atrium *L* from *pluere* to rain

imply *OF* *emplier* *L* *implicare* See *implicate* Hence also *employ* representing the tonic stem *OF* *emple* *emplo* of same verb *Cl* *F* *plier* or *ployer* to bend **import** *F* *importer* *L* *importare* to bring in from *por* to carry (see *port*)

Secondary use from *MedL* *importare* to carry (consequences etc.) within it

unfortunate For earlier *importuna* *F* *importuna* *L* *importunus* unfit inconvenient

opposite of *opportunist* cogn. with *I* *portus* harbour with idea of accessibility or the reverse *Cl* *I* *Portunus* god of harbours ? formed on *Nephtunus*

impose *F* *imposer* See *po* Earlier is *imposition* used by Wyc. of laying on of hands *Cl* *impos* to something put upon one *impost* *OF* (*impest*) tax *postor* which belong more directly to *L* *imponere* *impos* to lay on For sense of adj. *impos* *cl* *impressive*

impostume Abcess Altered from earlier *apostuma* (q v) For prefix change *cl* *suegle*

imbound Now use of documents See *bound*

impoverish *OF* *empovrir* *empovris* (replaced by *af* *a* *est*) from *en* and *poivre* (*p* *uirs*) See *poor*

imprecation *F* *imprecator* *L* *imprecator* from *imprecari* to invoke by prayer from *precari* to pray Current limited sense is characteristic of human nature (v.) *Cl* *F* *en* to lord to bear ill will to *I* with *disper* to tear *cl* *Imperialist* just all *cl* *press* (N.D. 664)

impregnable Earlier *impenable* *F* from *prendre* *pre* to take *L* *pr* *h* *nd* *e* For intrusive *g* *cl* *del* *hi* *note* *e* *g* etc

impregnate Orig. adj. Late *L* *in* *pr* *ae* *natus* See *pregnant*

impresario It. operatic manager from *im* *pre* undertaking *emprise*

imprescriptible Inalienable not subject to prescription used with *cht* *F* (see *p* *ec* *be*)

impress To press into *L* *imprimere* *im* *press* from *in* and *primere* *press* to press See *p* *est* *print* *Impressionism* in art dates from c 1880

impress To force to serve commander See *p* *est* *I* *uly* associated with *press* *Who impress the forest blith tree* *cl* *fix* *his* *th* *bound* *root*? (*cl* *d* *i* *l*)

imprint Advance of money For earlier *print* See *p* *est* *Cl* *It.* *impresto* *OF* *emp* *i*

imprimatur *L* let it be printed from *in* *pr* *are* to impress Orig. of state licence to print book not only of *F* *C* *Chu* *ch*

imprimus *L* for *in* *pr* *im* among the first (things)

imprint Older form of *print* (q v)

impromptu *F* *in* *promptu* from *pro* *pr* *s* readiness from *promere* *prompt* to bring forward from *p* *o* and *emere* to obtain

improperiate [ecel] To annex profits of benefice to corporation or individual, esp of titles From MedL *impropriare* Cf. *apropriate*, *expropriate*, and see *proper*

improve Earlier *impro*, AF *emprouer*, to turn to profit, from *en* and OF *pro*, profit, for which see *prouess* Earliest E use is connected with enclosing land (see *encroach*) Altered by influence of *prove* and its compds Etym sense survives in to improve the shining hour (Dr Watts), the occasion, etc *Appro*, *approve*, OF *aprouer*, was also used in same sense

improvise F *improviser*, It *improv(u)isare*, "to say or sing extempore" (Flor), from *improviso*, unprepared, unprovided, cf L adv *improviso*, de *improviso* See *provide*.

impudent F, L *impudens*, *impudent*-, neg of *prudens*, pres part of *prudere*, to be ashamed In Chauc Cf *shameless*

impugn. F. *impugner*, L *impugnare*, to assail, from *pugnare*, to fight In lit sense in Wyc (Judges, ix 44)

impulse See *impel*

impunity F *impunité*, L *impunitas*, from *impunis*, unpunished See *punish*

impute. F. *imputer*, L *imputare*, from *in* and *putare*, to reckon

in AS *in* Com. Teut; cf Du Ger *in*, ON *í*, Goth *in*, cogn with L *in*, G *in*, Welsh *yn*, etc As adv it is AS. *inne* (cf Ger *innen*), whence compar *inner*. *Inmost* is a double superl (see *foremost*, *-most*), and *innermost* is a further corrupt (cf *utmost*, *uttermost*) Hence also verb to *in*, esp of reclaiming land, AS *innan*, *geinnan*. With *inly*, thoroughly, from the heart, AS *inlice*, cf. Ger *innig*, in same sense

in¹. L *in*-, neg, cogn with Teut *in*-, G *in*-, &. Becomes *im*- before labial. Sometimes assumed, eg in *infamous*, *impious*, more than mere neg force (cf *dis*-)

in². L *in*, *in* into Becomes *im*- before labial. Often restored from earlier *en*-, from F.; cf *argure*, *enquere*, *injunction*, *enjoin*. See also *en*-

inadvertent. From obs *advertent* See *advert*. *inamorato*-, *-ta*. It. p p of *inamorare*, 'to enamour, to fall in love' (Flor). A 16 cent. word from the Grand Tour.

inane L *inane*, empty Earlier *inane* *inani*-, *emptines* *inani*-, *inani*-,

inasmuch (as). For *in as much*, cf F *en tant que*.

inaugurate See *augur*

inca Peruv, lord, Linc.

incandescent. From pres part of L *in candescere*, from *in* and *candescere*, to begin to glow, incept. of *candere*, to glow

incantation F., L *incantatio*-, from *incantare*, to sing spells, "enchant"

incarcerate From L *in* and *carcerare*, from *carcer*, prison, ? cogn with AS *hearg*, heathen temple, whence *Harrow*.

incarnadine Orig. flesh-coloured (cf. *carnation*) F *incarnadin*, It *incarnadino*, var of *incarnatino*, from *incarnato*, incarnate

In mod. poet use as verb after *Macb* ii. 2

incarnate From L *incarnare*, to make flesh, *caro*, *carn*-. Earlier is *incarnation*, OF, Church L *incarnatio*-, in Christian sense. With *fiend incarnate*, etc, cf fig. senses of *embodiment*.

incendiary. L *incendarius*, from *incendium*, conflagration (v i)

incense¹. Noun. ME *incens*, F., L *incensum*, p p of *incendere*, to set on fire, cogn with *candere*, to glow (see *incandescent*).

incense² Verb. OF *incenser*, from L *incendere*, *incens*-, as above For current sense cf to *inflame*.

incentive L *incentivus*, setting the tune, from *incinere*, **incent*-, to strike up, from *canere* to sing Sense influenced by association with *incendere*, to kindle (v i)

inception L *incepho*-, beginning, from *incipere*, *incept*-, from *capere*, to take Cf Ger *anfassen*, to begin, from *fassen* to take, catch *Inceptive* is applied to L verbs in *-scio*, *-scere*, indicating beginning of action

incessant F, Latd L, *incessans*, *incessant*, from *cessare*, to cease (q v.)

incest L *incestus*, impure, from *castus*, chaste.

inch¹ Measure AS *ynce*, L *uncia*, *inch*, ounce Early loan, not found in other Teut. langs *Every inch* (15 cent) is now use after Shaks

As, every inch a king (*Leir*, l. 6)

inch² Small island (*Macl* l. 2), Gael word, cf Ir *inis*, Welsh *ynys*, Corn *enys*, all common in place-names; cogn with L *insula*.

inchoate. From L *inchoare*, for *inchoare*, to begin. Hence *inchoate*, sometimes used for *incipit*, or name for L verbs in *-scio*, *-scere*

incident F., orig adj., from pres part. of L *incidere*, to fall in, from *cadere*, to fall. Sense of untoward happening, vol. *contingent*, etc, is mod.

incinerate From MedL *incinerare* to reduce to ashes See *cinerary*
incipient From pres part of L *incipere* to begin from *capere* to take Cf *incipit* (here) begins

incision F L *incisio-n* from *incidere* *incidit* to cut into from *cadere* to cut For fig sense of *incisive* cf *trenchant*

incite F *inciter* L *incitare* See *cite*
incivism F *incivism* a Revolution comage See *civism*

inclement F *inclement* See *clement* Limitation to weather is curious

incline ME *encline* OF *encliner* (*incliner*) as *decline* (q v) For fig senses cf *to lean*
include L *includere* to shut in from *claudere* to close

incognito It unknown esp in connection with travelling L *incognitus* from *cognoscere* *cognit* to know Hence *incog* (c 1700)

We set out in *og* as h called it (DeLoe R 2200)

incoherent See *cohere*

income What comes in Cf Ger *ein kommen* *einkunfts* F *revenu* and opposite *out goings* The *income tax* once as assessed at pence in the pound was first levied as a war tax (1799)

incomprehensible See *comprehend* Lat sense in Athanasian Creed

incongruous Not *congruous* See *congruent*

incorporate See *corporate* Cf *incarnate* and hybrid *embody*

incorrigible F L *incorrigibilis* from *corrigere* to correct (q v)

incrassate [biol] Thickened From L *incrassare* See *crass*

increase ME *encrease* AF *encreisser* OF *encreistre* *encreiss* later *encreistre* (replaced by *accretive*) L *increscere* from *crecere* to grow Cf *creascent* Prob influenced also by OF *encreissier* to augment from L *crassus* fat

increment L *incrementum* from *increscere* (v s) Esp in *unearned increment* (J S Mill)

incriminate From MedL *incriminare* from *crimen* *crimin* crime

incubate From L *incubare* to sit on eggs See *coley cub ile*

incubus Orig night fiend seeking carnal intercourse with women Late L for *incubo* nightmare from *incubare* (v s) Cf *incubus*

These sprites do women shame

Inc by denotes y s c li ther name (MED, c. 133)

inculcate From L *inculcare* to stamp in from *calcare* to tread from *calx calc* heel

inculpate From L *culpa* fault as *incriminatio*

incumbent From pres part of L *incumbere* to lie upon apply oneself to cogn with *incubare* Earliest (15 cent) as noun in Church sense app from MedL sense of *obtuning* holding

incunabula L pl swaddling-clothes from *cunae* cradle Fig infancy hence books produced during infancy of printing (before 1500) Thus sen e dates from Van Beughem a *Incunabula Typographiae* (Amsterdam 1688)

incurs L *incurrere* to run into from *currere* to run Lit sense survives in *incur* ion

indeed Orig two word Cf *in fact* and Ger *in der tat*

indefatigable OF L *indefatigabilis* from *defat* are to tire out

indefeasible See *defeasance*

indelible Earlier *indelible* that cannot be put or raced out (Bloont) from L *delere* to wipe out

indemnity Orig security against contingent loss F *indemnité* Late L *indemnitas* from *indemnus* unharmed from *damnum* harm damage Cf *synon* F *délivrance* *ement* lit dis-damage ment *War indemnity* dates from Germany a extortion of five milliards from France in 1871

indent F *enderer* to give a serrated edge to from *dent* tooth L *dens dent* cf MedL & It *indentatus* Esp to separate two halves of document as such a way that their genuineness may be verified by juxtaposition (cf *the checker party*) Hence *indenture* agreement esp in apprenticeship and to *indent* for (orig Anglo-Ind) to write a formal order with counterfoil cf MedL *carta indentata* indenture This verb has absorbed earlier native *indent* from *der* *dent* opposite to *emboss*

independent F *indépendant* (see *dependent*) As name of rel sect (17 cent) equivalent to *Conregationist*

index L fore-finger anything that points out indicates In book sense from 16 cent. Also short for *lex librorum prohibitorum* first published by authority of Pius IV (1564) or *lex expurgatoria* first published by authority of Philip II of Spain (15, 1) both compilations being due to the Council of Trent (1545-63)

India L, G *Ἰνδία*, from *Ἰνδός*, the Indus, Pers *hind*, Sanskrit *sindhu*, river Also poet *Ind*, F *Inde*, and ME *Indie*, still in pl *Indies* Orig of Indus region only (see *Hindi*), later extended to whole peninsula, and vaguely used for East, e.g. *India paper*, *Indian ink* both come from China So also the early explorers thought America the back-door of India, whence *West Indies*, *Red Indian*, *Indian corn*, *india-rubber*, etc *Indian summer*, US for *All Hallows' summer* (1 *Hen IV*, 1 2), is first recorded 1798 and "is now a literary convention in three continents" (A Matthews) Volney (1803) renders it *été sauvage* and compares F *été de la Saint-Martin* The popular form *Injun* was commonly written c. 1800 and survives in *honest Injun*, "the [American] boy's equivalent to a Bible oath" (A Matthews)

indicate From L *indicare*, from *dicare*, to make known Hence *indicative*, first as gram term, F *indicatif*

indict ME *endite*, AF *enditer*, with spec sense of accusing, which does not appear in OF *enditer*, from L *in* and *dicare*, to proclaim For latinized spelling cf *interdict*, *verdict* Cf *indiction*, fiscal period of fifteen years established by Constantine (313), also assessment, etc, L *indictio-n*, from *indicare*, to appoint

You cannot indict a nation (Burke)

For once we can, and do, indict a whole nation (Pall Mall Gaz. Dec. 6, 1917)

Indies See *India*

indifferent See *different* Orig. without inclination to either side From idea of neutrality came sense of fairly good (17-18 cent), which has now degenerated to rather bad *Indifferentism* (rel) is via F That they may truly and indifferently minister justice (Prayer for Church Mil 'an)

I a indifferent honest (Hamlet iii 1)

indigenous Earlier *indigene*, F *indigène*, L *indigena* from a prefix cogn with G *gēnōs*, within, and *gignere*, *ger-*, to beget Cf *indivert*

indigent F, from pres part. of L *indigere*, to lack, from *egere*, to want, with prefix as above

indign [archaic] F, *indigne*, L *indignus* unworthy

indignation F, L *indignatio-n*, anger at what is regarded as unworthy (v.s.), from *indignus* to be worthy In Chaucer and Wye. Cf *indignity*, unworthy treatment.

indigo Earlier (16 cent), *indico*, Sp. *indico*, L *Indicum*, of India Earlier name was *anil* (see *aniline*)

indisposed Orig not in order With mod sense (from c. 1600) cf. *out of sorts*

indite ME *endite*, OF. *enditer*, from L *dicare*, to dictate Cf *indict*

individual MedL *individualis*, from L *in-dividuus* (whence F *individuu*), from *in-*, neg., *dividere*, to divide Cf *atom* *Individualism*, *individualist* are via F Indo-European, Indo-Germanic [ling.]. The second is after Ger *indogermanisch*, coined by Schlegel (1808) and regularly used by Ger philologists for *Aryan* (q.v.).

indolent F, Late L *indolens*, *indolent-*, from *dolere*, to grieve Cf to take no pains

indomitable After F. *indomptable*, from L *domitare*, frequent of *domare*, to tame See *daunt*

indoor(s) For earlier *within door(s)*

indubitable L *indubitabilis*, from *dubitare*, to doubt (q.v.)

induce L *inducere*, to lead in Cf *induct*, to lead in formally, introduce, L *inducel-*, also *induction*, opposed in log to *deduction*, L *inductio-n* being used by Cicero for G *ἐπαγωγή*, leading to (Aristotle).

indulge L *indulgere*, to be courteous, complaisant Much earlier is *indulgence* in gen and spec sense of remission of sin obtained by payment

And purchase at the pardon of Pampilon and Rome

And indulgences ynowe

(Piers Plowm. B. xvii. 26)

induna Zulu or Matabele chief Zulu

indurate From L *indurare*, from *durus*, hard **indusium** [bot] L, tunic, from *induere*, to put on.

industry F *industrie*, L *industria*, for **indu-struua*, from *struere*, to build, with prefix as in *indigenous* *Industrialism* in current sense is mod via F

inebriate From L *inebriare*, from *ebrius*, drunk

ineffable F, L *ineffabilis*, unutterable, from *effari*, from *ex* and *fari*, to speak Cf *efflu*

ineluctable That cannot be escaped from F *ineluctible*, L *ineluctabilis* from *eluctari*, to struggle out, from *ex* and *luctari*, to struggle Cf *reluctant*

inept F *inepte*, L *ineptus*, from *aptes* (See *apt*)

inert F *inerte*, L *inertis*, inert, sluggish, enervated, from *in-*, neg. and *erere*, to be

Hec *e inertia* introduced into phys by
 Kepl r
 inevitable F *inevitabilis* L. *inevitabilis* from
evitare to avoid from *ex* and *ita* s to thum
 inexorable F L. *inexorabilis* from *exorare*
 to entreat from *ora* s to pray
 inexpressibles Trousers (18 cent) Cf *un-*
mentionables
 inexpugnable F L. *inexpugnabilis* from
expugnare to take by attack from *pugnare*
 to fight
 infamous infamy See *fame* For strength
 ened sense cf some compl of *di*
 infant ME *ensaufet* F *enfant* L *infans*
infans unable to speak *firi* Aphet *f* at
faunt common in ME survive as sur
 names. Earl est sense of baby is extend'd
 to young child (*infant school*) and minor
 (leg) Cf It Sp *infante* child youth
 whence It *infanteria* infantry force com
 posed of those too inexperienced or low in
 rank for cavalry service whence E *in-*
fantry through I Also Sp *infanta* prin
 cess spec eldest daughter who is not heir
 to the throne
 infatuate From I *infatuare* from *fatuus*
 foolish Cf *dote fond* and F *affole*
assoer to infatuate
 infect From L *infectus* infect to dip in
 impregnate from *facere* to make ME
 had also adj *infect* F *infecte* tainted etc
 which may be the source of the verb Cf
addict
 infer L *inferre* to bring in
 inferior L compar of *inferus* from *infra*
 below
 infernal F L. *infernalis* from *infernus*
 lower (s) Cf It *inferno* hell esp with
 ref to Dante's *Divine Comedy*
 infest F *infester* L *infes* s e from *inse* his
 unsafe hostile
 infidel F *infidèle* L *infidelis* from *fides*
 faith Earliest of Saracens
 infiltration Now much used after F *infiltrer*
 and pol sense See *filter*
 infinitive See *finish* *Infinitive* is L *infinitus*
 (Quintilian and Priscian) *Infinitesimal* is
 mod coinage after *centesimal* etc
 infirmiry Replaces (from 16 cent) ME
fermyer *farnary* aphet forms from OF
enfermerie (*nâmerie*) place for the infirm
 OF *e f n* (*infirmus*)
 inflammable F from L *inflammare* to set
 on fire inflame See *flame*
 inflate From L *inflare* s *nâre* from *flare* to
 blow

inflect L. *inflect* *v* from *fle* *tere* *fle* to bend cf *inflexible* *inflex* *on* With gram sense of latter cf *hit* of *co* *r* *declin* *m* In *inflectional* lang (Aryan) is one in wh ch orig a *lutination* (q) is d caused by phonetic decay

infect From L *infect* *ere* *infect* See *affect*

influence F Late L. *influentia* flowing in from *fluere* *e* to flow Orig a *troil* (Chanc) cf Late L (4 cent) *flavus* (lel *arum*)

astral influence

fine or indirect course of the plan is (Cost

influenza It influence (s) but also applied to epidemic outbreak and in 143 spec to *la grippe* which was then raging in Europe and has made period visits since Ierh quot. below record an earlier visit Also applied in 19 cent. before the real thing arrived to a bad cold For specialization cf *grippe*

Fig 1. From old such was stern rd so
ep demoral, a ot only to aff t us in this island
but w rd ov sad E rope lik a plague
(F byu, t v)

influx. Late L is *fluvius* from *flue* to
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inform ME *enform* OF *a former* (*n*
former) L *informa* *s* to give form to
 Mind sense *springs* from that of informing
 the mind To *inform* bring accusati
 appears first in the nouns *informal* *n*
former (15 cent.) techn *n* *inform* *r*
 employed with the object of d *s* *pen*
 with the grand jury The con table usu
 begins his evidence in court with *let me*
on inform al on rice ed

infraction See *inf* in *c*
 infra dg L *inf* a dign late n a phrase of
 unknown origin

unbreakable Γ unbreakable from L. *fra*
ere to break

infringe *L. infra* *ere* *infra* *f* from *f* an
ge *e* to break

infuse See *fuse*

infusoria ModL. (c an malyia) First used
(c 1760) by Ledermüller of Nürnberg

ingeniate From L. *ingeniosa* & to repeat
from *g* ~~min~~ *tw* In mod use after
Clarendon

[Talkland often after a deep sigh and frequent sigh would say in that the word Peace Pea
(Clarendon *et al.* of R. Nelson 1647)]

It is a good (in Clarendon fair as phase) to
ingress 1 the word pear
(H M Asquith Sep 16, 1911)

- ingenio** Sugar-mill (see quot s v *estancia*)
 Sp, L *ingenium* See *engine*
ingenious F *ingénieux*, L *ingeniosus*, from *ingenium*, natural ability (v1)
ingenue F, artless girl (vs), esp on stage
ingenuous From L *ingenuus*, inborn, free-born, frank, etc, whence F *ingénu*, artless Constantly confused in 17 cent with above, *ingenuity*, which belongs to *ingenious*, being used as expressing both qualities, and now definitely assigned to *ingenious*

I find that men are angry at my ingenuity and openness of discourse (Jeremy Taylor)

- ingle** Se, fire burning on hearth Gael
aingeal, fire, light, cogn with L *ignis*
ingot Used by Chaucer (G 1209) of mould into which metal is poured App from AS. *gēotan*, to pour, cf Ger *einguss*, in-pouring, ingot, from cogn *gessen*, to pour F. *lingot* is from E, with agglutination of def art as in *herre*, ivy (OF *l'ierre*), etc Mod. form, for normal **myot*, may be a spelling-pronunciation of a rare techn word not recorded between Chaucer and late 16 cent

ingrained Of habits, prejudices, etc. Lat *dyed in grain* See *grain*, *engrain*, and cf fig use of *deep*-(double-)dyed

ingratiolate Coined in 16 cent from It *ingraziare* (earlier *ingratiare*), from phrase *in gratia* (*grazia*), L *in graham*, into favour, grace

ingrat.arsi to engrace, or insinuate himself into favour (Flor)

ingredient From pres part of L *ingredi*, to step in Cf *grade*

ingress As *egress* (vs)

ingual [anat] L *inguinalis*, from *inguen*, *inguin-*, groin

ingurgitate From L *ingurgitare*, from *gurgus*, *gurgit-*, whirlpool, gulf

inhabit ME *enhabit*, OF. *enhabiter*, L *inhabitare*, to dwell in, from *habitare*, to dwell See *habit* ModF has *habiter*, while *inhabité* means uninhabited

inhale L *inhalare* Cf *exale*

inhere L *inherere* Cf *adhere*

inherit ME *enherite*, OF. *enheriter*, to put in possession as heir, from Late L *hereditare*, from *heres*, *hered-*, heir Orig sense in *disinherit* Both senses are in Shaks.

inhibit In Church law for *prohibit* From L. *inhibere*, *inhibit-*, to hold in, from *habere*, to hold

inhuman Opposite of *humane* (q.v.)

Man's inhumanity to man
 Makes countless thousands mourn (Burns)

inhume See *exhume*.

inimical Late L *inimicalis*, from *inimicus*, enemy, not friend, *amicus*.

iniquity F *iniquité*, L. *iniquitas*, from *iniquus*, from *aequus*, fair, even, etc

initial F, L. *initialis*, from *initium*, beginning, lit going in, from *ire*, to go *Initiation* occurs first (16 cent) of formal introduction to office, society, etc To *take the initiative* is from F *prendre l'initiative*, for mil sense cf *offensive*, *defensive* The abuse of initials, for purposes of conciseness, has during the War become such as to necessitate a dict for this new lang

Deux amis se rencontrent et ce dialogue s'engage "Ou es-tu? Que fais-tu?" "R 1.T. D'abord employé comme G.V.C., je suis maintenant dans un S.H.R., C.A., au B.C.R." L'autre a compris! Il reprend "Moi, je suis du S.M. du P.A.L.G.P., mais je vais partir dans la D.C.A. du C.T.O." Ce jargon signifie que le premier des deux camarades, appartenant à la réserve de l'Armée territoriale, après avoir gardé les voies de communication, fait partie d'une section hors rang et qu'il est commis d'administration au bureau de centralisation des renseignements L'autre compte à une section de munitions dans l'artillerie lourde à grande puissance et entravolt son prochain départ pour la Grèce, où il sera employé à la défense contre les avions au corps expéditionnaire d'Orient (Temps).

inject From L *innecte*, *inject-*, from *jacere*, to throw

Injun Colloq. US. for (Red) Indian. See *India*

injunction Late L. *injunctio-n-* See *enjoin*

injury AF *myurie*, L *injuria*, from *iniurius*, wrongful, from *ini-*, neg, and *iuris*, *iur-*, right, law Usual sense of F. *injure*, offensive speech, survives in *injurious words* (*language*) Verb to *injure* is back-formation

ink ME *enke*, OF. *enque* (*encre*), Late L. *encaustum*, with accent shifted to prefix, G. *ἐγκαυστός*, burnt in (see *encaustic*), from *ἐκ* and *καλέω*, to burn; cf It. *inchiostro*, Du. *inkt*, latter from F Orig purple ink used for signatures by Roman emperors. Archue *inkhorn* (1 c bookish term) 16 cent

inkle Narrow tape. Perh Du *enkel* (earlier *inckel*), single Hence as *thick* (*thick*) as *inkle-weavers*, from narrowness of loom.

inkling From MI *inkle*, recorded once only, to whisper, communicate (the truth), of unknown origin. At first usu. to have an *inkling*

inlet. Creek From *in* and *let*¹ but recorded only from 16 cent. and prob representing also *jenlet* a common place name in Thames Estuary AS *glean* *ge n* *againt* and *let* way lode

inmate From *in* and *mate*² (q v)

inmost See *in* and *most*

inn AS *inn* from adv *inn* *inn* within
See *in* Formerly used also like *hostel* of univ boarding houses cf the *Inns of Court* (orig Inner and Middle Temple Lincoln's Gray's) belonging to leg societies which have the right of preparing for and admitting to the bar

innate L *innatus* inborn from *nasci* *rat* to be born

inner Compar of *in* *Inner man* spiritual man is Ab jocular use bein¹⁹ 19 cent

innermost See *in* and *most*

innings Recorded only in pl form (1746) used as sing For formation from *in* cf *outing*

innocent F L *innocens* *innocent* from *nocē* *e* to harm *hsp* in ref to the *Holy Innocents* massacred by Herod whence *Innocents Day* (Dec 28) formerly *Childermis*

innocuous From L *innocuus* from *nocere* (v s)

innovate From L *innovare* from *novus* new

innuendo L by nodding to abl gerund of *innuere* from *nuere* to nod Orig in MedL leg phraseology in sen e of *to hint*

ndo th m f th' w d is o ely to declare and design the person or thing which w named incertain before as i say h f and th plas tiff is a thief (Blount)

inoculate Orig to bud graft from L *in oculare* from *oculus* eye bud Cf Ger *impfen* (see *imp*) to graft vaccinate In med sense of earlier and cruder form of vaccination first tried on f lions (v i)

On Wed ead th seven persons who had the small pox inoculated pon them for an e periment w e discharged out of N w g te, all to a perfect stat of h lth (*Appliee's Journal* Sep 9 721)

inordinate L *inordinatus* unordered See *order*

inquest VL & OF *enquête* (*enquēte*) in query VL *ng* *quest* (for *inquisitio*) from *inquirere* (for *inquirere*) from *querere* to seek Orig accented on second syllable whence *c owner's quest* and u ed of any off c investigation See *coroner*

inquire Restored spelling of ME *enquire*

OF *enquerre* *enquē* *in* *enquier* VL **in querere* (v s)

Wh tever se pti k co ld inq re for
For cry why h bad a wh before
(H d bras 1.1.131)

inquisition F L *inquisitio* *n* from *inquire* *inquisit* (v s) Used by Wyc for *inquiry* cf *inquisitice* In RC sense established (13 cent.) by Innocent III under the Congregation of the Holy Office and reorganized 1478-83 The office still exists but occupies itself chiefly with heretical literature *Inquisitor* is much older as *inquisitores ad conquisitos et erudendos he eticos* were appointed temp Theodosius I (4 cent.)

inroad Preserves etym sense of road riding Cf *raid* *inroad*

insane L *insanus* madde peevish dot ing (Coop) lit sense of unhealthy having already in L given way to spec sense

inscribe L *inscribere* replacing ME *in scrie* F *inscrive* *inscriv* Cf *describere*

inscrutable Late L *inscrutabilis* See *scrutin*

insect L *insectum* (ac animal) from *inseca* *e* to cut into from *secare* *sect* to cut translating synonym G *σύντομος* (see *entomology*) From sectional aspect of body and limbs

insert From L *inserere* *insert* from *serere* to join Cf *series*

insessores [ornith] Perching birds From L *insidere* *insess* to sit on, from *sedere* to sit

inside running Advantage the inside track of a curved race-course being s order than the outside

insidious L *insidiosus* from *insidiare* am bush from *insidere* to lie in wait See *insessores*

insignia L neut. pl of *ins* *ins* dustan gushed from *signum* *ign* Cf *enstige*

insinuate From L *insinuar* to introduce tortuously from *sinuare* to wind bend from *sinus* curve Cf to worm one's self in insipid. F *insipide* L *insipidus* from *insipidus* *insipidus* See *insipidus*

insist F *insister* L *insistere* from *insistere* to stand Cf to stand on one's feet

insolation Exposure to sun, sunstroke L *insolatione* from *insolare* from *sol* sun

insolent F L *insolens* *insolent* orig un accustomed, from *insistere* to be accustomed

For dirty and macron ide I find Sir Walter Raleigh in most dirty language, and passion in (Pittman Art of E. & P. 1)

- insomnia** L, from *insonnus*, sleepless, from *somnus*, sleep
- insouciant** F, from *se soucier*, to care, L *solicitare*, to agitate Cf *nonchalant*
- inspan** [Safi] Du *inspannen*, to yoke oxen, etc, from *spannen*, to stretch, span
- inspection** F, L *inspectio-n-*, from *inspicere*, inspect-, to look into Cf *aspect*, etc
- inspeximus** [hist] L, we have inspected (v s) Used of charters confirmed after examination Cf *visa*
- inspire** F *inspirer*, L *inspirare*, from *spirare*, to breathe, cf *spirit* First (*inspiratio-n*, c 1300) in rel sense, which is adapted from G πνέω, to breathe, πνέμα, breath, inspiration, e.g. θεόπνευστος, inspired by God (2 Tim iii 16)
- inssissate** To thicken From L *inssissare*, from *spissus*, dense
- install** F *installer*, to put in a stall (q v) In E orig (16 cent) of enthroning a Church dignitary, etc
- instalment** Payment Altered from earlier *estallment*, from OF *estaler*, to fix, from OHG *stal*, stall See *stall*
- Nous avons de nostre grace especial a ly grantez de estaller la dite somme de payer a nous checun an cynk marcz (John of Gaunt's Reg 1372-6)
- instance** Orig urgency, as in *at the instance of* F, L *instantia*, from *instare*, to be present, urge one's case Mod sense from that of scholastic argument brought forward in proof or disproof, as in *for instance* Cf *instant*, orig urgent, also used of point of present time (*the 5th instant*) *Instantaneous* is coined on *simultaneous*
- They were instant [Vulg instabant] with loud voyces, and required that he might be crucified (Luke, xxiii 23, Geneva, 1560)
- instauration** L *instauratio-n-*, from *instaurare*, to restore (q v) Chiefly allusive to Bacon's *Instauratio Magna* (1620)
- instead** In *stead* as two words up to 17 cent, as still in *in his stead*, etc Cf F *au lieu*, Ger *anstatt* See *stead*
- instep** App from *in* and *step*, though this hardly makes sense In 17 cent also *instop*, *instup* ? Rather from *sloop*?, bend
- instigate** From L *instigare*, cogn with G στίχειν, to prick Cf *stigma*
- instil** L *instillare*, from *stillare*, to drop Cf *distill*, *still*?
- instinct** L *instinctus*, from *instinguere*, to urge, incite, cogn with *instigate* Mod sense of adj, as in *instinct with life*, from c 1800 only

- institute** First as verb L *instituire*, *institui-*, to set up, from *statuere* (see *statute*) As noun, in jurisprudence, esp in ref to *Institutes of Justinian* (533) In sense of society, etc, imitated from F *Institut national des Sciences et des Arts*, established (1795) to replace the royal academies In this sense *institution* is earlier (c 1700)
- instruct** From L *instruere*, *instrui-*, to build See *structure* In E only in fig sense (cf *edify*)
- instrument** F, L *instrumentum*, from *instruere* (v s)
- insufflation** F, L *insufflatio-n-*, from *insufflare*, to blow into, from *sufflare*, from *sub* and *flare*, to blow Esp in rite of exorcism
- insular** L *insularis*, from *insula*, island See *isle*
- insult** F, L *insultare*, to jump at, assail frequent of *insulire*, *insult-*, from *salire*, salt-, to leap To add *insult* to injury is a latinism, *injuriarum contumeliam addere* (Phaedrus, v iii 5)
- insuperable** L *insuperabilis*, from *superare*, to overcome, from *super*, over, above
- insure** Differentiated in commerce sense from *ensure*, and partly replacing earlier *assure*, which was used of all forms of insurance in 16 cent
- insurrection** F, L *insurrectio-n-*, from *insurgere*, from *surgere*, surrect-, to rise *Insurgent*, obs F (replaced by *insurge*), is later (18 cent)
- intact** L *intactus*, from *in-*, neg and *tangere*, tact-, to touch
- intaglio** It, from *intagliare*, from *taghare*, to cut See *tailor*
- integer** L, untouched, "intact," from *in-*, neg and root of *tangere*, to touch Hence *integral*, *integrity*.
- integument** L *integumentum*, from *tegere*, to cover
- intellect** F, L *intellectus*, from *intelligere*, *intellect-*, to understand, from *inter*, between, *legere*, to pick, choose Cf *intelligence*, *intellectual* The use of the latter word for "a person possessing or supposed to possess superior powers of intellect" (NED) dates from c 1880 In F it is not yet contemptuous Cf *intelligenza*, used collectively for Russian "intellectuals," app from L *intelligentia*
- Ce grand intellectuel [Renan] a donné un très considérable exemple (Taguet)
- The self-styled "intellectuals"—if the war keeps

the i effabl term into oblivion it will ha e done some good (Lock *Red Plums*)

intend *Γ* *intend* *e* *L.* *intenders intens*
intend to bend the mind on from *tendere*
 to stretch. Cf *intendant* admnistrator
intense *intend* the latter as noun from *F*
intense in obs sense of intention purpo e
 etc as in good (*malicious*) *intense* etc. To
 all *intents* and *purposes* is for earlier (16
 cent) to all *intents* constructions and *pur*
poses *Intentions* in matrimonial sen.e is
 in *Peregrine Pickle* (ch xxvii)

inter *ME* *enter* *F* *interer* from *terre* earth
L. *terra*

inter *L.* between cogn with *inter* In
 some words represents obs *entre* from *F*
intercalate From *L.* *intercalare* to proclaim
 insertion (of day) in calendar from *cal* *e*
 to proclaim Cf *calends*

intercede *L.* *intercedere* to go between from
cede *e* *cess* to go

intercept From *L.* *intercipere* *intercept* to
 take between from *capere* to take

intercession See *intercede*

intercourse Earlier *entrecours* *se* *F* *entre cours*
 from *OF* *entrecourre* to run between from
L. *currere* to run

interdict *ME* *interdict* *OF* (*interdict*) *L.*
interdictum from *interdicere* to decree
 from *dicere* *d* *i* to proclaim order First
 (c 1300) in *Papal* sense. For restored *pell*
ing cf *indict verdict*

interest *ME* & *AF* *interesse* *L.* *infin* to be
 a concern to used as noun cf *It* *interesse*
Sp *interés* *Ger* *interesse* Altered under
 influence of *OF* *in-erest* (*interst*) *L.* *in*
terest *t* it concerns used as noun, the change
 being also partly due to the fact that the
 obs verb to *interere* was chiefly used as *p p*
intress'd The *OF* word usu meant loss
 as still in *dommages et n'd* *frs* *In-erestin*
condition occurs in the last chapter of
Roderick Random

interess'd *interess'd* or touched in dishonoured,
 hurt or hindered by (Colg)

interfere *OF* *entrefere* from *ferr* to strike
L. *ferrere* *Orig* in *E* (16 cent) of horse
 knocking feet together in trotting, as still
 in *US*

No *t* *tanyprice* *H* *interfere* *s* *d* *the* word
 broken (*O* *Henry* *Celia* *Gr* *flor*)

interim *L.* adv meanwhile From *inter*
 between with adv suffix *m*

interior *L.* compar of *internus* from *in* *tra*
 within cf *inferior* *Interior lines* (mil) are

an advantage in concentrating on any par
 ticular point

interjection *Γ* *L.* *interjectio-n* from *inter*
ject *ine* *ject* to throw between from
jacere to throw

interlard *Orig* (16 cent) to mix fat with
 lean *F* *entrelarder* See *lard*

interloper *Orig* (16 cent) unauthorized
 trader (by sea) trespassing on privileges
 and monopolies of chartered company
App from *le* *pe* dial form of *leap* Cf
landloper *varabond* *elope* (*qv*) *Interlope*
 occurs esp in ref to disputes as to
 spheres of influence between *E* and *Du*
 merchant venturers

interlude *MedL.* *interludum* from *ludus*
 play *Orig* farcical episode introduced
 between acts of mystery play

intermediate *MedL.* *intermedius* from *in*
terminus Cf *intermediate*

intermezzo *It.* from *mezzo* middle *L.*
inter *med* *us* Cf *interlude*

intermit *L.* *intermittere* to leave of *lit.*
 send put between from *mittere*

intern *Γ* *inter* *ner* from *ner* *res* *dent*
 within, *L.* *internus* from *inter* within
 Cf *internal*

international *App* first used (1780) by
 Bentham in ref to law of nations Cf
internationalist which dates from founda
 tion (1864) in London of International
 Working Men's Association also *F* *inter*
nationale (see *chan o*) re-volutionary song
internecine *L.* *internecinus* deadly from
necare to kill *inter* having intens force
 First used by Butler to render *L.* *bellum*
internecinum *Mod* sense: due to error
 explanation of mutually destructive in
 John

Th *Egyptians* worship d dogs, and for

Th *faith* *m* *de* *lat* *neum* *war*

(*Illud* *Inter* *t* *a*)

interpellation In *mod.* sense of interrupting
 the order of the day from *Γ* *L.* *inter*
pellis *io-n* from *inter* *pellis* to interrupt
lit *du* *e* between from *pellere* to drive
 But *Wyc* uses the *rb* *interpelle*

interpolate From *L.* *interpola* *e* to furbish
 up from *polis* *e* to polish

interpose See *pose*

interpret *Γ* *interpretis* *L.* *interpretari* from
inter *es* *interp* *t* *a* *ent*, translator
 "stickler between two at variance" (*Co* *p*)
 ? *orig.* helper in bargain making with
 second element cogn with *pretium* price
interregnum *L.* between reign

interrogate From L *interrogare*, from *rogare*, to ask
 interrupt From L *interrumpere*, from *rumperē*, rupt-, to break
 intersect From L *intersecare*, from *secare*, sect-, to cut
 intersperse From L *interspergere*, *interspers-*, from *spargere*, spars-, to scatter
 interstice F, L *interstitium*, from *interstis-*, to stand between
 interval ME *enterval*, OF *entrevall* (*intervalle*), L *intervallum*, orig space between ramparts, *vallum*
 intervene F *intervenire*, L *intervenire*, from *venire*, to come
 interview Earlier *entrevue*, F, p p fem of *entrevoir*, from *entre*, L *inter*, and *voir*, to see, L *videre* The journalistic interview, whence F *interviewer*, 18 US (c 1870)
 intestate L *intestatus*, from *testatus*, p p of *testari*, to make will See *testament*
 intestine L *intestinus*, from *intus*, within. Cf *innards*, *entrails*
 intimate L *intimatus*, p p of *intimare*, from *intimus* (from *intus*, within), used as superl. of *interior* From the same verb, with sense of driving in, comes verb to *intimate*
 intimidate From Late L *intimidare*, from *timidus*, timid
 intitle F. *intituler*, Late L *intitulare*, from *titulus*, title (q v)
 into For *in* to
 intone Church L *intonare*, from *tonus*, tone (q v)
 intoxicate MedL *intoxicare*, from L *toxicare*, from *toxicum*, poison, G *τοξικόν*, poison for arrows, from *τόξον*, a bow
 I *intorycal*, I *poisson with venynne* je *entoxyque* (Palsg)

intra- L, within
 intrados Inner curve of arch As *extrados* (q v)
 intransigent F *intransigent*, adapted from Sp *los intransigentes*, extreme Left, or Republican, party, from L *transigere*, to come to an understanding, compromise See *transaction*
 intrepid L *intrepidus*, from *trepidus*, alarmed.
 intricate L *intricatus*, from *intricare*, to entangle Cf *extricate*
 intrigue F *intriguer*, It *intrigare*, "to intricate, entrap" (Flor), L *intricare* (v s)
 First E sense (c 1600), to perplex, puzzle, has recently been re-introduced as a gallicism

intrinsic F. *intrinsèque*, MedL adj *intrinsecus*, from L adv. *intrinsecus*, inwardly Cf *extrinsic* (q v)
 introduce L *introducere*, from *intro*, within, *ducere*, to lead
 introit Antiphon and psalm sung as priest approaches altar. F *introit*, L *introitus*, entry, from *ire*, it-, to go (v s)
 intromit To interfere, etc. L *intromittere*, from *mittere*, to send, put Partly refashioned from obs *enternet*, F *entremettre*.
 introspect From L *introspecere*, *introspect-*, look within, from *specere*, to look
 intrude L *intrudere*, from *trudere*, *trus-*, to thrust Orig trans, current sense being from reflex, to intrude oneself upon
 intuition F., MedL *intuitio-n-*, from *intueri*, to look upon, from *tuere*, to behold
 inundate From L *inundare*, from *unda*, wave
 inure, enure From *in-*, *en-*, into, and obs *ure*, work, OF *ueure* (*œuvre*), L *opera*, pl of *opus* Cf *manurè* For formation of verb from adv. phrase cf *endeavour*
 I bring in *ure* je *habitué* (Palsg)
 brought in *ure*, or *accustomed* *assuefactus* (Litt)
 invade L *invadere*, from *vadere*, *vas-*, to go
 invalid Infirm, sick Spec use of *invalidus*, L *invalidus*, from *validus*, strong, valid, differentiated after F pronunc from 18 cent
 invecked, invected [her] Jagged From L *invehere*, *invect-*, to bring in
 invective Late L *invectivus*, from *invehere*, *invect-* (v 1)
 inveigh Earlier *invey*, *invehe* From pass of L *invehere*, from *vehere*, to bring The sense is to be borne on, carried away (in words) against (v s)
inveh- to rebuke one vehemently, to rate, to rayle, with violent and sore wordes to inveigh against (Coop)
 inveigle Earlier *envegle*, AF. *enveogler*, for F *aveugler*, from *aveugle*, blind, VL **aboculus*, for **alboeculus*, white eye *Albus oculus*, blind, occurs in the *Cassel Glossary* (8 cent) For vowel cf. *people*, *beef*, *retrieve*, etc For changed prefix cf *impostume* But the older etym, **aboculus*, is also possible, as *ab oculis*, modelled on G ἀ-ὁματῶν, is recorded in Late L
enecare to blinde, to inveigle (Flor)
 invent From L *invenire*, to come upon, discover, from *venire*, *vent-*, to come Etym.

for Cromwell before being applied to his men, and is stated (1644) to have been first used by Prince Rupert. It is common as an E nickname, from Edmund II onward, and is still a surname. *Iron-mould* is for earlier *iron-mole* (16 cent), from *mole*¹ (q v), cf Du *ijzermaal*. *Iron ration* is adapted from Ger *eiserne portion*, used (1870-1) of a reserve ration enclosed in metal case.

One yron mole defaceth the whole peece of hwarne
(*Euphuus*)

The cold comfort of iron rations
(*Daily Chron* Nov 5, 1917)

irony F *ironie*, L *ironia*, G *εἰρωνεία*, dissimulation, affected ignorance, esp that of Socrates

irredentist [*hist*] It *irredentista*, (since 1878) one aiming at the liberation of *Italia irredenta*, unredeemed Italy, the Italian-speaking provinces of Austria. See *redeem*

irrefragable F *irréfragable*, Latc L *irrefragabilis*, from *refragari*, to oppose, contest

irrigate From L *irrigare*, from *rigare*, to moisten

irrision Mockery. L *irrisio*-n. See *deride*
irritate From L *irritare*, replacing earlier *irrite*, F *irriter*

irruption L *irruptio*-n-, from *in* and *rumpere*, *rupt*-, to break

Irvingite Sect, "Catholic Apostolic," founded (1829) by *Eduard Irving*, a minister of the Church of Scotland

is See *be*

isabel, isabella Colour (pale buff). From name, ult ident with *Jezabel* and *Ezabeth*. Trad from the colour of under-linen of the archduchess *Isabella*, daughter of Philip II of Spain, who vowed not to change her more intimate garments till Ostend fell (1604), but the *NED* finds it recorded in E the year (1600) before the siege began. Hence *isabelline bear*

isagogic Introductory. G, from *eis*, into, *agōw*, to lead

Isariot Heb *Ish-q'riyōth*, man of *Kerioth*, in Palestine. Cf *Judas*

ischiatric Pertaining to the hip, L *ischium*, G. *ισχίον*. Altered, from *rheumatic*, etc., from correct *ischadic*

-ise See *-ize*

-ish. AS *-isc*, as in *Englic*; cf Du Ger. *-isch*.

Ismaelite From Arab claim to be descended from *Ishmael*, Heb, God will hear, out-cast son of Abraham (*Gen* xvi 12)

Isidorian Of *Isidore*, archbishop of Seville (7 cent)

isinglass Perverted (16 cent) from obs Du. *huysenblas, huysblas*, "ichthyocolla, gluten piscium" (Kil), now *huusblad*, lit sturgeon bladder, cf Ger *hausen*, sturgeon, OHG. *hūsō*, of unknown origin, used esp. of the great sturgeon of Black and Caspian Seas
isinglass vischly m, huysenblas (Sewel)

Islam Arab *islām*, resignation, from *aslama*. He surrendered himself (to God). Cogn with *salaam*, Moslem, Mussulman

island Mod spelling, due to unrelated *isle*, of *iland* (up to 17 cent), AS *īgland*, pleon for *īeg*, island, orig. watery land, cogn with Ger *aue*, wet land, etc, and L. *aqua*. AS had also *ēaland*, from cogn *ēa*, river, stream, which became ME *eland*, absorbed by *iland*, cf Du Ger *eiland*, ON *eyland*, and E *ey* in *Anglesey, Bardsey, Ely*, etc. See *ait, aisle*

isle ME *ile* (cf surname *Iles*), OF *ile, ille* (cf *Lille*, for *l'ille*), L *insula*, OF had also *isle (île)*, which tended to prevail from Renaissance onward and was adopted in E by Spenser. See *island, aisle*

-ism L *-ismus*, G *-ismus*, cf *-ology*. He was the great hieroglyphick of Jesuitism, Puritanism, Quakerism, and all isms from schism (*NED*, 1680)

Un marxisme aggravé de léninisme menace de l'emporter sur le socialisme démocratique de l'Occident (*Civilisation française*, May, 1919)

isobar Line showing equal atmospheric pressure. From G *īsos*, equal, *βάρος*, weight (see *barometer*). Cf *isothermal*

isolate First (18 cent) in pp *isolated*, "a most affected word" (Todd). It *isolato*, detached, from *isola*, island, L. *insula*. *Splendid isolation* was first used in a speech in the Canadian Parliament, Jan 1890.

isonomy It *isonomia*, G *ισονομία*, from *īsos*, equal, *νόμος*, law

isosceles G *ἰσοσκελῆς*, from *εἶκος*, leg (1.5)

isothermal See *isobar, thermometer*

Israel L, G, Heb *isrā'el*, he that striveth with God (*Gen* xxxii 28)

issue F, pp fem (VI. **caula* for *exita*) of OF, *cissur, issur*, to go out, L *exire*. Cf *value, interest*. Appears first 14 AF *law*, term, result of plea, whence mod *at issue*, to join issue. With fig. senses cf *outcome*. The Lord kept thin entre [Vulg. intrinse] and thi ssu [Vulg. exitur] (Wyc. Ps cxvi 8)

-ist F *-iste*, L, G *-istis*, used to form agent nouns from verbs in *-āre*. Mod

formations often jocular are innumerable and the sense is often pejorative

The treatise a cap talist, miltarist a d imperialist imposition (I d Lab Party May 319)

There are among the Labour party very good rat men, but there are socialist, there are syndicalists, there are dictators, there are socialists, there are socialists, there are socialists

(D Lloyd George Dec 6 1919)

isthmus L. G. *isthmus* neck of land spec Isthmus of Corinth where also the *Isthmian games* were celebrated Cf *Olympic*

it AS *hit* neut. of same demonstr. stem as *he* (qv) Cf Du *het* Goth *hita* this Goth *ita* Ger *es* represent the parallel stem. Loss of *h* was due to unemphatic position of *him/her* in such phrases as *give him the book when he the time* in which *h* is only heard in the careful speech of the partially educated. Neut. genitive *his* survived till c 1800 and *its* does not occur in orig. AE. *whi* has *his* *ter* (according to gram. gender) *thereof* and once it (Lev xv 5) Nor is *its* found in editions of Shaks printed during his life time. Colly use of *it* for the consummate is US

We say in reclaiming the Atlantic flight made by Alcock and Brown. This is it

(W Churchill, Jan 30, 1919)

italic L. G. *italicus* from *Italia* Italy. Type introduced by Aldus Manutius of Venice (see *italic*) and first used (1501) in edition of Virgil dedicated to Italy Cf *Italian* member of Greek colonies *Maena* *Craccia* in Italy *Italian* *h* not plain sl. pan., writing as opposed to Gothic

itch ME also *yech* *yich* etc AS *gican* cf Du *yichen* Ger *jucken* Goth *jahan* In Sc still *youch* *yuke*

item L. adv. in like manner from stem of *is* and adv. suffix *tem* L. ed in VL. sentences etc as introductory word

iterate From L. *iterare* from *iterus* again orig. comp. formation from same stem as *item*

ithyphallic L. G. from *ithys* straight *phallos* phallus (see *phallic*) Ep. of Bacchic hymns

itinerant From pres. part. of Late L. *itinare* to journey from *it* *iter* way journey from *it* *it* to go

itis [*it*] G. *itis* forming fem. of adjs. in *itis* and qualifying nouns disease expressed or understood

Brighton has *Perling* ac. *itely* from *it* *itis*

(D. by E. Press A. 8 19 9)

its See *it* *Itself* was orig. *it self* (see *self*)

ivory OF *ivoire* (noire) L. adj. *eboreus* from *ebor* *ebor* ivory of Sanskrit *ibha* elephant

ivy AS *if* cogn. with Ger *epheu* OHG *eba* *heut* The same first element appears in Du *eihoof* ivy leaf Origin unknown

wis *ywis* [*a* *aka*] AS *gewis* certain of which neut. was used as ad. in ME. being usu. misunderstood by mod. poets as *I was* I know cf Du *gwis* Ger *gewis* and see *rare* See also *wit* *not* *mist*

ixia Plant L. G. *ixia*

izzard Pyrenean chamois F. *izard* Gasc. *izard*

ize use F. *is* Late L. *iza* *e* G. *iz*

izzard *izzard* [*choic*] Letter *z* Earlier (16 cent.) *erod* Prov. *ido* *izelo* (whence OF *id*) from G. *iz*

It was *id* *k* to Fra. *h* *m* *y* from A to *izzard* (O. Henry)

jab Sc. form of *job* (qv)

jabber Imit. Cf *gab* *gabble* *gubber* etc

Jabberwock Weird monster Coined by Lewis Carroll (*Through the Looking-glass*) Cf *chort*

This per Jabberwock (Globe Aug 5 19 7)

jabers by [*fr*] ? Arbitrary alteration of *Jesus* *Jesus* Cf *junias*

jabiru Sumer bird Tupi-Guarani (Brazil)

jabot Shirt collar etc F. wattle of turkey. Origin unknown

jacana Sumer bird Port. *jacana* Tupi-Guarani (Brazil) *jacana*

jacinth F. *jacinth* L. *hyacinthus* cf *it* *gracinto* Sp *jacinto* See *hyacinth*

jack Personal name used in E. as pet form of *John* via dim. *Jan* *Jackin* but also representing F. *Jacques* L. *Jacobus* (see *Jacob*) Used in an infinite number of transferred senses (1) as comprehensive usu. contemptuous name for man e.g. *Jack* and *John* every man *jack* *jack* of all *he* *des* *jack* *n* office *chap-jack* (cf *chap-man*) etc (2) applied to contrivances replacing servant e.g. *boot-jack* (cf Ger *stiefeln* *knäuel* *boot* *knäuel*) *roasting-jack* (3) in familiar names of animals indicating male sex e.g. *jack* *hase* or smallness e.g. *jack* *snail* (4) prefixed to word indicating personality e.g. *Jack* *Frost* *Jack* *Sprat* Spec. compds are *jack-o'-lantern* *ignis fatuus* (cf *will-o'-the-wisp*) *jack-in-the-box* a Mayday survival, *jack-in-the-box*

in 16 cent a sharper, *Jack Ketch*, 17 cent executioner, whose name was introduced into the early Punch and Judy show, *Jack Pudding*, quack's clown (cf *F Jean Potage*, Ger *Hanswurst*, Du *Hanssop*), *jack-straws*, game of splicans, with reminiscence of 14 cent rebel *Jack Straw*. Also applied to many animals and plants, usu with implication of smallness, inferiority. Transferred uses of *F Jean*, *Jacques*, and of Ger *Hans* are also very numerous. See also below *Jacked up*, exhausted, is an obscure fig use of the same phrase meaning hoisted by mech contrivance called a *jack*.
*jack*² [*hist*] Leather jerkin, coat of mail, leather drinking vessel *F jacque*, OF also *jacques*, from name *Jacques*. Cf It *giacco*, Ger *jache*, in same senses. An obs word revived by Scott. Some authorities trace it through Sp to Arab *shak*, but the Europ association has in any case been with the name.

*jack*³ [*naut*] Orig small flag at bow. From *jack*¹, used in naut phrases to indicate smaller size. Also improp used in *union jack* for *union flag*.

*jack*⁴ Fruit. Port *jaca*, Malayalam *chakka*, jackal Turk *chahāl*, Pers *shagāl*, cogn with Sanskrit *s'rgāla*, jackal, cf E gypsy *juke*, dog. In most Europ langs. In fig sense (17 cent) from the jackal's relation to the lion, but earlier often *jack-call*, as though a servant at the lion's call.

jackanapes First recorded as nickname of William de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, murdered at sea (1450), whose badge was a clog and chain such as were worn by tame apes. But the word must obviously have existed earlier. Perh orig for *Jack of Napes*, name for monkey brought from Italy (cf *fustian-a-napes* for Naples fustian), associated naturally with *ape*. A song of 1432 mentions among imports from Italy "Apes and japes, and marmusettes tay-lede".

Jack Napes wolde one the see a maryner to ben
 With his cloge and his cheyn (*Pol Song*, 1450).

jackaroo [*Austral*] Green hand, new chum. From *jack*¹, after *kangaroo*.

jackboot Perh connected with *jack*², the boot suggesting the vessel. Hence *jackbootery* (neol) for bullying form of militarism.

jackdaw See *daw* and *jack*¹. Cf *dicky bird*, *wagpie*, etc.

jacked up [*slang*] See *jack*¹.

jacket *F, jaquette*, dim of OF. *jacque*. See *jack*². ? Cf *jerkin*.

Jack Johnson Large Ger shell (1914). From contemp. negro puglist of large dimensions.

jack-knife. Orig US. Perh for obs *jackleg*, corrupt of Sc *jockteleg*, large clasp-knife, said (1776) to be for *Jacques de Liège*, a cutler. This may be a myth, but has a parallel in *F eustache*, knife carried by an apache, from *Eustache Dubois*, cutler at Saint-Étienne.

jacko. See *jocko*.

Jack Robinson, before you can say. "From a very volatile gentleman of that appellation, who would call on his neighbours, and be gone before his name could be announced" (Grose). Another "explanation" is that the name is corrupted from *Jack! robys on!* in an "old play". Both are of course nonsense.

Jacob L. *Jacobus*, G, Heb *ya-'aqōb*, one that takes by the heel (*Gen* xxv. 26). Hence *Jacob's ladder* (bot & naut), with ref to *Gen* xxviii 12, *Jacob's staff*, formerly used for taking altitude of sun, *Jacobean*, of James (king, apostle, etc.), *Jacobus*, gold coin of James I. Cf *Caroline*, *carolus*.

Jacobin. Dominican friar. From church of *Saint-Jacques* (Paris), near which the order built its first convent. The *Jacobin* pigeon is named from neck feathers resembling a cowl. The Revolutionary *Jacobins*, extremists, were so called because they took up their quarters (1789) in the old convent of the friars.

Jacobite. Of *Jacob* or *James*, and esp. partisan of James II after his deposition (1688), at which date the word was coined.
jaconet. Fabric. From *Jagganūth* in Cutch (India).

jacquard [*techn*] Loom for lace. From inventor, *Jacquard*, of Lyons (c 1800).

jacquerie [*hist*] F peasant revolt, esp. that of 1357-8. From *Jacques Bonhomme*, nickname of F peasant. Cf *Hodge*.

Lennin's agrarian decrees have provoked a new outbreak of *jacquerie* (*Daily Chron* Dec 6, 1917).

jac-tation. L. *jac-tatio-n-*, from *jac-tare*, to throw about, reflex to brag, frequent of *jacere*, *jac-t-*, to throw. Cf *jacitation* (med), restlessness, MedL. *jac-tatio-n-*.

*jade*¹. Sorry nag. Hence verb to *jade*, weary application. ? Cf Sc *yaud*, ON *jaida*, mare. For application to woman cf *harridan*.

*jade*². Stone. F *le jade*, for OF. *l'jade*, Sp

iyada in *pedra de iyada* colic stone from *iyada* from L *tha* flanks It was supposed to cure pain in side etc Cf its other name *nephrite* (see *nephritis*)

A kind of green stones wh h the Spaniards call *p ed* as *h jadas* and we use *r* as piec tones

(Raleigh)

jaeger Underclothing Name of inventor
jag As noun and verb from c 1400 Orig of jagged or dagged edgo of garment Origin unknown

ja goo *dag* of a *ga ment* t a *tillus*

(Prompt Para)

jäger [mil] Ger hunter also rifleman (cf F *chasseur* It *bersaghere*) In F also *yager*

jaggery Coarse brown sugar Ind Port from Canarese *sha hare* Sanskrit *śa kara* See *saccharine suga*

jaguar Tupi Guarani (Brazil) *jaguara* *ja guara* class name for carnivorous beasts

Th d as call the leopard *j w ryle* and th bone [pumas] *jaw eron*

(Anthony Ka t in Purch x 256)

jah Heb shortened form of *Jehovah*

jail See *gaol*

Jain East Indian sect Hind *jaina* from Sanskrit *gins* a Buddha saint lit over comer

jalap F Sp *jalapa* for *purga de Jalapa* from *Jalapa* Mexico formerly *Xalapa* Aztec *Xalapan*

jealousie F lit *jealousy* cf It *gelos* a Sp *celosia* in same sense See *jealous*

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jam Orig (18 cent) verb (naut) meaning to squeeze block tighten etc. Hence port sense of squeezed fruit ? From *jamb* (q v) with idea of being caught in door Some identify it with *cham champ* to chew but this seems unlikely With *not all jam* cf *beer and shuffles*

jam Prince in some parts of India Of unknown origin

jamb F *ja nbe* leg formerly used for jamb of door (*jamba e*) Late L *gamba* Cf *gambol gammon*

jambo Indian fruit rose apple Sanskrit *gambu*

jamboree [US] Spree Origin unknown ? Cf obs *bores* dance F *bourée*

A Boy Scout jamboree t b held t Olympia (Daily News Ap 9 1921)

james [slang] Burglar's implement _ See *j mmy*

jangle Of *jangler* to babble harshly dispute etc In later senses as ocated with *jungle* ? Nasalized from L *jaculari* to dart sling from *jaculum* javelin For sense cf *dolly* for nasal cf F *jongleur* minstrel *jug ler* (q v)

janissary *janizary* Orig household troops of Sultan recruited from Christian youths (14 cent) massacred and abolished in 1826 Turk ye i *chern* new soldiery E form is F *janissaire* or It *giannizzaro* Cf *mameliks* For fig sense cf *al warit n yrmidon* etc

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(Yal Rev F b 19 9)

janitor L doorkeeper from *jan* a door

Jansenist [theol] Follower of *Cornelius Jansen* bishop of Ypres (†1638) who maintained inability for good of human will

January Restored spelling of ME *Janivere* Genetiv etc F *janvier* L *januari* (sc *mensis*) month of *Jan* is (q v) Replaced AS *gēola se ofsterra* later Yule

The dullest month all th y r

I th m th of Jan ee

Janus Ancient Roman deity presiding over doors (see *janitor*) and represented with face back and front whose temple was only closed in times of peace

Japan Varnish lacquer from *Japo* Du *Japan* or Port *Japão* Malay *Japang* Chun *Jih pān* sun rise corresponding to *Jap* *Vi pon* Marco Polo (†1323) has *Chī pa gu*

jape As noun and verb from 14 cent Obs c 1600 revived by Scott and other 19 cent romantics Earlier sense also obscene which may be the original Origin unknown

Japhetic From third son of Noah Sometimes used (ling & ethn) for *Aryan* Cf *Hamitic Semitic*

japonica ModL *pyri japonica* Jap pear tree

jar To grate sound discordantly vibrate unpleasantly From 16 cent App unit cf obs *varts charre g rre ch rr* etc

jar Vessel F *jarre* Sp *jarro* *jarra* Arab *jarrah* earthen vessel cf It *giara*

jar See *ajar*

jarinière F lit gard ner's wife

jargon F orig as in F of the warbling or chatter of birds a sense revived by mod

in 16 cent a sharper, *Jack Ketch*, 17 cent executioner, whose name was introduced into the early Punch and Judy show, *Jack Pudding*, quack's clown (cf *F Jean Potage*, Ger *Hanswurst*, Du *Hanssop*), *jack-straws*, game of splicans, with reminiscence of 14 cent rebel *Jack Straw*. Also applied to many animals and plants, usu with implication of smallness, inferiority. Transferred uses of *F Jean*, *Jacques*, and of Ger *Hans* are also very numerous. See also below *Jacked up*, exhausted, is an obscure fig. use of the same phrase meaning hoisted by meek contrivance called a *jack*.

jack² [hist.] Leather jerkin, coat of mail, leather drinking vessel. *F jacque*, OF also *jacques*, from name *Jacques*. Cf It *giacco*, Ger. *jache*, in same senses. An obs. word revived by Scott. Some authorities trace it through Sp to Arab *shakk*, but the Europ. association has in any case been with the name.

jack³ [naut.] Orig. small flag at bow. From *jack¹*, used in naut. phrases to indicate smaller size. Also improp. used in *union jack* for *union flag*.

jack⁴ Fruit. Port *jaca*, Malayalam *chakka*, jackal. Turk *chakāl*, Pers *shagāl*, cogn. with Sanskrit *s'rgāl*, jackal, cf *E gipsy juke!*, dog. In most Europ. langs. In fig. sense (17 cent.) from the jackal's relation to the lion, but earlier often *jack-call*, as though a servant at the lion's call.

jackanapes First recorded as nickname of William de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, murdered at sea (1450), whose badge was a clog and chain such as were worn by tame apes. But the word must obviously have existed earlier. Perh. orig. for *Jack of Napes*, name for monkey brought from Italy (cf *fustian-a-napes* for Naples fustian), associated naturally with *ape*. A song of 1432 mentions among imports from Italy "Apes and japes, and marinusettes taylorde."

*Jac Napes wolde one the see a mayner to ben
With his cloge and his cheyn (Pol. Song, 1450)*

jackaroo [Austral.] Green hand, new chum. From *jack¹*, after *langaroo*.

jackboot Perh. connected with *jack²*, the boot suggesting the vessel. Hence *jack-bootery* (neol.) for bullying form of militarism.

jackdaw. See *daw* and *jack¹*. Cf *dicky bird*, *merpie*, etc.

jacked up [slang.] See *jack¹*.

jacket *F. jaquette*, dim. of OF. *jacque*. See *jack²*, ? Cf *jerkin*.

Jack Johnson. Large Ger. shell (1914). From contemp. negro pugilist of large dimensions.

jack-knife Orig. US. Perh. for obs. *jackleg*, corrupt of Sc. *jockleleg*, large clasp knife, said (1776) to be for *Jacques de Lège*, a cutler. Thus may be a myth, but has a parallel in *F eustache*, knife carried by an apache, from *Eustache Dubois*, cutler at Saint-Étienne.

jacko See *jocko*.

Jack Robinson, before you can say. "From a very volatile gentleman of that appellation, who would call on his neighbours, and be gone before his name could be announced" (Grose). Another "explanation" is that the name is corrupted from *Jack! robys on!* in an "old play." Both are of course nonsense.

Jacob *L. Jacobus*, G. *Heb. ya-'aqob*, one that takes by the heel (*Gen. xxv. 26*). Hence *Jacob's ladder* (bot. & naut.), with ref. to *Gen. xxviii. 12*; *Jacob's staff*, formerly used for taking altitude of sun; *Jacobean*, of James (king, apostle, etc.), *Jacobus*, gold coin of James I. Cf *Caroline*, *carolus*.

Jacobin Dominican friar. From church of *Saint-Jacques* (Paris), near which the order built its first convent. The *Jacobin* pigeon is named from neck feathers resembling a cowl. The Revolutionary *Jacobins*, extremists, were so called because they took up their quarters (1789) in the old convent of the friars.

Jacobite Of *Jacob* or *James*, and esp. partisan of James II. after his deposition (1688), at which date the word was coined.

jaconet Fabric. From *Jagganāth* in Cutch (India).

jacquard [techn.] Loom for lace. From inventor, *Jacquard*, of Lyons (c. 1800).

jacquerie [hist.] *F.* peasant revolt, esp. that of 1357-8. From *Jarques Bonhomme*, n'cl. name of *F.* peasant. Cf *Holze*.

Levin's agrarian decrees have provoked a new outbreak of jacquerie (*Daily Chron.* Dec. 6, 1917).

jaculation *L. jactatio-n-*, from *jactare*, to throw about, reflex to brag, frequent. of *jacere*, 'jact-', to throw. Cf *jactulation* (med.), restlessness, MedL *jactitatio-n-*.

jade¹ Sorry nag. Hence verb to *jade*, weary out. ? Cf. Sc. *yaul*, ON. *ja'la*, 'mare'. For application to woman cf *harridan*.

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Il me d tee t Sure l nou est m l parti
a vous est cl l v e l'et t
sommes l ple si occront les sarras (J will)

For my est t ith win a pa ty
And k myn times l l f is n bal
(Ch T l n 465)

jerboa Jumpin, roilent Arab *yarbu* lion muscle from its jumping powers

jereed Eastern javelin of wood ucd in exercises Arab *ja id* middle-nit of palm leaf Also *djereed* *Lind* etc

jeremiad F *jerémiale* lamentation like that of the prophet *Jeremi* h

jerfalcon See *cerfalcon*

jericho go to Perh orig with allu on to 2 Sam x 3 The rose f *Jericho* (Ficler a hcs xxiv 14) is properly no rose but a small thorny shrub or kind of heath (Sur T B o ne)

Bds ch y u boyest t y Jerich
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Th y a pled h gh on th deck ach looking lik
double jeroboam f ch pagu
(Daily CA on Mar 3 1918)

poets (e.g. *Ancient Mariner*, v 16) Cf *It gergone*, Sp *gerigonza* App from same imit root as *gargle*, cf obs *jaigle*, to warble, etc., OF *jaigouille*.

Ful of jargon [var *gigoun*] as a flekked pyc (Chauc. E 1848).

jargonelle Pear F, orig applied to an inferior and gritty variety, which Evelyn advises nobody to plant From *jargon*, kind of stone (v 1)

jargoon [nun] F *jaigon*, Port *zarcão*, Arab *zargūn*, from Pers *zar*, gold (? or *āzar*, fire), *qūn*, colour, cf *It giargone*

jarl [hist] ON, earl (q v) Applied by mod historians to the nobles of Scandinavia, Orkney, Shetland, and the Western Isles

jarrah [Aushal] Mahogany gum-tree From native *jerihyl* (West Austral)

jarvey, jarvie [slang] Coachman From name *Jarvis* (*Gervase*, *Jervis*), perh in allusion to *St Gervase*, whose attribute is a whip or scourge

jarvis a hackney coachman (Grose)

jasey, jazy [archaic] Wig made of worsted Said to be a corrupt of *Jersey*, because made of Jersey wool

He looked at the wig, it had once been a comely jasey enough (*Ingólásby*)

jasmine, jessamine F *jasmin*, OF also *jessemmin*, with forms in most Europ langs, all from Arab *yās(a)mīn*, Pers *yāsmīn*, *yāsmān*, cf G *ἰάσμιον* *ῥύπον*, a perfume, prob oil of jasmine

jasper OF *jaspre* (*jaspe*), L *jaspis*, *jaspīd-*, G *ἰάσπις*, an Oriental word, cf Heb *yashpeh*, Pers & Arab *yashp* Confused with *diaper* in MedL, *diaspris* being used for both, whence It Sp *diaspro*, jasper

jaundice With intrusive -d- from ME *jaunes*, F *jaunisse*, from *jaune*, yellow, OF *jaune*, L *galbinus*, from *galbus*, ult cogn with yellow In early use often treated as pl, *jandies*, *janders*, by analogy with *measles*, *glanders*, etc

jaunt. Orig to exercise a horse, make him prance, take fatiguing exercise ? OF *jambeler*, to kick the legs about, from *jambe*, leg Sylvester uses it of the praneing of a horse in a passage in which *la jambette* occurs in the orig We find also *jaunce*, for which Cotg gives *jancer un cheval*, "to stirre a horse in the stable till hee sweat withall, or (as our) to jaunt," but this is not otherwise recorded in F, and is prob an error due to E *jaunce* The latter seems

to be a corrupt. of *jaunt* due to E fondness for this ending, cf. *enhance*, *snaphaunce*, and Skelton's *cormoraunce* for *cormorant* See also *jounce*.

El fossé les unt fait ruër,
Chevals e humes jambeter (Wace, *Roman de Rou*)
Spur gall'd and tir'd by jaunching Bolingbroke
(*Rich II*, v 3)

jaunt a tedious, fatiguing walk (Bailey)

jaunty Earlier (17 cent) *genty*, *jeniez*, *janty*, etc., adapted from F. *gentil* (see *gentle*) *Genty* is still used in Sc

With a jantec pair of canvass trowzers
(*Motteux' Rabelais*, iv 48)

javelin F *javeline*, for more usual *javelot*, AS. *gafeluc*, Welsh *gaflach*, fork, dart By some connected with the gen Celt word for fork (Gael *gobhal*, Ir *gabhal*, Welsh *gaf*).

jaw ME *joue* App related to *jowl* (q v), but of obscure origin and hist Form due to association with F *joue*, cheek (for vowel, cf. *paw*) Prob an earlier form was *chaw*, though this is only recorded later

My tong shall speak out of my chaws
(Tynd *Job*, xxxiii 2)

jay¹ Bird F *geai*, cf ONF *gai*, Prov *gai*, Sp *gayo* Origin unknown The analogy of *robin*, *jackdaw*, etc., suggests that it may be L *Gaius*, a name which was used very much as *Jack* is in E to designate persons familiarly In F the *jay* is also called *jacques*, *richard*, *cola* (*Nicolas*), and in Du *wouter* (*Walter*)

jay² [slang] Fool Orig US, from *jay*¹, but associated in E c 1890 with *j* for *juggins*

jazz "A number of niggers surrounded by noise," kind of ragtime dance introduced from US (Nov. 1918) From negro jargon

jealous OF *jelous* (*jaloux*), Prov *gelos*, L *zelosus* (see *zeal*), cf It *geloso*, Sp *celoso*

I have been very jealous (Vulg. zelo zelatus sum for the Lord God of hosts (1 Kings, xix 10))

James Footman From Thackeray's *James de la Pluche* (1846), representing a mincing pronunc. of *James*

jean Fabric Earlier also *jeues*, *geanes*, etc., F *Gènes*, Genoa, place of origin In US *jeans* Cf *cambric*, *muslin*, etc

Jeddart justice [hist] Hanging first and trying afterwards, said to have been the practice at *Jedburgh* (Roxburghshire), also called *Jedworth*, *Jedwood*, *Jeddart* See *lau*¹

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f r my t t lish now a a j parive And ek myn emes fu le lyl is in bal (Chaucer T L 464)

jeboa Jumping rodent Arab varl *jin* mouse from its jumping powers

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jeroboam Large wine-bottle Prob suggested by earlier *jack jordan* Cf *gorum*

They are f'led high on the deck ach looking like a double jeroboam of champagne

(Daily Chron M 3 1918)

jerry Familiar form of *Jeremiah*, exalted of the Lord. Some of its slang applications, *jerry-hat*, *jerry-shop*, may be connected with the Tom and Jerry of Egan's *Life in London* (1821), which enjoyed great popularity. Earlier is *jerry-sneak* (name of character in Foote's *Mayor of Garratt*, 1763). For sense of chamber-pot cf *Jordan* (q v). I conjecture that *jerry-built* may be for *jury-built*, the naut *jury*, as in *jury-mast*, being used of all sorts of makeshifts and inferior objects, e.g. *jury-leg*, wooden leg, *jury-rigged*, *jury meal*, etc. Its early connection with Liverpool, where *jerry-building* is recorded in a local paper for 1861, makes naut origin likely.

Jerry German Army slang

Smudges of flame showed where Archie was talking to Jerry (*Daily Chron* July 13, 1918)

jerry-mander See *gerrymander*

jersey Orig knitted at *Jersey*. Cf *guernsey* *jerusalem* [slang] For *Jerusalem pony*, facet for donkey, in allusion to entry into Jerusalem. See also *artiehoke*

jess Of hawk. ME *ges*, OF *gez*, *jez*, pl of *jet*, cast, from *jeter*, abnormally from L *jaetare*, frequent of *jaecere*, *jaet-*, to throw. With double pl *jesses* cf *bodyees*, *lettucees*, *quinces*, etc.

jesses for a haube get (Palsg)

jessamine, **jessamy** See *jasmine*

Jesse window [arch] Adorned with the *Jesse tree*, genealogical tree showing descent of Christ from *Jesse* (*Is* 51.1)

jest F *geste*, as in *chanson de geste*, song of exploits, L *gesta*, neut pl, from *gerere*, *gest-*, to perform, carry out. Sense of epic narrative developed into that of mocking tale, joke, etc. To *break a jest* was suggested by *breaking a lance*. Cf *to crack a joke*

Item, to Wallace that tells the geists to the King, xviii (*Se Treas Accts* 1491)

Setting furth the jestes, actes and deedes of the nobilitie (NEP 1548).

Jesuit Member of *Society of Jesus*, founded (1533) by Ignatius Loyola to combat protestantism. Fig. sense of *Jesuitical* is due to casuistry approved by some of the order.

Jesus L, G Ἰησοῦς, Aramaic *Jeshua*, *Joshua*, Jah is salvation. See also *I.H.S.* *Jesus* is the OF. obj case.

jet Black substance. OF. *jaet* (*jaie*), L, G γάγαις from river *Gager*, in Lycia. Cf. *azte*

The great or greatest, calleth the name of a river in Lycia (Holland's *Phrygia*).

jet² Of water, etc. F, from *jeter*, to throw (see *jess*).

jetsam OF. *jetaison*, from *jeter*, to throw (see *jess*). Earlier *jettison*, now usu. as verb (see *Jonah*), to throw overboard, also fig. See *floksam*

jettison See *jetsam*

jetty F *jetée*, pp. fem of *jeter*, to throw (see *jess*)

jeu F, L. *jocus*, game. In *jeu de mots* (*d'esprit*)

Jew OF. *jueu*, *giu* (*guis*), L. *judaeus*, G Ἰουδαῖος, from Heb. *y'hudah*, Judah, lit. celebrated. *Worth a Jew's eye* alludes to medieval extortion practised on Jews, while verb to *Jew* suggests extortion the other way round. With *Jewry*, district allotted to Jews, OF. *juerne*, cf *ghetto*. *Jew's ear*, fungus, is a mistaken rendering of MedL. *auricula Judae*, Judas' ear, so called because commonly found on the elder (Judas tree), the tree on which Judas Iscariot trad. hanged himself. *Jew's harp* (Hald.) was earlier *Jew's trumpet*, the reason for the name being unknown.

jewel AF *juel*, OF. *joel*, *joiel* (*joyau*), VL. **joellus*, from *jocus*, game, etc.; cf *It gioiello*, Sp. *joyel*. Derivation from *girdium*, joy (cf *gaud*), is less likely owing to phonetic difficulties. The regular MedL. is *joale*, *joeha*, and the etym. of *juel* (q v) furnishes a parallel.

jezail Afghan musket. As *gingall* (q.v.)

Jezebel Hittite, esp. with painted face. From the wife of Ahab (2 Kings, ix). The name means "oath of Baal" and is the source of *Isabel*, *Elizabeth*.

jheel [Anglo-Ind]. Pool left by flood. Hind. *jhil*

jib¹ Sail. Perh. from *jib²*, it being a sail which fills from side to side according to wind. Hence *cut of one's jib*, orig. sailor's impression of "strange sail" at sea.

jib² To swing (yard, sail) from side to side. Var. of *gybe* (q v). The jibbing of a bar is prob. a naut. metaphor. The word is not found in this sense till 19 cent., so can hardly be OF. *giber*, to flick (cf *l. rumber*).

jibbah, **jubbah**. Eastern mantle. Arab. *jubbah*, whence also F. *jube*, *jupon*, ML. *capron*, It. *grubba*. See *jump²*.

jibe Var. of *gybe*, *gybe* (q v)

jiffy From 18 cent. Origin unknown.

jig Cf F. *gigue*, dance, OF. *gigue*, fiddle, It. *giga*, fiddle. Of Teut. origin; cf Ger. *gigge*,

fiddle O' *gigja* prob cogn with *gig*¹ (q v) Hence *jigger* of many small mech. devices in some cases e.g. at billiards and golf app equivalent to *thingumbob thing amjig* etc

*jigger*¹ Implement See *jig* Cf *ji sau*
*jigger*² Corrupt. of *chigou* (q v) Hence
perh *In jiggered* first in Marryat But
this may be rather a fantastic euph per
version of an uglier word

jiggery pokery *jackery pokery* Sc. *joukery*
paukery etc from *jouk* trick Cf *hanky*
pauky *hocus focus* and obs *hickery*
puckery

jig saw [US] From verb *jig* in senso of
rapid varying motion

In machinery the narrow band saw that works
up and dwn cutt g tracery and feet work out of
wood is known as a *jigger*

(*Nat & Querier* Nov 17 1894)

Jill Companion of Jack ME *Gille* short
for *Cilian* popular form of *Juliana* a
favourite ME name which became prac-
tically equivalent to girl woman Also
in many rustic plant names

For *J* know for *Gill* will I turne my face
(*Tom lev Myst* c. 1460)

Our wooing d th n t d Uk an old pl y *J* ck
bath not *Gill* (*Love's Lab Lost* v)

Jill Earlier *gillet* *jil* dim of *Jill* (v s)
Also *jill flirt* *gillian flirt* etc The senso
has become softened like that of *flirt*

Hee hath appointed to meet this *gill* t th t
your house (*Hartman Caval* 1567)

bagas baggage, q ad *jill*, punk *flirt* (Cotg)

Jim-crow [US] Negro From popular negro
song with refrain *Jump Jim-crow*

miny Disguised oath of Ger *jem ne Du*
jemen a prob for *Jesu Domis* is as Ger
ach ja is for *ack Jes* a See *gemins* *criminy*
Crim al, j muni

Did you er h ar such a blunimy pinnu y
Story as Leigh II nt s R muni? (Byron)

Jim jams [slang] Delirium tremens Arbitrary
formation

miny From *James* In many slang senses
of *jeany*

jungle Imut of *tnkle chink* etc Asso-
ciated with *jungle* in redupl *jingle jungle*
but not orig connected with that word
though now felt as expressing a lighter
form of same so nd cf *slip slip*

jungo From 17 cent Perh Basque *Jinko*
Jainko God It may have been picked up
from Basque sailors who were always em-
ployed as harpooners by the early whalers

(see *harpoon*) The *In oldsbj* d rivation
from St Gen-ulphus sometimes styled
the living *Jingo* from the great tena-
ciousness of vitality exhibited by his
severed members is a joke Pol senso
(first in *Daily News* March 11 1878 and
fixed by George Jacob Holyoake's letter
March 13) is from music hall song (v s)
popular with Russophobes in 1878 Cf
ckusain

By *Ji* go [Rab par Di] q th Pan rge th
man talk somewh t like

(Mott R *Belais* iv 56)

We don't wa t to fight, But by *J* go! f d
We e got the hip w v g t th men We've got
th money too (G W Hunt)

If who appe l to his co trymen to arm in their
own d *celso ta Jungo*

(R Blatchford, Dec 13 1909)

Ha [Lord Roberts] is a mere *jingo* in opinion and
haract r and he intep is th *lit* d interests
of the tion and Empire by the *rud* l t and
f ars whi b haunt the un magnati sold er's b ain
(*Nation* Oct 6 92)

I am if you lik *J* go a word whch, by the
w y I was th first person er to write- t th
di t ion of my l to uncl Geo ge Jacob Holyoak
(H B *townley Job Bell* Nov 1 17 7)

junks high According to *VED* orig Sc of
frolic at drinking party and app con-
nected with verb to *jink* dance dodge et
But the verb is much later and quot be-
low suggests that the *high* may have been
orig an adv and the whole phrase a
parallel to mod *up j nkins*

Th noble and ancient ecrt ton f Ro nd-R tun
H y J l k and Wh pping th S k in great re-
qment with our merry sailors in Whappi g

(T Brown c. 1700)

juna Arab pl of *jinn* whence *junes* and
the *gens* (q v) of the Arab an *highis*

junncksha Jap *jun riki sha* man strength
vehicle which has been facetiously com-
pared with *Pill man ca* (Lule) Now usu
rickshaw

jurgah [in *lo Ind*] Council of elders
Afghan from Pers circle of men

juu jutsu See *ju jutsu*

job Verb To peck etc Now usu *jab*
Expressing the wound or effect of an
abruptly arrested stab (*VED*)

*job*¹ Piece of work From 17 cent orig
contrasted with what is continuous Perh
ident. with obs *job* lump cartload (cf
job lot) which may be ult related to *gob*
gobbit Suggestion of dishonesty undue
influence as in *jobbery* is already in Pepys
With good (bad) *job* cf similar use of *busi-
ness*

Job Type of patience (*Job*, 1 22), or poverty (*ib* 1 21) Cf *Job's comforter* (*ib* xvi 2)
 Cf Ger *Hiohspos*, bad news
jobation [*slang*] Lecture like those addressed to *Job* by his "comforters" (v s)
 In dial corrupted to *jawbation*
jobbernowl [*archaic*] Blockhead From ME *jobard*, fool, and *noll*, head *Jobard* is F, from OF *jobe*, patient fool, prob from *Job*
Jock Highland soldier, esp of Argyll and Sutherland regiment Sc form of *Jack* (v 1) *Jocky*, Scotsman, occurs repeatedly in *Rump Songs* (1639-61)
jockey Dim of *Jock*, northern form of *Jack* (v s) Orig horse-dealer as well as professional rider, "a cheat, a trickish fellow" (Johns) Hence verb to *jockey*, to swindle, with which cf *cozen* Pepys (Dec 11, 1668) speaks of "the knaveries and tricks of jockeys," i.e. horse-dealers
 Jockey of Norfolk, be not so bold,
 For Dickon, thy master, is bought and sold
 (*Rich III*, v 3)
jockeys rank horse coursers, race-nders, also hucksters or sellers of horses, very slippery fellows to deal with (*Diet Cant Crew*)
jocko, jacko Chimpanzee Made by Buffon (1766) from native WAfr *ucheko, nschego*, whence also *chego*
jockteleg [*Sc*] See *jack-knife*
jocose, jocular L *jocosus, jocularis*, from *jocus*, game
jocund OF *jocond*, Late L *jocundus*, altered, on *jocus*, from *jucundus*, pleasant, from *juvare*, to please, help, cf It *giocondo*, Sp *jocunde*
 The herte of Nabal was jocounde, for he was drunkun greeth (*Wyc 1 Sam xxi 36*)
jodel See *yodel*
joe [*archaic*] Port coin From *Joannes V* (†1750), cf *louis, carolus*, etc
Joe Manton Gun by gunsmith of that name, (†1835)
Joe Miller. Stale jest, chestnut From *Joe Miller's jests, or the Wit's Vade-mecum* (1739), named after, but not compiled by, *Joseph Miller*, actor and wit (†1738)
joey¹ Fourpenny-piece From *Joe*, for *Joseph*
joey² [*Austral*] Young kangaroo Native *joë*
jog App imit of movement, but partly suggested by earlier *shog*, which is cogn with OHG *scoc*, swing, oscillation
 Will you shog off? (*Hen V*, ii 1)
 While he [Hobson the carrier] might still jog on and keep his trot (*Milt*).

Johannine Of *John* (apostle or Baptist)
johannisberger Wine from *Johannisberg*, vineyard near Wiesbaden

John L *Joannes, Johannes*, G *Ἰωάννης*, Heb. *yōchānān*, *Jah* is gracious Cf F *Jean*, OF *Jehan*, It *Giovanni*, Sp *Juan*, Ger *Johann*, etc The fem is *Joan*, or, through F., *Jane* Used, with *Johnny*, in many stock epithets (cf *Jack*), e.g. *John Barleycorn*, *John Chinaman*, *Johnny Raw*, *silly Johnny*, etc With *John Doe* and *Richard Roe*, fictitious plaintiff and defendant in ejection action (abolished 1852), cf *John a' Nokes* and *John a' Stiles*, i.e. John of the oaks and John of the stiles, also fictitious leg parties. *John Bull* appears first (1712), with *Lewis Baboon*, etc, in Arbuthnot's satire *John Company* is from Du *Jan Kompanie*, name by which the Du East India Company and government are known in the East to natives, who cannot conceive an impersonal body *John Dory*, fish, for earlier *dory* (q v), was perh suggested by a popular song (printed 1609) on a famous privateer

They [the goods] were taken out of the said galeon by one John Dorye of Dertmouth
 (*Privy Council Acts*, 1516)

Johnian Of *St John's College*, Camb, also *Johnian hog* (Grose)

John o' Groats Supposed site of house on Duncansby Head, regarded as extreme north of Scotland

join F *joindre, joign-*, L *ungere*, cogn with *jugum*, yoke *Joint* is the p p, L *junctus* *Joint-stool* is for *joined stool*, made in parts by a joiner, cf *joyned stockes* (Purch), for *joint stock* With hist to *join battle* cf *attack* (q v) To *join up* dates from the Great War

And middle natures, how they long to join,
 Yet never pass the insuperable line
 (Pope, *Essay on Man*, 1 228)

jointure [*leg*] Now limited to wife's or widow's estate, but orig holding of property for joint use of married couple

joist ML & OF *giste (gite)*, from *gésir*, to lie, L *jacere* For sense-development cf *sleepers* (railway), for sound-change cf *bois*. See *gist* F *gite* is still used of the main beam of a loft

Also every giste tre of square 711 ynche and more
 (*Contract for Newark Bridge*, 14th s)

joke From 17 cent Prob It *gioco*, L *jocus*; cf Du *jok* It can hardly have been taken

straight from L. unless it was univ. slang
Joker appears to have been used by
thimble ringers before being applied to a
card

jokul jökull [geog.] Snow mountain in Ice
land See *icicle*

jolly ME also *jolif* OF (*joli*) cf It
ga lito Supposed to be from ON *jol* Yule
but this is very doubtful The OF & ME
meanings are very wide and intense
e.g. *jolly good hiding jolly well mistake*
can be paralleled in ModF Older form
survives in name *Joliffe Jolly* marine
occurs first in Marryat

*jol jolles g y trim fin gallant nest b dno se
least well bioned m so compt polit also
lively merry b m jound (Cotg)*

Here we took it her f j by thicke esse b n t
past foote l s a (*flawke* 1595)

jolly boat Prob a naut corrupt of earlier
jolyuat (15 cent) *jellyuat* u ed app
in same sen o This may be Lind *gallat*
Port *galeota* gallat dim of *galley* The
objection that gallat is a ship-name not
a boat name is hardly serious in view of
the whimsicality of naut nomenclature
The same objection might be urged again t
galley in the sense of rowing boat on the
Thames and elsewhere or agst *snfrigate*
wh ch for the Elizabethans was a row-
ing boat, pinnace cf also *skiff* ult ident with
ship

Th So etra gn with her grete bot and jolyw it
(*4 v A ds* 475-77)

That day the P ga us jolly was going ou h fur
w te (H kl, x 4)

Ilavi g tried th currant s nrl tyries with o
jolly boat (P ter M dy 634)

jolt App corrupt of earlier *jot* *jot* an inst
word l ke jo It may have been affected
by obs *joll joul* to bump

H hat ned t thou to jolle me with thy sibwe
a qu i est li besos g de me be rt r de ton could ?
(*Pal g*)

hunter to knock push, jarre jolt (C ig)

jolthead [archaic] Earlier *joltthead* an older
word than *jolt* which it may have in-
fluenced Evidently in some way related
to *joul* the f rm *cholt headed* esp. recalling
the *cholle* forms of the latter (VED)

tes de bnf a joith ad jbernell, codiche d
gro th ad lo, lea i (Cotg)

Jonah Bringer of ill luck (Jonah 3 7) Hence
to *Jonah* throw o erboard (Meredith)

R th b i the Jonah whose pettiness g ould
d more tha anyth g else t uer bp
(D Ty Chron Jan 16 1917)

Jonathan brother Sud to have been orig
applied (after 2 Sam 1 26) by Washington
to Jonathan Trumbull Governor of Con-
necticut

jongleur F minstrel juggler Nasali ed
from OF *jogle* acc of *joglere* L *joc* i
lat r jester from *jocus* jest

jonquil F *jo quile* bp *junquillo* dim of
junco L *junci s* rush From its rush like
lea es

jordan Chamber pot in ME also a hemist s
vessel Prob an application of the bap-
tismal name *Jordan* very common in NL
(hence surnames *Jordan Judd Judh*
etc) and also in F (*Jo rdain*) It (*Gior-
dano*) and other langs Cf *jack ju je ri*
jori m

Jordan almond Folk etym for ME *jorline*
almaunde (*Prompt Pare*) from F *rd n*
garden

porum Large drinking bowl esp bo l of
punch From name *porum* (2 Sam 10 10)
jerobeam (q v) is used in similar sense
Both prob suggested by *jack jorian j g*
etc

joseph [archaic] Ladie 18 cent riding
cloak From name *Joseph* Heb *j'eph*
perh with obscure allusion to Gen xxxix
12 Cf *benjamin*

joshin [d al] Bumpkin yokel 'Dum of
Joseph (cf *Hodge*) 'or playful variation
on *bumpkin* sugge ted by dial *joss* to
tump Hence perh *joss* fellow

joss Chinese god etc Japanese *j s* from
OFort *deos* (*deus*) god taken to China
by sailors For application to China cf
mandarin for travels of a *aga*

jostle justle Frequent of *jost* (q)

t es vor a la joute to try on another t
j th g (Hollyba d, T ds J F Torcu 15)

jot L *toti* (read as *jo a*) G *lura* name of
smallest letter () cf It *tota* Sp *jota*
F p in *jot or ttle* (M it v 18) and *not a jot*
Hence verb to j t down with small ab-
brevs ong Sc See 101

Oca [Ty] L *ott* or *tut* (Wye Wad 1)

jounce [archaic] To bump jolt etc Var
of obs *junc* for which see *jaunt*

joy ne s ne griff gent l mery repitars
(*Prompt Pare*)

journal F [s. l te registre etc] I
turnals s from *diurn s* from *des* day
Cf *diary* d *urnal* the latter i mery also
as noun (v 1) *Journ l am* was not adopted
from F *jo rnal sme* till 1833 *Journalist*

(late 19 cent) is after *Chinese, Portuguese*, etc

In every Mercurius, Coranto, Gazet or Diurnal
(Blount).

By "journalism" we mean writing for pay upon matters of which we are ignorant (Leslie Stephen)

journey F *journée*, day, esp day's happenings (work, march, etc), VL **diurnata* (v s), cf It *giornata*, Sp *jornada* Etym. sense survives in *journeyman*, one who works by the day, cf synon F *journalier*, Ger *tagelöhner* The OF senses are all found in ME, but the earliest (13 cent) is that now current

All the lordes that dyed at the jorney [battle of St Albans] are beryed at seynt Albones

(Paston Let 1 336)

joust OF *jouster* (*jouter*), VL **juxtare*, from *juxta*, against, close to, cf It *giostrare*, Sp *justar* The normal L. form is the earlier *just*, which survives in name *Juster* See *adjust*

joyal F, It *gioziale*, "borne under the planet Jove" (Flor), L *gioialis*, from OL *Jovis*, *Diovis*, cogn with L *deus*, G *Zeús* (see *Jupiter*) Cf *mercurial*, *saturnine*

The load-stone, the very seed and ingendring stone of discovene, whose soever Joyvall braun first conceived that Minerva (Purch)

jowl Jaw Of obscure origin In gen sense equivalent to ME *chawl*, AS *caefl*, jaw, cogn. with Ger *kiefer* In sense of fat pendulous throat it appears to be ME *cheole*, *chel*, throat, cogn with Ger *kehle* (cf *jollop*, dewlap, in her) Now chiefly in ref to aggressive under-jaw, whence dog-name *Jowler*, and in *cheek by jowl* *chawylbone* mandibula (Prompt Parv)

jolle, or *head* caput (*ib*)

Bee thou [Elijah] my coach-man, and now cheeke by joule

With Phoebeus chariot let my chariot roule
(Sylv iv 1).

joy F *joie*, L *gaudia*, neut pl taken as fem sing, from *gaudere*, to rejoice, cf It *gioia*, Sp *goia* Joy-riding is US (1909) Cf *joy-stick* (aeron).

To control one [war-machine] the pilot has to manipulate but a single lever, which we call the "joy stick" (Bishop, *Winged Warfare*)

jubbah See *jibbah*

jubilation L *jubilatio-n-*, from *jubilare*, to shout, as in *jubilare Deo*, imit words of Ps c

jubilee F *jubilé*, Late L *jubilaeus* (sc *annus*), G *ωβηλαῖος*, from *ωβηλος*, *jubi-*

lee, Heb *jōbēl*, orig ram, hence, ram's horn used as trumpet. The form, *ju-* for *jo-*, is due to early association with L *jubilare* (v s). Orig applied to the Jewish year of Jubilee (Lev. xxv), but in early use for other celebrations, usu in connection with fifty years

Our sexteyn and oure fermerer,
That han been trewe freres fifty yer,—
They may now, God be thanked of his loone!
Maken hur jubilee (Chauc D 1859)

Judaism L, G *ιουδαϊσμός* See *Jew*

Judas L, G *Ίούδας*, Heb *y'hidāh*, Judah, a common name among the Jews Now usu reserved for the traitor Hence *judas*, small grating through which one can watch without being seen, also *judas tree* (see *jew's ear*).

judge F *juge*, L *judex*, *judic-*, from *jus*, law, *dicare*, to proclaim; cf It *judice*, Sp *juex* *Judgmatic-al*, chiefly US, is coined on *dogmatic* Day of judgment is used by Wyc alternately with day of doom
judicature F, MedL *judicatura*, from *judicare*, to judge (v s) Cf *judicial*, *judiciary*, *judicious*. *Judicial murder* is 19 cent.

The judicial murder of Captain Fryatt
(A. J. Balfour, Aug 4, 1916).

judy Pet-form of *Judith*. As applied to woman of ridiculous appearance it refers to the wife of Punch. She appears to be of E origin and not from the It puppet-play.

jug¹ Vessel Pet-form of *Joan*, also of *Judith* Cf *jack*, *goblet*, etc So also ME *jobbe*, *jubbe*, used by Chauc for a drinking vessel, is prob from *Job*, often *Jubbe*, *Juppe* in ME, whence mod names *Jubb*, *Juppe*. It is even possible that *jug* is altered on the female name from the earlier *jub* The *jug*, or *stone-jug*, i e. gaol, is from thieves' cant

Pro j pare jobbes de my galonibus
(Earl of Derby's Exped 1390-93)

jug² Note of nightingale Imit, cf *bulbul* It was also used for the bird (v 1), perh by association with female name (see *jug*)

jug, a nightingale. *philomela* (Litt)

juggernaut Hind *Jagganāth*, Sanskrit *gagan-nātha*, from *gagat*, world, *nātha*, lord, title of Krishna, eighth avatar of Vishnu, and esp his idol at Puri (Orissa), annually dragged in procession in enormous car under which devotees are supposed formerly to have thrown themselves Hence

the "wordes of the naturall language of Java" in *Drake's Circumnavigation* (Hakl 21 133) Is it possible that this "worde of the naturall language" is simply Port *juncos*, reed, rush (see *junket*), used attributively of the reed sails (v 1)

junks, or *jonques* are vessels very common in the East-Indies Their sails, often-times, are only of reeds and of matts (*Genl Dict*)

junker Ger, young lord, MHG *junc-herre* (see *herri*) Cf *jungfer*, maiden (*jungfrau*). See also *youunker* The offensive sense of *junker*, *junkerism*, dates chiefly from Bismarck's bullying methods, but the *Junkers* had qualities worthy of respect The Prussian Junkers have proved themselves more fit for rule than any class in all history Their virtues are Spartan, their moods narrow but incorruptible, and their bravery and patriotism undoubted (*Gerard, Four Years in Germany*)

junket Orig rush-basket, from L *juncus*, rush Later, preparation of cream, etc., served in rush-basket (v 1) Sense of feast, picnic party, etc., seems to be due to association with obs *junkery*, perh from F *joncher*, to spread, orig to strew rushes He tok a jonket of resshen and putte the hit faunt with yinne (*Wye Er* 11 3) Pettrych and his felaw here gret visage and kepe gret junkeryes and dyneres (*Paston Let Supp* p 24) *juncata* a kinde of fresh cheese and creame, so called because it is brought to market upon rushes Also a junket Also a prettie worke made of bents or rushes (*Flor*)

junta Sp, assembly, council, L *juncta*, p p fem of *jungere*, to join Esp in connection with council formed (1808) to resist Napoleon For incor *junto*, implying intrigue (as *camarilla*), cf *salvo, bastinado*, etc

jupe [Sc & north] See *jibbah, jump*²

Jupiter L, orig voc, Father Jove, cf G Ζεύ πάτερ *Jupiter pluvius* is mod and jocular after *Jupiter tonans*

jurassic [geol] Of oolitic limestone as *Jura* mountains

jurat Official in Cinque Ports and Channel Islands OF, MedL *juratus*, as *jury*

juridical From L *juridicus* Cf *judge, jurisdiction*

jurisdiction Reconstructed from ME *jurisdiction*, F *jurisdiction*, L *jurisdic-tio-n-*, lit declaration of law, *jus, jur-* See *judge* Cf *jurisprudence*, science of law, *jurisconsult*, learned in law, *jurist*, law practitioner

jury OF *jurée*, p p fem of *juror*, to swear, L *jurare*, from *jus, jur-*, right, law Cf *juror*, OF *jureor*, L *jurator-em*, one who takes oath Orig the jurors were rather

of the character of witnesses, selected on account of their special knowledge of local events, character, etc

jury-mast An obscure naut witicism. Cf synon F *mât de fortune*

I was left all alone, and let me drive in the sea five days before I could make my jury mast
(Capt Thompson, 1592)

jusquaboutiste F, neol coined from *jusqu'au bout*, up to the end.

I or my own part I am a Jusqu'aboutist
(G B Shaw, *Daily Chron* Jan 12, 1918)

jussive [gram]. From L *jubere*, *juss-*, to order Cf *imperative*

just F *juste*, L *justus*, from *jus*, right, law Adv sense, precisely, exactly, springs from adj, but in such phrases as *just against* (*by, behind*, etc), it may partly represent OF *joste*, L *juxta* (see *joust*)

justice F, L *justitia*, from *justus* (v.s) Use as title, *justice of the peace*, is very early (12 cent) The Lord Chief Justice took over in 13 cent the functions of the earlier *justiciar-y*, MedL *justitarius*

justify F *justifier*, Church L *justificare*, to make just *Justification* is in Wyc (Rom v 16)

justle See *jostle*

jut Corrupt of archaic *jet*, to project (see *jetty*) Perh affected by obs *jut*, to push (see *jolt*)

Piers, jutties, wallies or banchees against the rages of the sea (*NED* 1547)

porger to jut, to jutty, or butte forth (*Flor*)

Jute [hist] Late L *Juth, Juliae* (Bede), inhabitants of *Jutland*, cf. AS *Eolas, Gēatas*, ON *Jölar*

jute Fibre from bark of Indian tree Bengali *jhōto, jhulo*

juvenile L *juvenilis*, from *juvenis*, young (q v)

juxtaposition F, coined from L *juxta*, be side, and *position*.

k- Many words, esp. of foreign origin, are spelt both with *k-* and *c-*, and some not included here may be found under the latter initial

kaama Hottentot name for *hartbeest*.

Kabyle F, Arab *qabāil*, pl of *qabila*, tribe

kadi See *cadī*

Kaffir Arab *kāfir*, infidel, name given to Bantu tribes by Arab traders and raiders They [the Arabs] call the conquered Caffars, mis-believers or if you will heretikes (*Purch*)

kastan See *castan*

kaid See *caid*

kail See *kale*

kaimakam Turk Arab *qāim maqām*
standing (in the) place Cf *lieutenant*

Th Turks their *kaimaks* and their *lashas*,
one and all together (Gladstone 36)

kainte [*mit*] Named (1865) by Zinchen
from G *αιων* new in ref to its recent
formation

kaiser OHG *keisar* cf AS *casere* OY *kei-
sari* Goth *kaisar* L *Caesar* cognomen of
Cæsar Julius adopted as title by Teut &
Slav *langa* (cf *caesar*) as *imperator* was
by Rom *langa* Cf Lithuanian *karolis*
king Ukrainian *horola* from *Caolas*
(*Va nus*) Charlemagne *ka ser* is the
earliest L loan word in Teut (temp
Augustus)

kajawah [*4n lo-Ind*] Camel litter for women
Urdu Pers

kaka New Zeal parrot Maori name Cf
kakapo owl parrot Maori *kika* parrot
for night

kakemono Wall picture Jap *kake mono*
hang thung

kale kail Northern form of *cole* cabbage
Often used in Sc for soup food (eg to
groove out his kail through the reek make it
hot for him) The *kailyard* school of litera-
ture dates from Ian MacLaren's *B's do the
Bonnie Brier Bush* (1894) the title of
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kaleidoscope Coined (1817) by inventor Sir
David Brewster from C *kalos* beautiful
idos shape

kali See *alkali*

kalan kahoun Persian bookish Arab
qāḥḥān qāḥḥān

kalmia Amer shrub From *ka m* pupil of
Linnaeus

kalmuck Tatar *khal m k* apostate (from
Buddhism)

kamerad [*mit*] To surrender From Ger
cry of *ka merad* comrade

It was only *ami* *mi* *ut* *s* before Lude *derf*
newest *dis* *is* *on* was *name* *ad* *ing* *itself* *out* *id* *ger*
(*Daily Ch* on 15 1910)

kampung See *co found*

kampulcon Obs. name for floor-cloth
Trade name coined from G *per s* flex

ible *o* *las* thick App ousted by *linoleum*
kamsin See *kamsin*

Kanaka South Sea islander hired as planta-
tion hand Hawaiian, for *Samoa* (also
Tongan Maori) *tungah* man.

kangaroo Ascribed by Capt. Cook (17 0)
to natives of Queensland but not known
now in any Austral *lan* (cf *boomerang*)
It prob originated in a mis understanding
of question and answer Hence *kangaroo*
closure (part) which progress *s* by leaps

kanoon Kind of harp Pers or Arab *qanun*
Kantian [*philos*] Cf *Immanuel Kant* Ger
philosopher (1804)

kaolin China clay F Chin *kao ling* high
hill name of mountain whence orig ob-
tained

kaput Ger done for I *caput* (qv)

Karate Jewish sect (8 cent) which rejects
Rabbinical tradition From Heb *qari* to
read (cf *Koran*)

karaka New Zeal tree Maori name

karma Fate in theosophical jargon San-
skrit *karma* in action

kaross SAfr skin mantle According to
some authorities rather a Bantu *o* H *t*
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Cf *assacas* *kraal* It is described as a
corrupt Du word in 1673

karrn Tree and timber MAustral native
name

karroo Barren plateau of SAfr Hottentot
kattel cattle (SAfr) Bed in or wagon
SAfrDu Port *caiel* a sort of bed in
Malabar (Vieyra) Tamil *kattil* bedstead
Cf *sjambok*

It is after p *t* was *hide* cartl or bed
(A *Solomon* *W* *mes*)

katabolism [*biol*] Destructive metabolism
From G *καταβαλλω* to throw down

katydid [US] Insect From sound sug-
gesting *katy did* Cf *bobolink* *whippoorwill*

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kava Intoxicating drink (Polynesia) From
native name of plant from root of which it
is made

kavass Armed servant etc Turk Arab
qawass bowmaker from *qaws* bow

kayak Eskimo man's boat cf *oomiak*
Recorded 17 cent

kea New Zeal parrot. Maori from cry

kedge [*naut*] Former *cadging cable* *cadge*
the latter passim in *Nap Accts* 1495-9,
point to ME *ca* *ge* to fasten secure app-
var of *catch* (cf *grudge*)

kedgerree Ong vegetable curry Hind
Kach *s* San *krit* *k* *sa* *a* dish of rice and
sesamum Earlier (1 cent.) *kerchere* *kil*
very *cutchery* etc.

keel¹ Of ship ON *kyölr* (whence Norw. Dan *kyöl*, Sw *köl*) Du. & Ger *kiel* are prob. from E Hence *keelson*, *kelson*, inside timber bolted to keel, cf Du *kolsem* (for *kolzwijn*), Ger *kielschwein*, Sw *kölsvin*, in which second element is *swine*, the use of animal names being common in naut lang., but some authorities regard Norw. dial *kyölsvill* as orig form, with second element, cogn with E *sill*, meaning foundation-beam To *keelhaul* (Capt John Smith, 1626) is adapted from Du *kielhalen*, to haul under the keel, whence also Ger *kielholen*

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keep Late AS *cēpan*, with no known cognates Orig trans, to seize, hold, observe, etc, intrans senses being from earlier reflex, e.g. to *keep* (oneself) silent ntc Camb sense of residing is recorded in *jurat* With *keep* of a castle cf It *tenere* Islandtles hold or *keepe* (Flor.), from juridical 'to hold, keep The first NED definition from Sidney's *Arcadia*, but jurisdiction. er (Leland's *Itinerary*, c 15 dicton, F *ame* Keep app carries it in declaration of William the Conqueror's jurisprudence, 12 temp Ed I learned in law, force induced by b¹ jury OF *jurée*, pp¹ being enjoyment L *jurare*, from *jus*, dress Arab. *fa* juror, OF *juror*, L *juror* takes oath Orig the

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kelson See keel¹.

Kemble pipe From Kemble, executed (16) at Hereford (Oates plot), who smoked & chatted on his way to execution

kempt Playful back-formation from *kempt* (q v)

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Long before Prussia swam into the ken of civilized nations (Daily Tel Nov. 9, 1917)

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kiln AS *cýlen* L *culinus* kitchen whence also ON *kylina* Cf *mill kichen*

kilo Adapted (1799) from (*χίλος* thou sand into F metric system Hence *kilo* g am *kil meter* etc

kilt Orig verb to tuck up Dan *kilk* also *kille op* perh cogn with ON *killing* skirt. As name for *ph libeg* only from 18 cent Gavin Douglas describes Venus as with her skirt kilted till her bare knee (den 2. 320)

kimono Jap Peter Mundy at Macao (1637) speaks of *kimaones* or Japan coats

kin AS *cynn* Com Teut of Du *kinne* OLG *kinne* ON *kin* Goth *kind* cogn with (*er k id* child L *genus* G *γένος* Cf *kind* *k indred* Very common as suffix (= kind) in AS a dual survival of which in Sc *si can* such lit *suck him*

O touch of nature makes th whole world kin (T *ed* & C *ris* 1. 3)

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kinchin (sl g) Small child as explained by Fagin to Mr Claypole (*Oliver Twist* ch xii) Ger *kindchen* or obs Du *kindeken* See *kin kid*

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kind Noun AS *gecynd* birth origin nature cogn with *kin* Roughly equivalent to L *genus species* e g *communion* in both kinds is MedL *utroque specie* and *pariter* *kind* is translated from *in specie* With a *kind* of cf a sort of (mod of sorts) both phrases being colloq us 1 as advs e g *kind of* (somewhat) *puzzled*

kind Adj AS *gecynde* from *kind* Orig native natural etc as still in *kindly* Scot *the kindly f uls of the earth* (L Linn) Current sense springs from that of well born as in ME *kind* (unmixed) blood (cf *generous*)

N 1th by lot of dest y
Nor y t by k adly [L m rita, *Aen* 6. 697] death
sh perli hed (S trey)

kindergarten Ger children's garden Coined (1840) by Friedrich Froebel

kindle Frequent from ON *kynda* to set on fire Now usu fig exc in US

kindred With intrusive *-d* for *kin red* second element from AS *nēdian* condition reckoning Cf *katred*

kine Double pl after *oven* from *kye* AS *cy* pl of *cu* cow cf *moie* mice Or it may represent AS gen pl *cýra*
The ky stood rowlin i th loan (B *ru* T *u* D *o*)

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They bid on good m r r w and kincke fingers i geth r (P *reh*)

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kiok F *kiosque* Turk *kinshah* pavilion Pers *k shah* palace portico In Purch (16 5)

kip¹ Hide of small animal also (earlier) bundle of hides Obs Du *kip* *kip* bundle e p of h des

kip (slm) Common lodging hou e Dan *kippe* mean hut alehouse

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in sense of crunch eat Earlier also *snas-*
sack with which cf *Γ* dial *snaf* pro-
vender

As *hy g* gossip a *er* knapped *g* nter
(*Wsch. of E* in 12)

A *sn* sack made of vines of trees to carry h s
provant (Puth. 160)

knapweed Earli *er* *knopweed* from knob-like
head

knar Knot in wood Also *gnar* (cf *gnarled*)
cogn. with Ger *knurren* MHG also *knue*
See *knur*

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For later sense-de velopment cf. Ger *bube*
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Oouf *kn* *ve* hūl d the *u* *er* *a* *m* *p* *de* child
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knie O' *knē* Goth *knim* com with L
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With *knē* AS, *enlonian* cf Du *knien*
Past *knit* for earli *er* *knē* 15 19 cent.

knell AS *cneall* also verb *cny* *an* to rin
ong to strike cf archaic to *knē* Prob.
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knall report of gun, crack of whip
A *no* *h* knell is *knō* d (*Wsch* v 8)

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pretended author of Washington Irving's
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with pictures of the Du settlers in knee
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And suddenly ther is m ad w th i. u gel mul
trad of heavenly knyghthod (W c L k i 3)

knut AS *cwitan* cogn with *knut* (15) To
knut the *h* *ows* is in Chauc (A 1128)

knob Cf Ger *k* *ob* *kn* *te* and see *k* *f*
In S Afr *k* *ob* *se* bludgeon first element
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Bu human lang *Knob* *ck* is used in
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knock AS *cneccan* *cneccis* cf O' *knok*
Prob imut Mod slang sense of surj *cnecc*
etc. was popular ed by Chaucer's son
Knock *en* in the *O* *d* *k* *at* Road To
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the *knock-out* *bow*

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knol clod ball Ger *k* *elen* lump etc

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A lyi g group er knapped ginger
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kyanize To impregnate timber with pre
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 gum L G *ladanum* from *lydo* mastic
 Pers *lidan*

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 totter *laba e*

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 strip fillet (her) ? dim from OIG *lappa*
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 rare to work cf I *labo alo e* It Sp
laboratorio *Elaborat...* is also found (17
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 w th *labare* to sink totter Formed sense

cf *l mal* Pol sense from c 1840 *Labour*
lost is in *Piers Plowm* With labour of love
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lab er t labour paint li tra ell
 thoro ghly t work cil doe sh x f li
 and fin ly (Cotg)

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 (Ch w A 3)

lacerate From L *lacerare* to tear from
lacer torn G *la pus* from *laux* v a rent

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 whence *lace* t upper arm (cf *muscle*)

laches [leg] Negligence F *laches* e from
lache lax I *laxus* Cf *r hes*

lachryma Christi It wine L for It *lacr* m
di Cristo tear of Ch n t Cf Ger *tebrau*
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(Wyc *John*, 1 20)

knub, knubble Cf *nub*, *nubble*, cogn with *knob*

knuckle ME *knokel*, not recorded in AS, cogn with Du *knucel*, knuckle, Ger *knöchel*, ankle, lit little bone (Ger *knochen*, bone) Orig any joint, eurrent sense being ellipt for *finger-knuckles* To *knuckle under* appears to be for earlier to *knock under* (17 cent), influenced by to *truckle under* Knuckle-duster is US

knur Knot ME *knorie*, *knuric*, cf *knar*, *gnarl* Hence the wooden ball used in the north country game of *knur and spell*

A truly respectable house where there were skittles and knurr and spell

(de Morgan, *When Ghost meets Ghost*, ch 1).

knurl Projection, ridge Dum of *knur*

knut [*slang*] See *nut*

kobold Ger, "a familiar spirit in mines and houses" (Ludw) Spec application of the personal name *Kobold* See *cobalt*, *goblin*

kodak Trade-name coined arbitrarily (c 1890) by G Eastman

koel Indian cuckoo Hind *koīl*, Sanskrit *kokila*, cogn with *cuckoo* (q v)

koepeniek [*ncol*] Military impostor The "Captain of Koepeniek," a Berlin cobbler named Voight, succeeded (1906), with the help of a second-hand uniform, in persuading the local military to help him raid the bank A good example of the docility of the Prussian soldier

"This young man," said Mr Wild, "is indeed a sort of miniature Koepeniek" (*Ev News*, May 28, 1917)

koh-i-noor Pers *kāh-i-nūr*, mountain of light Added to E Crown jewels on conquest of Punjab (1849)

kohl Powdered antimony for darkening eyelids Arab *kahl*, *kohl* See *alcohol*

kohl-rabi Turnip-cabbage Ger., It *cavolo rape*, pl of *cavolo rape*, cole rape Cf F *chou-rave* and see *cole*, *rape*

kola See *cola*

koodoo, kudu SAfr antelope Native (Kaffir) name

kookri See *kukri*

koolah Austral marsupial, "Australan bear" Native name

kopje [*geog*] Du, dim of *kop*, head, as in *Spion Kop* Du *kop*, Ger *kopf*, are from L *cupa*, *cuppa*, bowl, "cup" (cf F *téte*

from L *testa*, tile, potsherd) For the true Teut name see *head*

koran Arab *qorān*, reading Cf *alcoran*

koromiko New Zeal shrub Maori name

kosher Food prepared according to Jewish law Heb *hāshēv*, right

kotal [*Anglo-Ind*] Mountain pass Pushto (Afghan) *kōtal*

kotow, kow-tow Chin *k'o-t'ou*, knock head (as sign of submission) See Doyle's *Private of the Buffs*

kotwal See *cotwal*

koumiss Fermented liquor from mares' milk Tatar *kumiz*

kourbash, courbash Arab *qurbāsh*, Turk *qurbāsh*, whip Hence also, via Ger Slav Turk, F *cravache*, riding-whip

kowhai New Zeal plant Maori name

kraal SAfrDu, Port *cural*, cf Sp *corral* (q v) Cf *assagai*, *sjambok*

kratt, karait Snake Hind *karait*

kraken Myth sea-monster Norw, first in Pontoppidan's *Naturlige Historie* (1752)

krantz [*SAfr*] Over-hanging rock-wall, etc Du *krans*, garland, coronet

Kremlin At Moseow Spee application of Russ *krem'*, etadel, of Tatar origin

kreutzer. Ger *krcuzer*, from *krcuz*, cross, with which the coin was orig stamped

kriegspiel Ger, war game, second element cogn with AS *spilan*, to play From *knig* (cf Du *knig*) comes Ger *kriegen*, to get

kris See *crease*

Krishnaism Worship of *Krishna*, later incarnation of Vishnu

krone Coin (cf *crown*) Usu in pl *kroner* (Dan.)

Kroo, Kru WAfr name for negro race skilled as sailors, *Kroomen*

krypton [*chem*] Discovered and named (1898) by Ramsay G *κρυπτόν*, hidden

kudos G *κῆδος*, praise, renown, used in univ slang

Ku-klux-klan [*hist*] Secret society in Southern States after Amer Civil War (see Conan Doyle, *Five Orange-pips*) ? G *κύκλος*, circle, and *clan*

kukri, kookri. Goorkha knife Hind *kukrī*

kultur Ger (18 cent) Ident in origin, but not in sense, with *culture* (q.v.) The latter is expressed by Ger *bildung* The *Kulturkampf* was the struggle of Bismarck against the Papacy

The vast distance between civilisation and kultur was clearly revealed (Freytag-Loringhoven).

lack² Interj. Only in archaic good lack!
 Perh connected with *alack* (q v), but cf *lawks*
 lackadaisical From despondent *lack-a-day*,
 for *alack-a-day* See *alack*
 lacker See *lacquer*
 lackey, lacquey In 16 cent esp running
 footman, camp-follower F *laquais*, perh
 orig adj., as in *valet laquais* (15 cent), cf
 Sp Port *lacayo* OF *alacays* (whence obs
 Se *allahey*), Catalonian *alacayo*, suggest
 Arab origin with def art prefixed Sard
allecayu, a striped fish, E *lackey moth*, also
 striped, may point to costume as orig
 sense (cf *tiger*)
 laconic Of Spartan brevity G *λακωνικός*,
 of *Laconia* or *Lacedaemonia*
 lacquer Earlier (16 cent) *lackey*, OF *lacie*,
 Port *lacre*, sealing-wax, var of *laca*, lac¹
 lacrosse F *jeu de la crosse*, the crook (see
crosier) The Canadian game is mentioned
 in 1763
 lacrym- See *lachrym-*
 lacteal From L *lac*, *lact-*, milk
 lacuna L., pit, hole, from *lacus*, lake Cf
 Ger *lucke*, lacuna, cogn with *loch*, hole
 See *lagoon*
 lacustrine [*scient*] Irreg formation from L
lacus, lake, after L *paluster*, from *palus*,
 marsh
 lad ME *ladde*, servant, varlet ? Corrupt
 of ON *hlith*, follower, from *hlith*, people,
 host I am led to make this unphonetic
 conjecture by the fact that the surname
Summerlad is undoubtedly for ON *sumar-*
hlith, viking summer adventurer, a com-
 mon ON personal name, found also
 (Sumerled, Sumerleda, Sumerluda, etc) in
 E before the Conquest The corresponding
Winterlad once existed, but is now app obs
Ladda also occurs, like *boy* (q v), as sur-
 name earlier than as common noun An-
 other conjecture is that it may be for Norw
askeladd, male Cinderella in Norw fairy-
 tales, or *tusseladd*, nincompoop, in which
 the second element means hose
 ladanum See *labdanum*
 ladder AS *hlæd(d)er*, cf Du *ladder*, *leer* (dial
leder), Ger *leiter*, cogn with to *lean* and
 ult with G *ἀλῆμαξ*, ladder Fig of means
 of rising, e g to *draw up* (*lick down*) the
ladder, educational *ladder*, which has been
 defined as "the broad highway into a cul-
 de sac"
 lad¹ Mull-race, watercourse AS *lād*, way,
 course, cogn. with *lead*², *leat*, *lode*

lad² To load. AS. *hladan*. Com Teut., cf
 Du Ger *laden*, ON *hlatha*, Goth *hlathan*
 (in compds) Now usu. replaced, exc
 p p *laden*, by *load* (q v) See also *last*²
 la-di-da, lardy-dardy ? Imit of affected, *haw-*
haw, type of speech. Dates from the sixties,
 but its great vogue was due to a music-hall
 song of 1880—*He wears a penny flower in his*
coat, La-di-da!
 Last May we went to Newmarket, we had a festive
 day,
 With a decentish cold luncheon in a tidy one horse
 shay,
 With our lardy-dardy garments we were really "on
 the spot"
 And Charley Vain came out so grand in a tall white
 chimney-pot (A C Hilton, *Light Green*, 1873)
 Ladin [*ling-*]. Rom lang of the Engadine
 It *Ladino*, L *Latimus* Cf *Romansh*
 ladle. AS *hlædel*, from *lade*², in obs sense
 of baling. Cf *shovel*
 lady ME *levedy*, AS *hlæfdige*, from *hlāf*,
 loaf, and an obs verb, to knead, cogn.
 with *dough* (q v.) Orig meaning was some-
 thing like housewife Cf *lord*, *dany*. Ap-
 plied already in AS to the Holy Virgin;
 hence *Lady Day*, *Lady chapel*, *lady-bird*
 (cf Ger *Marienkäfer*, lit Mary's chafer),
 and many plant-names (*lady's garter*, *bed-*
straw, etc) In the oldest of these compds
 (e g *lady smock*) the absence of 's is a sur-
 vival of the AS genitive of fem nouns,
 cf *Thursday*, from *Thor* (m), but *Friday*,
 from *Frea* (f.) The *lady* of a lobster is
 supposed to resemble in form a seated
 female figure The loafer who says *Carry*
your bag, lady? preserves the Chaucerian
 method of address, which has now given
 way to the borrowed *madam* *Old lady of*
Threadneedle Street, for Bank of England,
 is due to Cobbett, who likened the directors
 to Mrs Partington
 lag As noun and verb from 16 cent Of
 obscure origin, but app connected with
delay (q v.) In childish sense of *last* it may
 be an arbitrary perversion of that word
 (*fog*, *seg.*, *lag*, first, second, last, in game
 counting), and this accounts for some
 meanings In sense of convict under sen-
 tence of transportation it comes from an
 obs *lag*, to carry off, steal (Tusscr) It has
 also been associated with *lack*.
 Superfluous lags the veteran on the stage
 (Johnson, *Vanity of Human Wishes*).
 lagan [*list*] Goods or wreckage lying on bed
 of sea OF, McdL *laganum*, prob cogn.
 with *lie*¹ Cf *flotsam*, *jetsam*

lager beer Ger *lager beer* brewed for keep
ing from *lager* store silent in origin with
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Lancet is *F. dim. lancette*.

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Im geschlachten wagen (carriage in Landau perfected) (*Goth. Hermann und Doroth.*, i. 36).

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The use of other words there in landscape, far off and full of shadow; hermitage, scene of land, and hence in the 11th (O. Church, Characters).

All that which is a picture is a part of the body or arm out of the landscape, picture, or by work (Blount).

A boat has been used in this independent decoration of some of our finest city scenes. (*Illustr.* Jan. 18, 1920).

landsturm. *Ger.* land storm, reserve next to *landwehr*. *One Swiss* (17 cent.) for the *little campaign*.

landtag, Legislative body of *Ger. state*. Cf. *richstag*, *diets*.

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lane. AS *lane*, cogn. with *Du. laan*, *ON. lön*, *Norw. laan*. All orig. in sense of narrow street, as in *city*.

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(*Illustr.* Fr. p. 10, 1774).

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lang syne *Sc.* long since (q.v.). In E. after Burns' song (1788).

language. *F. language*, from *langue*, *OF. lergue*, *L. lingua*, tongue.

langue d'oe [*ling*] Lang. of South of France, so called from *oe*, yes, *L. for*, thus, the North using *oil* (*oui*), *L. hoc* and *OF. derivatives* of *ille*.

languish *F. languir*, *languiss.*, *VL. languere*, for *languere*, with incept. *languescere*; cogn. with *laxus* and ult. with *E. slack*. Cf. *languid*, *languescent*, *languor*.

laniard See *lanyard*.

laniary Of teeth, canine. *L. lanarius*, from *lanus*, butcher, *lanare*, to tear.

laniferous From *L. lanifer*, wool-bearing, from *lana*, wool.

lank AS *hlanc*, slender, flaccid. Ground-sense of flexible appears in *cogn. Ger. lenken*, to turn, bend. See *flank*.

lanner [*archaic*] Hawk. *F. lanier*, perh. ident. with *OF. lanier*, slothful, as this hawk is called *tardarius* in MedL. *OF.*

lanier meant orig wool weaver and became a term of reproach in Merovingian times. But the hawk's name may be *L. lanarius* tearing (see *lanary*) from the bird tearing its prey. At any rate it has been connected with the shrike or butcher bird (v. 1.) The male is *lanerel* orig a dim

♂ a sp rrier a ki d of 1 set ha be called a kerk or la m rth (Fr.)

lanolin [chem] Fatty matter from wool. Coined (1835) by Liebreich from *L. lana* wool *oleum* oil.

lansquené Mercenary soldier card-game. *Ger. landsknecht* soldier of the country lands knight orig contrasted with Swiss mercenary. For formation cf *yoman*. Often *lansknecht* lance knight as though from *lance* and thus wrongly explained by Scott (*Quentin Durand* ch xvii).

T H an Llan for the ond t i him. If i j) la eq n t se t north was la (P. y. Cou. Acts 1345)

lantern *Fr. lanterne* *L. lanterna laterna* from *G. λαμπρην* from *λαμπεω* to shine altered on synonym *lucerna* *Lanthorn* (16 cent.) is folk etym. from material formerly used as transparent casing. In arch used of a structure to admit light. *Lantern jaws* having hollowed appearance of old fashioned lantern is suggested in *Piers Plou.*

Hongur b f ted th Briller [B ton] bout both l bkes

Heik d hkal t m albl lyt fr. (A. v. 63)

lanthanum [chem] Discovered and named (1839-41) by Mosander. From *Gr. λανθάνω* to lurk because hidden in certain rare minerals.

lanthorn See *lantern*.

lanuginous [biol.] From *L. lanugo lanugin* down from *lana* wool.

lanyard *lan ard* [naut.] Readoption (17 cent.) of *F. lanière* thong whence also *ly ME. lainer* (Chauc. A. 2504) *OF. laniera* of uncertain origin but perh metath of *OF. naliere* of Teut. origin cf *Ger. nestel* strap *OHG. nestila* whence Walloon *nêl* thong. For-yard cf *halya d winyard* (also *panyard* for *pannier* in *P. pys*).

la yer f lether l nle (J. 16)

Laodicean [theol.] Lukewarm after *Rev. iii. 15-16*. From *Λαοδία* (Laodakia) in Asia Minor.

lap ¹ Fold pendent part of garment as in *duns lappel* *lapel* *AS. lappa* cf. *Du. lap*. *Ger. lapfen* *OH. lepf* clout rag. See also *label*. In *ML.* used both of the garment folded at breast and used as receptacle e.g. *lap (boson)* of the Church and of the skirt part used for nursing child e.g. *brought up in the lap of luxury* *lap-dog* *lapstone* held on shoemaker's lap. Hence {} or from *MF. elappen* to wrap verb to *lap* enfold envelope wrap whence again noun *lap* circuit as in racing Cf *overlap* exceeding the circuit. For in the lap of the gods see *hinn*.

lap ² To drink with tongue *AS. lapian* with cornates in obs. *Du. & OHG.* cf. *Ger. löffel* (*OHG. l ffe*) spoon. *F. laper* is from Teut. Cogn. with *L. lambere* to lick. *G. A. eruv*. Hence dial *lap* liquor as in *callap* poor stuff.

lapel See *lap* ¹.

lapdary *F. lapidarius* *L. lapidarius* from *lapis lapis* stone. In *Wyc.* With *lapis* dat on pedantic for stoning to death cf *decollation deforestation*.

lapilli Fragments of stone ejected by volcano. It pl. of *lapilla* little stone (v. 1.)

lapis lazuli *Med. L.* stone of azure. See *azur*. **Lapp** Inhabitant and lang (akin to *Finnish*) of *Lapland* fabled home of wizards dealing in winds and storms cf sailors' opinion of the Finns. *Sw. Lapp* perh orig term of contempt cf *MHG. lappe* simpleton. Native name is *Sámi*.

The of al e th t they w e first t rmed Lapp s of thir boel d short speech (H. kl. ii. 404)

lappet Dim. of *lap* (q. v.)

lapse *L. lapsus* from *labi laps* to slip glide whence also *collapse* *elapse* *relapse*. Cf *lapsus linguae* (calami). Also *lapsarian* in several Reformation compds connoting different varieties of Calvinists.

Laputan Chimerical, esp. of extracting sunbeams from cucumbers. From Swift's *Isle of Laputa* (in *Gulliver's Travels*) a satire on the Royal Society.

lapping *ME. lappeninke* (Gower) *AS. Alapetwinc* leaper jumper where *ap* has the sense of titting waver (cf *OHG. ninkan* in same sense). From waveren flight. Mod. *flap* is due to *fl* *fl* etym (*lap* and *un*).

lar *Usu* in pl *lars* (q. v.)

larboard Altered, on *at* boat (q. v.) from *ME. ladeborde* *latheborde* *us* from *lad* to load Cf *port* which was replaced.

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The sins or other women shew in landscape, far off and full of shadow, hers in statue, neere hand, and bigger in the life (Overbury, *Clarendon*)

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(Obs Jan 18, 1920)

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lassitude F L. *lassitudo* from *lassus* weary
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lassy me Archaic interj *alas for me* Cf
woe is me

last¹ Shoemaker s AS *last* footstep *lās* a
last Com Teut cf Du *last* Ger *letzte*
last, ON *leisti* foot Goth *laists* footstep
cogn with L. *lra* furrow The proverb is
from L. *no sutor supra crepidam*

last² Fixed weight of various wares AS
hlæst load from root of *late* WGer
cf Du Ger *last* burden also spec weight
Cf *ballast*

last³ Superl of *late* AS *lastost* from *lāt*
with *i* lost as in *best* cf Du *laetst* Ger
letzt (OHG *lazost*) *La est* is a new forma-
tion Of the *last* (meaning *first*) importance
is from archaic sense of final definitive
cf *last word* and similar use of F *dernier*
In to *breathe* (look) *one's last* the noun is
omitted as being already expressed by the
verb

last⁴ Verb AS *lastan* to follow accom-
plish also intrans to continue cf Ger
leisten to perform execute Goth *laistjan*
to follow Perh cogn with *last* if that
orig meant track The sense-development
of this group of words with *such* the
best authorities also connect *learn* and
lore is obscure The fig sense appears to
have prevailed early over the lit

latania Tobacco from *Lalania* (Laodicea)
in Syria

latch In ME snare noose OF *Lauche* cogn
with *lace* (q v) But in door sense rather
from dial to *latch* seize catch AS *lacc*
can cf *catch* of a door and Sc *sneek*
cogn with *snail* h *Laccan* which has no
Teut cognates may however be all con-
nected with L. *laqueus* snare and hence
with *lace*

I lat be I catch a th g thus is throw to me
my handes or (c) I st l t the grounde h ppe
(Pal 2)

latchet OF *lacket* dial form of *lacet* dim
of OF *lar* (long whence *lace* (q v)) Usu
allusive to Mark 17

late AS *lat* tardy sluggish Com Teut
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larceny From F *larcin*, OF *larcin*, L *latrocinium*, from *latro*, thief. Final -y may be due to *felony*, *perjury*, *robbery*, etc. *Petty larceny* was orig. theft of property of less value than twelve pence.

larch Ger *lärche*, introduced into E by Turner (1548), early Teut. loan from L *larix*, *laric-*, whence also Du *lariks*, It. *larice*, Sp *lárice*.

lard F, bacon, L *lardum*, cogn. with G adj. *lapnós*, fat. Hence verb to *lard*, orig. insert, or stick on, strips of bacon in cooking, make rich (*larding the lean earth*, 1 Hen IV, ii 2), fig. to decorate; cf *interlard*. *Larder* is OF *lardier* or *lardoir*, storehouse for bacon.

lardy-dardy See *la-di-da*.

lares Usu. with *penates* (q.v.). Pl. of L *lar*, tutelary deity of home.

large F, wide, fem. of obs. *larsc*, L *largus*, abundant, copious. For current changed meaning of *wide*. Earliest E sense is bountiful (cf *largesse*). With *at large*, free, cf. F *élargir*, to set at liberty, hence to *talk* (*quote*, etc.) *at large*, i.e. without restriction, *gentleman at large*, etc.

largo [mus.] It., in broad, majestic style (v.s.).

lariat Tethering rope. Sp *la reala*, with agglutination of art. See *reala*.

larix Larch (q.v.).

lark¹ Bird. Earlier *laverock*, now poet., AS *lāwerce*. Com. Teut., cf. Du *leuwerik*, Ger. *lerche* (OHG. *lērähha*), ON. *lāvirh*, also Port. dial. *larcera*, from Teut. The bird has remarkably long hind-claws, hence plant-name *larkspur*. *Larkheel*, used of plants and also of negro heel, occurs as ME surname.

lark² Spree. Altered (c. 1800) from northern dial. *lark*, sport, and further elaborated to *skilark*, which appears much later. *Lake* is ME *larb*, ON *leikr*, play, cogn. with AS *lāc*, contest, etc., OHG. *leich*, melody, dancing-song, Goth. *laiks*, dance.

How this loell layls with his lorde (NED. 1440)
la, he, play ludus (Manus. Poet.)

Larking about to wakes and fairs
(Heart of Midlothian, ch. xxxiii.)

larrikin Austral. hooligan or hoodlum. First

at Melbourne (c. 1870), but given as a Cornish word by Jago (1882). From *Larry*, common Ir. form of *Lawrence*, cf. *Hooligan*. The mythical derivation from the Ir. policeman's statement that *the prisoner was a larrikin* (*larking*) in the street first appears in the *Melbourne Argus*, Nov. 17, 1888.

Larriker (St. Lawrence), "He is as lazy as Larrence"
(Jago, Corn. Gloss.).

Larriks mischievous (sic) young fellows, larkers
(ib.).

larrup [dial.]. To thrash. Suggested by *lather*, *leather*, and *wallop*.

larum Poet. for *alarum* (q.v.).

larva L., spectre, also mask. Hence "disguised" insect, current restricted sense being due to Linnaeus.

larynx G. *lάρυγξ*.

lascar. Shortened from Urdu *lashkarī*, military, Pers., from *lashkar*, army (v.i.). Cf *lascarine*, native policeman, via Port.

The rebels are very strong and will fight it out, and about 10 days hence the Laskar may set forward (Peter Mundy, 1632).

No lashkar has yet assembled
(Herm. Gaz. May 22, 1919).

lascivious Late L. *lasciviosus*, from *lascivia*, from *lascivus*, sportful, wanton.

lash¹. Of whip. First as noun (14 cent.), blow, flexible part of whip, whence verb to *lash*, beat. But earlier sense of verb, to move violently (cf. to *lash out*, *lasher* on Thames), is as old as noun. Contains notions of *slash* (q.v.), also of F *lâcher*, in sense of letting fly, and is perh. partly unit (cf. *dash*, *swish*, etc.). Analogy of dial. *lace*, to flog, suggests connection in some senses with OF *laz*, thong (see *lace*).

lash² [naut.]. To bind, secure. OF. *lachier*, var. of *lacier*, to lace. *Lace* (q.v.) was earlier also in naut. use, while *lash* is found in ME in gen. sense of *lace*.

lashings [Anglo-Ir.]. Abundance, esp. of drink. For *lavishings*. Cf. name *Candish* for *Catendish*.

Some horse-keeper lasheth out provender so
(Tusser)

lashkar See *lascar*.

laspring Young salmon. Interpreted in Act of Parliament (1861) as *last spring*, but prob. for earlier *lax pin* (16 cent.). See *lax¹*, *pink¹*.

lass. ? Cf. ON. *lāsar*, idle, weak, OSw. *lōsk þona*, unmarried woman. For obscure origin cf. *boy*, *girl*, *lad*.

lassitude F L. *lassitudo* from *lassus* weary
 lasso Sp *lazo* as *la e* (q v)
 lassy me Archaic interj *alas for me* Cf
 wood 15 me

last¹ Shoemaker's AS *last* footstep L *ste*
 last Com Teut. cf. Du *laest* Ger *leiste*
 last ON *leistr* foot Goth *luisl* footstep
 cogn with L *lira* furrow The proverb is
 from L. *ne sutor supra crepidum*

last² Fixed weight of various wares AS
Alast load from root of *lade*³ WGer
 cf Du Ger *last* burden also spec weight
 Cf *ballast*

last³ Superl of *late* AS *lastest* from *late*
 with *last* as in *best* cf Du *laast* Ger
leist (OHG *lazost*) *La est* is a new forma-
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 is from archaic sense of final definitive
 cf *last word* and similar use of F *dernier*
In to breathe (look) one's last the noun is
 omitted as being already expressed by the
 verb

last⁴ Verb AS *laskan* to follow accom-
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 to follow Perh cogn with *last* if that
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 of this group of words with which the
 best authorities also connect *learn* and
lore is obscure The fig sense appears to
 have prevailed early over the lit

latakia Tobacco from *Latakia* (Laodicea)
 in Syria.

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 with *lace* (q v) But in door sense rather
 from dial to *litch* a size catch AS *lec*
ean cf *catch* of a door and Sc *sieck*
 ? cogn with *snatch* Laccan which has no
 Teut cognates may however be ult con-
 nected with L. *laqueus* snare and hence
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 my ha *des* or (er) s *fall* to the grou *de* jo *happo*
 (P *lag*)

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lituo the latine toong, latine also clere, bright, open, easie, broad, wide (Flor)

Le latin, ce n'est pas pour nous une langue étrangère, c'est une langue maternelle, nous sommes des Latins. C'est le lait de la louve romaine qui fait le plus beau de notre sang (Anatole France)

latitāt [*leg*] *L*, he lies hidden. Writ summoning concealed culprit to appear before King's Bench

latitude *L* *latitudo*, breadth, from *latus*, wide. First in geog. sense (Chauc). In gen. sense of breadth, freedom, from c. 1600. Hence *latitudinarian*, spec. (c. 1660) episcopal clergyman indifferent to doctrinal details, etc.

Latonian Of *Latona* (G. *Leto*), mother of Apollo and Diana

latrine *F*, *L* *latrina*, for *lavatrina*, lavatory.
latten [*archaic*] Mixed metal resembling brass. *F* *laton*, cf. *It* *ottone* (with loss of *l*), *Sp* *laton*. In most Europ. langs., but of unknown origin. Besides *laton*, *alaton*, Oudin has *alatron morisco*, which suggests a possible Arab corrupt of *electrum*, commonly used in MedL. of a mixed metal.

latter *AS* *læta*, compar. of *late*. *Later*, *latest* are new formations (see *last*). Used for *last* in *latter end*, *days*, hence *Latter-Day Saints*, name assumed by Mormons.

latrice *F* *latris*, from *latre*, lath (q.v.)

laud *OF* *laude*, *L* *laus*, *laud*-, praise. Earliest (14 cent.) in *lauds*, first of the canonical hours, ending with *Ps* cxlviii-cl., sung as one psalm and called *laudes*, from init. *laudate* in many verses.

laudanum Var. of *labdanum*, *ladanum* (q.v.), used by Paracelsus of a quack elixir, perh. with a suggestion of *laud* (v.s.), and later applied to opiate of which his remedy was prob. composed.

Laudian [*hist*] Of *William Laud*, archbp of Canterbury (†1645).

laugh *AS* *hlæhhan*. Com. Teut., cf. *Du* *Ger* *lachen*, *ON* *hlæja*, *Goth* *hlakjan*. Of imit. origin, cf. *L* *cachinnare*. With to

laugh in one's sleeve cf. *F.* *rire sous cape*. In *laughing-stock*, the second element may be the stump or "butt" used as target (but see *stock*). *Laughter* (cf. *Ger* *gelächter*) has the same rare suffix as *slaughter*.

launce *Sand-eel*. Also called *lant*, the words being of about same age (c. 1620), so that *launce* may be a pl. (cf. *bodice*, *quince*, etc.). Or *launce* may be from *lance*, in allusion to shape, in which case *lant* may be a false sing. **launch**¹ Verb. *ONF* *lanchier* (*lancer*), to hurl, from *lance* (q.v.), orig. meaning in *E.* (Chauc). But naut. sense appears c. 1400 and is responsible for fig. senses, e.g. to *launch forth*, *out*. With to *launch an enterprise* cf. to *float a company*.

The dog died game enquired if his hearse was ready, and then, as old Rowe used to say, was launched into eternity.

(Gill) Williams, *Letter to George Selwyn*, 1765)

launch² Boat. *Sp* *lancha*, pinnace. Cf. *Port* *lanchara*, Malay *lancharan*, from *lanchār*, quick.

laundress Fem. of *launder*, earlier *lavender* (whence name *Lavender*), *F* *lavandier*, *Late L* *lavandarius*, from *lavare*, to wash. For lengthened *launderer* cf. *poulterer*, *caterer*. Verb to *launder* is a back-formation.

And laveth hem in the lavandrye

(*Piers Plowm* C xvii 330)

laureate *L* *laureatus*, crowned with laurel (q.v.). First *E.* poet laureate was Ben Jonson, though title was only conferred officially (1638) on his successor, Davenant. In much earlier use in wider sense.

Fraunceys Petrark, the laureat poete (Chauc. E. 31)

laurel By dissim. for *laurier*, *lorer*, *OF* *lorer* (*laurier*), from *L* *laurus*. Cf. *poplar*. For fig. senses cf. *palm*.

With laurer crowned as a conquerour

(Chauc. A. 1027)

laurustinus *ModL*, from *laurus* (v.s.) and *tinus*, the latter a *L.* name for the same shrub.

lava *It.* "a streame or gutter sodainly caused by raine" (Flor), from *lavare*, to wash. Applied by Neapolitans to lava-streams of Vesuvius and hence adopted by most Europ. langs.

lavabo [*eccl*] *L.* I will wash, from *Ps* xxvi 6, repeated by celebrant in ritual washing of hands.

lavatory *L* *lavatorium*, from *lavare*, to wash. Current sense (Blount) is latest.

Thow shalt make a brasun lavatory [Coverd laver] with his foot to wasshe with (Wyc. *Ex* xxx 18)

lave *†* *layer* L *lavare* AS also had *lafan* from L

laveer [*a chais naut*] Du *laveeren* earlier *loeveren* F *loutoyer* See *luff*

lavender AF *lavendre* MedL *latenzula* In most Europ langs e.g. It Sp *lavanda* (both archaic) Du Ger *lavendel* Earliest recorded is MedL *latenzula* perh connected with *laid* (q.v.) Later forms app associated with *lavare* to wash the plant being used as perfume in bath and to scent clean linen (*laid up in la vander*)

laver¹ Plant L (Pliny)

laver² [Bibl] F *lavoir* as *lavatory* (q.v.)

laverock S o *lark*

lavish Orig. noun profusion excessive abundance OF *lavasse* deluge of rain, *lavis* torrent of word from *laver* to wash Adj appears first in *lavish of tongue* Th was o *lavas* a their poche (C xi n)

law¹ Late AS *la w* of ON origin (cf ON *lög* Iw pl of *lag* thing Iwd down) This replaced AS *ð* (cf Ger *etw* marriage orig law) and *gesetnes* (cf Ger *gesetz* law the thing set) The same sense-development appears in L *doom* (q.v.) G *θ jus* law and L *statutum* Applications of the word have been influenced by (remotely cogn) F *loi* L *lex* *leg* Law and order is one of the many phrases (*act and deed acknowledge and confess* etc.) which spring up naturally among a bilingual population The use of *in law* to indicate relationship by marriage alludes to canon law The old Teutons had a complete set of words to express the kinship connections of a clan but these tended to disappear with the transition from tribal life With Lydford (*Hal fux*) law cf *lynch law* *Jed da i just ce* In sporting sense of start law is from hunting phrase to *give fair law* the hunted animal being in the position of prisoner on trial With *lawyer* cf *bouyer sauzer loyer* (Chauc) *Law-abidin* is a mod alteration of *law-bidin* awaiting the due course of law See *bide*

Theif unt I am in law i la th us th c
(*Arch III* 1)

Fir t hang d draw

Thun he th cause by Lidf ed i w

law² la Interj Partly of natural origin cf *la* similarly used in AS and in F Also for *law* disguised form of *Lord* and perh associated in some uses with *la* (q.v.)

law³ [Se & no th] Hull. AS *lawa* whence southern *low* round

lawks In *lawks-a mussy* Alteration of *Lord Kate mercy* perh associated with *alack*

lawn¹ Fabric esp used for hushops sleeves Prob from *laon* (Aisne) pronounced *lan* once famous for linen manufactures Cf *arras cambric shalloon* etc and obs. *cloth of Rennes* (Reims)

lawn² Turf For earlier *lund* open treeless space still in dial use F *lande* moor of Celt origin and cogn with *land* (q.v.) *Lawn tennis* was invented (1841) by Major Wingfield

la d lawn altes pl nites t ulia (Lit)

Th gam w played was n inv n n f ou
wn d call th id t on
(H k v s M mers 2)

law³ Salmon Norw Sw *lar* from ON cf AS *leaw* Du *lar* Ger *la hs* One of the Com Teut f h names it has also Slav cognates

law⁴ Adj L *laxus* slack cogn with *l n gire* Cf *laxative* and *laxist* (theol) opposed to *rigorist*

lay¹ Verb Causal of *let* (q.v.) AS *legan* Com Teut cf Du *leg en* Ger *leg n* ON *legga* Goth *la jan* Oldest sense to prostrate lay low as in *lay a g ost* later to set cf *to lay (self) great store by* *to lay (self) one's course* In *to lay by the heels* there is omission of earlier *fast* With *to lay eggs* cf F *po idre des œufs* L *porre* to place lay Betting sense is from MF *to lay a wa e* i.e. put down a pledge *To lay out* (an opponent) is a Ub witticism on the *laying out of a corpse* The connection of noun *lay* (lang) line course of occupation e.g. the *kirchin lay* is not quite clear

lay² Song poem F *lai* of uncertain origin ? Cf Ger *le ck* song melody cogn with Goth *laiks* dance AS *la* port (ee *law*) The earliest *lais* were Arthurian ballads which reached France from Britain in 12 cent so that AS *lac* which would regularly give F *lai* seems the likeliest etymon

lay³ Adj F *lai* Church L *laicus* G *laos* of the people *laos* In MF commonly used like *leud* (q.v.) in contrast with *la ned* a use revived in 19 cent sense of non-expert

layer Passive sense what is laid *f r* etym active sense as in *bricklayer* dates from c 1600 and first appears in cookery spelt *leaw leer* etc Tl sis prob a separate word,

F hure, binding, used of a fluckened sauce

Take codlins and lay a lear thereof in the bottom of the pyc (AED 1615)

There is some chinkes or crevices betwixt one lare and another (Purch xix 187)

layette Baby's outfit *F.*, dim of *lare*, Du. *lade*, drawer, box

lay-figure For earlier *layman*, Du *leeman*, "a statue, with phant limbs for the use of a painter" (Sewel, 1766), of which first element is *hā*, joint (earlier *led*), cogn with AS *lith*, limb, and Ger *ghed*, limb (OHG *ghēd*), as in synon *ghiedermann*, *ghieder-puppe*

Rather make use of models of wax than a layman of wood (AED 1688)

laystall [*dial*] Refuse heap From *lay*¹ and *stall* But perh altered from earher (obs) *laystow*, from *slow*, place

lazar [*archaic*] Diseased person, esp leper From *Lazarus* (Luke, xvi 20), whence also *F ladre*, "leprous, lazecous, mezeled, scurvy" (Cotg) Cf *lazaret*(to), It *lazaretto*, hospital, esp for lepers, place of quarantine, *lazzarone*, Neapolitan loafer *Lazarus* is the G form of Heb *Elcazar*, helped by God But some regard It *lazaretto* as altered from *nazaretto*, from the hospital and quarantine station on the island of *Santa Maria di Nazaret*, near Venice

Lazarist Member of order founded (1624) by S Vincent de Paul and established in *Collège Saint-Lazare*, Paris

lazy Earliest (1549) *laysy* ? Back-formation from *layserly*, leisurely, taken as *lazyly* The -z- sound is against connection with *F lassé*, tired, or Ger *lässig*, "lazy, weary, or tired" (Ludw)

layserly tout à loysir (Falsg)

lazzarone See *lazar*

lea Meadow-land Two separate words are here combined—(1) AS *lēah*, tract of ground, cogn with OHG *lōh*, as in *Hohenlohe*, Flem *loo*, as in *Waterloo*, and ult with L *lucus*, grove, (2) AS **læge*, fallow, only in *lēhrycg*, unploughed ridge at end of field, prob cogn with *he*¹ There is also *dial lease*, pasture, AS *lās*, *lāsw-* (cf *dial lēasow*), which has been confused with pl of above words The -leigh, -ley of place-names is from the first source

I'd meet thee on the lea rig,
My ain kind dearie, O' (Burns)

The years have gathered grayly
Since I danced upon this leaze (T Hardy)

I hold no leasowes in my lease (Hood)

lead¹ Metal AS *lēad* WGer; cf Du *lood*, Ger *lot*, plummet, cogn with OIr *luade*

lead² Verb AS *lēdan*, causal of *lithan*, to travel, cf Goth *galeithan* Com Teut; cf Du *leiden*, Ger *leiten*, ON *leiða*, cogn. with *load*, *lode* To give a lead is orig from the hunting-field, to show the way over a fence To lead up to is from cards *Lēd captain* (archaic), parasite bully whose sword was at his patron's service, is prob after *led horse* *Leading-strings* were orig. used to teach babies to walk *Men of light and leading* is from Burke, after Milton's *light or leading*, illumination, guidance *Leading article* is partly due to earlier *leaded article*, from *lead*¹, strip of metal used for spacing between lines. The *leaded article* of the *Times* is mentioned in the *Oracle* (1804) A *leading question* attempts to lead the witness to the desired answer

leaf. AS *lēaf* Com Teut., cf Du *loof*, Ger *laub*, ON. *lauf*, Goth *laufs* For extended senses cf *F feuille*

league¹ Measure OF *legue*, Prov *legua*, Late L *leuca*, *leuga*, of Gaulish origin Cf. It *lega*, Sp *legua*, *F lieue* A vague distance, never in office use, and esp poet, perh orig an hour's march *Seven-leagued-boots* renders *F bottes de sept lieues* in Perrault's *Petit Poucet*

league² Alliance *F hgue*, It *lga*, var of *lega*, from *legare*, to bind, L *hgare* Cf Ger *bund*, league Mod disparaging sense (*an league with*) perh by association with *F Catholic League* (1576)

The League of Nations is an experiment
(D Lloyd George, in H of C, July 3, 1919)

leaguer [*hist*] Camp, esp of besiegers Du *leger*, camp Cf. *beleaguer*, *laager*, *lair*

leak AS *hleac*, leaky, is a Com Teut word, cf Du *leh*, Ger *dial lech*, ON. *lehr* But this is not recorded in ME, the existing word being borrowed from LG or Du, whence also Ger *leck* (naut.) First as adj

Their ship was leake both under and above water
(Purch)

leal Northern form of *loyal* (q v) *Land of the leal* appears to have been coined by Lady Nairne (1798)

lean¹ Adj AS *hlēne*, with no certain cognates First recorded of the lane (Ger xli 3)

lean⁹ Verb AS *lincian* *lincian* cf Du *leunen* Ger *leunen* from a Teut root cogn. with that of *incline* cf *mar*

leap AS *hlæpan* Com Teut cf Du *loopen* Ger *laufen* to run ON *hlampa* Goth *hlampa* Leap frog (Hlen 1 v 2) is now (March 1918) in mil use for movement of troops passing through and replacing those exhausted by fighting Leap year (ME) may be so called from the fact that any fixed festival after February in that year leaps a day instead of occurring on the day following that of its last year's occurrence cf Du *schrikkeljaar* from *schrikkelen* to jump Dy leaps and bounds app a misunderstanding of F *par sauts et par bonds* by fits and starts owes its currency to Gladstone

It is tatul and ordant t i d u n a th in o f h r must blast M est for the years known hope y are ill m y d n ladye of bothe hys he d lowe exist I all ha l bert to bespck ye man she likes, albeit he refries to t k bl t b b lawid wyle b hall be m lcted in y s an ne pouds or less, as ha esta t may be except an laws get h can make it ppear th t b is betrothd ne ith c woman b then shall be free

(5 Hal 1 1 33 quoted by F B u)

A little before you made a lap into the d r k
(T Browne Let s f m i k e D ad s)

learc See *limerick*

learn AS *lornian* cogn with *liran* to teach cf Ger *le nen* *lehren* Sense of teach (cf F *apprendre* to learn teach) now considered a vulgarianism was literary L. up to early 19 cent and survives in adj *learned* (= *doctus*) which supplanted (from 16 cent) correct *learn* (cf Ger *g leh n*) With AS *liran* to teach cf also Goth. *laurjan* causal of a verb preserved only in Goth *laus* (I) kno v a pretense pres verb ult. cogn with Ger *gelasse* track L *lira* furrow

Who leu th i v teachth a scome e, d th wrong h to bymsell (Wye. P ov l)

Be he l wad man or ill lered (Ch c C, 214)

lease OF *les lais* from *la sser* to have let, VL *lavia e* for *lavare* from *laxus* Jonse Lasso lessee preserve AF form

leash F *luisse* app from *laiser* (v s) cf. It *lascia* leash For sense cf *jess* from *y ler* Often used in sporting lang for three because hounds were leashed in threes (cf brace)

leashing [Bibl] Lying AS *lasing* cogn with *lisan* to lie from *lās* false etc cogn with *loose*

least AS *læst* *læt* from same root as *less* but unconnected with *little* *Leastways* was orig two words *leastwise* is a later formation of *sage ways* (wise)

leat Water-course AS *gald* in *water gald* aqueduct cogn with *left*

leather AS *lether* in compds only Com Teut cf Du *leder* *leer* Ger *led r* ON *leth* OIr *leathar* Welsh *llethr* are perh from Teut *Nothing like leather* has an anecdotic explanation of a cobbler who suggest'd leather as the best material for fortifications

leave¹ Verb AS *lafa* to leave bequeath causal of (be)lifa to remain a Com Teut word cf Du *bl y en* Ger *bleiben* Goth *bila ban* With the causal cf ON *leifa* to leave Goth *bila byan* With intrans sense to depart cf F *partir* orig to divide AS *lif* remnant gave *fare* still in Sc & Ir use Unrelated to *leave²*

leave² Noun. AS *læf* cogn with *leaf* dear believe *loce* orig idea being approval resulting from pleasure Cf Ger *erlauben* to allow *urlaub* permission furlough (q v) In to take one's leave to solicit permission to depart now associated with *leave* with which it is not connected *Leave of absence* is 18 cent

leaven F *leaven* L *le amen* lit relief but here used in its etym sense of means of raising from *levere* cf synon Du *hef* Ger *heft* cogn with *heft* Fig in ref to various passages in NT The *vulg* word is *fer untum* for G *ζ μ η*

lecher (*archa c*) First as noun debauchee adulterer OF *lecheor* from OHG *leccōn* (*lechen*) to hck whence F *lecher* It *le care* to hck Hence *leche ous* *lechery* restricted to one form of self-indulgence wider sense being preserved in *lecherish* (q v)

lectern Hall restored spelling of ME *l t lerne* let un etc OF *lestron* Late L *lectrum* from *legere* *lect* to read The OF forms are numerous some representing ModL *lectrum* suffix of which appears in ModF *lectrin*

lectron or *lectru* *dark* *lectr um* (P mpt P r v)

lector Ecclesiast in minor orders L reader (v s) Also applied from Ger to univ reader or lecturer esp one teaching his native ling The first teachers of this type in England were the F & Ger tutors appointed at Univ College Not tin ham (1906)

lecture F, L *lectura*, reading (v s), still its meaning in F Current sense comes from that of reading aloud (and expounding)
ledge ME *legge*, cogn with *lay*¹, *lie*¹ Earliest sense is a transverse strip of wood, as still in EAnglia, cf MHG *legge*, edge, layer

ledge of a dore barre (Palsg)

ledger Earlier also *lidge*, Orig (church) book lying permanently in one place From ME *liggen*, to lie, or *leggen*, to lay (v s) Used also techn of a horizontal timber, flat slab, nether mill-stone, etc, and lust in *ledger* (permanently resident) *ambassador* Hence also *ledger lines* (mus), though the reason is not clear Cf obs *couches*, which has most of the same senses, and of which *ledger* was prob a transl

lee¹ Shelter AS *hlōo*, cogn with ON *hlǫ*, shelter, warmth, *hlē*, lee (naut), cf Ger *lau*, lukewarm The true E form is *lew*, still in dial and in *leeward* The *lee* being the side away from the wind, opposed to the "weather" side, a ship is apt to make *leeway*, i e to drift laterally from its course, to rectify which *leeboards* are used Hence fig to make up *leeway*

lee² Sediment Usu in pl ME *le*, F, Late L *lia*, of Celt origin

leech¹ [archaic] Physician AS *læce* Com Teut, cf OFris *leza*, OHG *lāhhu*, ON *lǣkkr*, Goth *lēks*, with corresponding verbs Also Gael *leig*, Ir *laig* The blood-sucking worm is usu regarded as the same word, the healer, but ME *liche*, obs Du *liche* suggest possibility of a separate origin and assim to *leech*, physician, by early folk-etym

Sothli ye schulen seie to me this liknesse, Lecche [Tynd Visieron], heele thi self (Wyc *Liche*, iv 23)

leech² [naut] Edge of sail Cf ON *lǣk*, whence Sw *lāk*, Dan *låg*, bolt-rope, Du *lyk*, Ger *liek* (from Du or LG) ? UIt cogn with L *ligare*, to bind

leek AS *lēac* Com Teut, cf Du *look*, Ger *lauch*, ON *laukr* Cf *garlic* Formerly in much wider sense, as in *Leighton*, AS *lēac-tūn*, vegetable garden To eat the *leek*, knuckle under, is from Fluellen's handling of Pistol (*Hen V*, v 1)

leer App from obs *leer*, cheek, AS *hlēor*, with Du & ON cognates Cf fig use of *cheek* Orig sense is to look askance, not in normal direction

leery [slang] Wide-awake ? From dial

lear, learning, cleverness, northern var of *lore* (q v), with sense influenced by obs adj *leer*, sidelong (v s).

leet¹ [hist] As in *count-leet*, of manorial court of record First in AF. *lele*, AL *lele* ? From *lathe*¹

leet² Chiefly Se, in *short leet*, selection of best qualified candidates Earlier *lele*, F *élite* (q v).

left Kentish form of AS *lyft*, weak, as in *lyftād*, paralysis, cogn with LG *lucht* Cf F *gauche*, left, awkward, and, for converse sense-development, Ger. *linkisch*, awkward, etc, from *link*, left For pol sense see *centre* In a *left-handed* (*morgar aile*) marriage the bridegroom orig gave his left hand to the bride

Each gentleman pointed with his right thumb over his left shoulder (*Pickwick*, ch xlii)

In Kiel, where the revolution started, matters appear to be going "left" with a vengeance (*Daily Chron* Dec 2, 1910)

leg ON *leggr*, ? cogn with L *lacetus*, upper arm Replaced in most senses native *shank* In many colloq phrases of obvious meaning To pull (orig Sc to draw) one's leg suggests tripping up For *leg bail*, fight, see *bail*¹

legacy OF *legacie*, MedL *legatia*, from L *legare*, to bequeath, from *lex*, *leg*, law. In ME used also of office of legate (*Wyc 2 Cor v 20*)

legal. F *légal*, L *legalis*, from *lex*, *leg*, law Cf *loyal*

legate F *légal*, L *legatus*, from *legare*, to depute Orig (12 cent) of papal legate only

legatee Irreg formation after *lessee*, *payee*, etc See *legacy*

legato [mus] It, from L *ligare*, to bind.

legend F *légende*, MedL *legenda*, to be read, from *legere*, to read, also to collect, G *λέγειν* Orig of lives of saints, esp *Aurea legenda*, compiled (13 cent.) by Jacobus de Voragine, bishop of Genoa Also inscription on medal or coin

legerdeman From 15 cent F. *léger de main*, light of hand, app a mistransl. of earlier *sleight of hand*, the noun *sleight* (q v) being rendered by F adj *léger*, VL **leuiarius*, from *levis*, light

legerdeman or *sleight of hand* *praestigiæ* (Litt)

leghorn Hat, fowl Obs It *Legorno*, port in Tuscany, now *Livorno*, after L *Liburnus* Cf *Tuscan hat*.

legible Late L. *legibilis* from *legere* to read

legion F *légion* L. *leio n* from *legere* to choose G *λέγιω* Orig a mil unit 3000 to 6000 men with cavalry attached For poet use cf *myriad* The *Légion d'Honneur* was founded (1802) by Napoleon

Aligoun [l i l i g u n] name t e f w e t n t n (Wyc Ma h v q)

legislator L. *legislator* proposer of law *lator* being used as agent noun to *ferre* to bear etc *Leislale* is back formation Cf *legist* F *léiste* MedL *legista* as jurist

legitimate MedL *legitimus* used for *legitimus* from *lex leg* law Replaced earlier *legitime* (cf *legitimist* F *legitimiste* supporter of elder Bourbon branch) First in a sense of lawfully begotten the only meaning given by Johns (cf *allegit note*)

legumes [bot] F *légume* vegetable L. *legumen* from *legere* to gather

Leibnizian Of *Leibniz* Ger philosopher (1716)

leisure MF *loisir* OF *leisir* (lois r) L. *l're* to be lawful allowed For formation from *infin* and change of suffix in E cf *pleasure*

leitmotiv [mus] Ger lead motive Coined by a Wagner enth. last c 1870

leman [archaic] Early ME *leofmon* *heifman* Although the compd is not recorded as common noun in AS it occurs as personal name (9 cent) Orig of eith r sex and used in devotional literature both of Christ and the Virgin For de eneration cf *paramon*

lemma [math] Assumed proposition G *λημμα* from *λαμβάνω* to take Also used for heading argument

lemming Arctic rodent Dan ON *lem* *ja rdi* (only in pl *le end*) whence also Lapp *luomek*

lemon¹ Earlier (c 1400) *limon* F *lime*² (q v) formerly also *lemon* (ce cat on)

Cf It *limone* Sp *limón* MedL *limo*

lemon² Flat fish as in *lemon sole* F *limande* a burr or burt fish (Cotg) cf OF *limande* flat board cask-sta e ? From L. *lima* file cf It *lima* is a fish called a tuno (Flor)

lemur Nocturnal mammal (Madagascar) L. *lemur* ghost (only in pl) ? com with *lania* goblin

lend For earlier *lene* AS *lennan* (see loan) cf Du *lenen* Ger *leihen* to enticeff ON *lína* The -d is due to past *lende*

association with numerous other verbs in -end

F eond LE (Wyc l en Tyn d l d t t hld [AS G sp l t t s])

length AS *lengthu* from *long* *Len thy* is US and was esp indulged in by Jefferson Th t t borrow tans th t t m m t r t bec lled l gthy w k(s uth)

lenient Formerly in sense of lenitive From pres part of L. *lenire* to soothe from *len* mild

Leninism [h st] 1 ol system of *Lenin* alias Ulyanoff (born 1870) dictator of Russia during the Bolshevik régime (1917)

leno Cotton gauze F *lino* n or It *lino* See *lino*

lens L. *lentil* from shape cf F *lentill* in same sense

Lent For earlier *lentie* AS *lentan* spring Lent cf Oll *lengrin* ModGer *lens* spring Du *lente* First element is prob long and second an OT ut word for day with allusion to lengthening of days in spring Church sense is peculiar to E The adj *lenten* is really the older form of the noun felt as adj in such compds as *Lenten fist* *Lenten entertainment* (Hamlet u 2)

lenticular Shape of lens or lentil (q v)

lentil F *lentille* L. *lent cul* dim of *lens* *lent* lentil First record (13 cent) in ref to Gen xvi 29

lentisk Tree L. *lentiscus* from *lent* s pliable "clamm e (Coop)

lentitude Sluggishness L. *lentitudo* from *lentus* slow etc (v s)

leonid [astron] L. *leonides* meteors appearing to radiate from constellation *Leo* the lion

leopine L. *leone* n s from *leo* n lion *Leomius civis* is that part of Rome high in cludes the Vatican walled in by *Leo* II (9 cent) *Leomius verus* with riddle as well as final rime is prob from some medieval poet perh *Leo* Canon of St Vi tor Paris (12 cent)

leopard F *leopard* Late L. Late G *leopardos* because supposed to be hybrid of lion and pard (q v) Mod spelling is restored from MF *leopard* *leppid* etc

Sin leop-test lethra-pe-ter nam ap t viret test us l t le for s i 2

leper Orig *lepro* γ F *lepre* L. G *λεπρ* fem of *λεπρος* scaly from *λεω* scaly Sense of *lepro* man arose from attrib se as in *leper folk* *Lepra* v is from adj *leprosus* F *lepreux* Late L. *leprosus*

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- lethargy F. *léthargie*, L, G. *ληθαργία*, from *λήθαργος*, forgetful, from *λαθάνειν*, to escape notice
- lethe G. *Λήθη*, river of Hades producing oblivion, *λήθη*, in those who drank its waters (v s).
- Lett, Lettie, Lettish People and lang. in part of Russ Baltic provinces Ger *Lette*, from native name *Lātei* The lang is Aryan, akin to Lithuanian and extinct OPrussian
- letter F. *lettre*, L *littera*, letter of alphabet, in pl epistle, earlier *littera*, *littera* Extended senses as in F *lettre*, partly after St Paul's use of *τὸ γράμμα* (2 Cor iii 6) *Before the letter* (of engravings) means proof taken before title-lettering is inserted *Letterpress* is matter printed from type, as opposed to illustrations, etc from plates. Sense of literature appears already in L., e.g. *lettered ease* is Cicero's *otium literatum*.
- lettuce ME *letus(c)*, pl of AF *letue*, F *lathue*, L *lactuca*, from *lac*, *lact-*, milk Cf *boobie*, *quince*, etc
- There's loaves with wylde letuce [Fulg cum lacturis agrestibus] (Wye Ex xii 8)
- leucopathy. Albunism From G *λευκός*, white
- Levant Orig. East in gen., now eastern part of Mediterranean F. *levant*, east, lit rising, from L *levare*
- levant Verb ? From Sp *levantar*, to lift, raise (v s.), as in *levantar el campo*, to strike camp, "decamp" perh with suggestion of the *Levant* as usual god of ascending swindler.
- levee. F *leve*, for *lever*, orig king's morning reception on rising from bed *Levee*, embankment, pier (southern US), in F. *le ve*, p p fern.
- level OF. *luel* (later, by dyson, *meel*, now *meacé*), VL **libellum*, for *libella*, dim of *libra*, balance First (14 cent) in L. of instrument, as in mod *level* For fig senses (*level-headed*) cf *balance*, *Level best* US
- Gentlemen are requested not to stand at the bar in the case of the *level*, as it is done in the case of the *level* (the *level* is a *level* of the *level*).
- lever. ME *lever*, OF. *lever* (replaced by *lever*), from *lever*, to raise L. *levare*
- leveret AF *levet*, for *levet*, of L. *levare*, to raise, L. *levare*

leviathan Late L. [*Lev. Job xi 20*] Heb *lyydythān* of uncertain origin and meaning. Perh connected with Heb *lāzāk* to twist bend

Leper *Le lathān* serpentem tortuosa n
(*Pulg Is xx 11*)

levigate From L. *leviga* s from *lavis* smooth.

levin [*poet*] Flash of lightning ME *leven* obs. in 18 cent. but revived by Scott, with whom it is a favourite word. Sleat compars obs Dan *liffn* Sw dial. *lyna* in same sense

levirate Custom of brother of dead man marrying latter's widow (Jewish) From L. *levir* husband's brother

levitate From L. *levitas* light after *gravitate*

Levite Leviticus From *Levi* son of Jacob whose descendants formed class of assistant priest

levity Ol *læ* M L. *lev* as from *levitas* light
levy F *levée* p.p. fem. of *lever* to raise L. *levi* s (v s) Orig. of taxes then of troops whence to *levy* war (15 cent.) a sense not found in F

lewd AS *lūwde* lay layman app. in some way derived from L. *laicus* lay^s (MF *lūw* or *lewed* corresponds to OY *leir* *ek lantir*) See quot s v *learn* Orig. meaning of profane unlettered hence coarse vile passes into current sense already found in Chauc (A 3145)

L b not lewyd l w or [*læ* *le* or *panes*] at bound, b t oonk hork lreed (Wyre s *Am* x L 4)

Lewis Machine gun from American inventor's name Cf *gail ng maxim norden fiji*

The R.F.C. adopted the Lewis and the German men count red with modified Hotchkiss
(4 *German Out* t)

lexicon G *λῆξ* (sc *βιβλί*) word (book) from *λέγω* v to speak A Renaissance word cf F *lexique* (Ronsard) Hence *lexicographer* "a harmless drudge that busies himself in tracing the original and defining the signification of words (John)"

Leyden jar battery Invented (1745-6) at Leyden Holland

li Chin unit of length 100 *li* being about a day's march

liable App from F *liar* to bind L. *liare* but not recorded in AF or Law L. Cf fig sense of *boun* i (to)

liaison F L. *ligatio*-n from *ligare* to bind

Now esp. in *liaison officer* link and interpreter between allied forces

This position as liaison m t between th House and the W Cal t
(*PaJy Ch* on June 8 90)

liane liana F *liane* app. some native name assimilated to *lier* to bind (v s) *Liana* is perh due to supposed Sp origin

Bada an post i les habit is rum ut
lies es (H *los* *des* t *lie* 649)

lias [*geol*] Blue limestone. F *lias* OF *lious* (12 cent) ? From *lie* lee^s cf *lie de vin* used in F for a purplish blue

libation L. *libatio*-n from *libare* to taste pour forth G *laßer*

libel OF (replaced by *libelle*) L. *libellus* dim. of *liber* book Current sense from Law L. *libellus famosus* is the latest See *libery*

A d th preest bal wryt m libel [*li* *wig* *libell*] thes. bad things (Wye s *mb* v)

liberal F *liberal* L. *liberalis* from *liber* free For later senses cf *frank generous* As party name from early 19 cent. being applied by opponents at first in Sp or F form with suggestion of foreign lawlessness and coupled by George IV with *jaconin*

To have b (Lady Edt both Hastings) wa. liberal education (steel)

Ce g est libéral! e monstre est jacobin
(Victor H go)

liberton F orig. (from 16 cent) free thinker L. *libertinus* freed man The change of meaning appears to be due to misunderstanding of L. *libertinus* in Acts vi 9 Secondary sense of debauchee is almost as early in F

liberty F *liberté* L. *libertas* from *liber* free In all Rom langs Up to 1850 used of county region exempt from authority of sheriff and in other kindred senses *Liberty of the press* is 18 cent

libidinous F *libidinoux* L. *libidinuosus* from *libido* *libido* lust cf *libet* *libet* it pleases ult cogn with *love*

library F *libra* se (in OF *library* now bookseller's shop) from *libras* e copyist (now bookseller) L. *bibliotheca* of books from *liber* book orig bark of tree Cf list of book *bible paper*

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purpose

Dial a life of ud

Turn f (th) her silver lining on the night
(Com 2 1)

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Sabine form of OL *lin wa* (cf *la : a*
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gelink joint *lenken* to turn Hence also
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of tarred rope ? or from ModL *linch* u
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Currency of adj form has been helped by
Ger *lindenbaum* familiar in folk songs

Lindley Murray US author of *English*
Grammar (1735) long regarded as stan-
dard Cf *Cocker*

lin¹ [*leech*] Long fibre of flax AS *lin*
flax L *linum* G *lino* prob like *kerp*
of Eastern origin Cf *linen* *linseed* *Line*
is still used in dial for *linen*

lin² Length without breadth Farthest in
sense of cord etc AS *line* L *linea* orig
linen thread from *linum* flax (v. 1) cf
Du ljn Ger *leine* Oñ *lina* early Teut.
loans from L Hence to *give line* from
angling In *by line and rule* (cf F *au*
cordeau and similar use of Heb *gou* cord
Is xxviii 10) and *lines* in sense of course
of life (*Ps* xvi. 6 *I ut funes*) there is
orig allusion to the marking out of land
for settlement *Hard lines* is app naut
and may be a jocular variation on *hard*
tack ship's biscuit taking *tack* in its orig
sense of rope line sense of mark stroke
direction is via F *ligne* L *linea* mil and
nav uses as in ship (*regiments*) of the *line*
being adopted directly from F On these
(such) *lines* is from ship building To *take*
one's own line is from the hunting id
Lines of communication were orig trans-
verse trenches connecting the *lines* of cir-
cumvallation in great siege works

lin³ Verb (of clothes) From *lin* et with
orig ref to linen a material used for the
purpose

D I b I c I d

I n forth bnt silver lining on the night

(C n n 221)

lin⁴ Verb (of ditch) F *ligne* for *ahn* v r
to bring together (see *line*)

lineage ME *lineage* F *linage* See *line*
Cf *lineal* F *lineal* Late L *lineal*

linement F *linement* L *linimentum*
contour outline Not orig limited to
facial lines Cf *delinest*

linen Orig adj made of flax AS *linen*
from *lin* flax (see *line*) Cf *Du linen*
Ger *le nen* F *linge* is also of adj forma-
tion

linen left th linen to b i their hand J shed from
tho naked (M b i 2)

ling¹ Fish MF *linge* cf *Du ling* Ger
lingfisch Oñ *linga* cogn with *lin*

ling² Feather Oñ *ling*

ling Dim suffix Combined from suffixes
-el (-le) and -ing As applied to persons
usu contemptuous (*sherry* etc. *sherry*
underling etc)

-ling(s) AS adv suffix (also -ung -ung
cogn with *long* by which it is now usu.
replaced e.g. *headlong* *sidlong* *longward*)

linger ME *lingeren* frequent of obs
len en to tarry AS *len en* to pro long
from *long* Cf Ger *verlingern* to prolong

lingerie F from *linge* linen L *linum*
neut adj from *linum* flax This euph for
under linen will in course of time become
indicate and make way for something else
(cf *shift*)

lie miss. Amongst your linen, you must say
it must never say "screw"

(Compare e. *Leen* for *Leen*)

lingo Prov *lingo* *lingo* or Gascon *lingo*
L *lingua* A naut. word (17 cent.) from
Marseille or Bordeaux

lingua franca It. Frankish tongue A kind
of "pidgin" It with elements from other
Mediterranean and Oriental langs spoken
in the Levant Hence fr mixed jargon
understood by those who would otherwise
not be intelligible to each other The name
is prob. due to the Arabs *Frank* (fr)
being regular Eastern word for European
(cf *Feringhi*)

lingu¹ Term L *lingua* tongue language
Sabine form of Oñ *di lus* (cf *lucus*
dacroma) cogn. with *lingua*

linhay [dia] Open shed with lean to roof
? from AS *linian* to lean, or
element as in archaic *thor i lay*

liniment F L *linimentum* from *lin* to smear

link¹ Connection Oñ *link* *linker*
Midloll *linker* *link* *linker* *linker*
cogn with AS *link* *link* *linker* *linker*
general joint, *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*
archaic and dial *link* *linker* *linker* *linker*
The *link* and *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*
monkey's *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*

link² Torch as in *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*
link *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*
of tarred rope ? for *link* *linker* *linker* *linker*
for *link* *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*
from G *link* *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*

links Grass *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*
AS *link* *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*
Cf *link* *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*
linker *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker* *linker*

lin. Water all poured at for. Mixture of A^o

hlynn, torrent, and Gael. *linne*, pool The latter is in all Celt langs ² and cogn with G *λίμνη*, lake

Linnaean System of biol classification of *Linnaeus*, latinized name of C F. *Linne*, Sw naturalist († 1778)

linnet F *linotte*, from *lin*, flax, on seeds of which it feeds Cf Ger *hänfling*, linnet, from *hanf*, hemp Dial *lintwhule*, linnet, is AS *linetwige*, ² flax-twitcher

The lintwhite and the throistle cock
Have voices sweet and clear (Tennyson)

linoleum Patented and named (1863) by a Mr Walton from L *linum*, flax, *oleum*, oil Cf *hamptulicor*, *linenista*

linotype US (1888) For *line* of type

linseed AS *linsēd*, flax seed See *line*¹, seed Cf Du *lynzaad*

linsey, linsey-woolsey From 15 cent Skeat derives *linsey* from *Lindsey*, near Kersey (Suff.) See *kersey* Another theory is that it represents *line*¹ and say² (q v), or that the ending is the adj -sy as in *flimsy*, *tipsy* Woolsey, from *wool*, is a later addition

linstock [archaic] For firing early cannon Earlier (16 cent) *lint-stock*, Du *lont-slok*, from *lont*, match, v hence E dial. *lunt* *lunt* the matchcord with which guns are fired (Johns)

Hairy-faced Dick, linstock in hand,
Is waiting that grim looking skipper's command
(Ingolf 463)

lint ME *linnet*, from *line*¹ Flax (plant and material) is still *lint* in Sc Cf Burns' *lint-white hair* for *flaxen hair*

lintel OF (*linteau*), VL **linitale* or **linitellus*, from *limes*, *limit*, *limit*

lion F, L *leo-n-*, G *léon*, *λέων*, prob of Egypt origin In all Rom & Teut. langs (e.g. It. *leone*, Sp *león*, Du *leeuw*, Ger *löwe*), whence, or from L, it passed into the Balto-Slavic langs, e.g. Russ *lev* AS had *leo*, *leow*, directly from L The lions, in sense of noteworthy objects, were orig those in the Tower of London, and to have *seen the lions* once meant to be wide-awake, up to snuff, not a new arrival from the country. *Lion-hunter*, secker after celebrities, seems to be due to Dickens' *Mrs Leo Hunter* (*Pickwick*) Scott uses *lionize* (1809). I took them and all my ladies to the Tower and showed them the lions and all that was to be shown (Pepys, May 3, 1662)

The only man unspoiled by lionizing was Daniel
(Sir H Tree)

lip AS *lippa*, cf Du *lip*, Ger *lippe* (a LG. word replacing archaic HG *lefze*), cogn

with L *labrum*, *labium*, lip, *labere*, to hick, Pers *lab*, lip In earlier use fig for tongue, speech (see *babel*), as in *lip-service*, etc To the lips, usu with *steeped*, is after Oth iv 2 *Lip*, impudence, and *stiff upper lip* are both US

lipography Omission of letter or syllable in copying From G *λείπειν*, to leave

lipper Ripple Orig Sc ² Cogn with *lap*²

liquid F *liquide*, L *liquidus*, from *liquere*, to be clear For use in phonology, adapted from G *εγρός*, wet, cf F *mouillé*, wet, in *l mouillée* Liquidation, in commerc sense, means making clear

My accounts, which I have let go too long, and confounded my publique with my private so that I cannot come to any liquidation of them
(Pepys, Mar 31, 1666)

liquor Restored from ME *leür*, OF *leüor* (*liqueur*), L *liquor-em* (v s) For degeneration in meaning, e.g. in *liquor*, the worse (better) for liquor, cf *drink* So also *liquor traffic*

liqueur AF *lyeours*, OF. *liuorece* (replaced by *réglisse*), Late L *liquiritia*, ult from G *γλυκίς*, sweet, and *ρίζα*, root The Europ forms, resulting from metath. of *l-r*, are extraordinary, e.g. F *réglisse*, It *regolizia*, Ger *lakritze*, Du. *lalissie-drop*, cf. also Arab *el-ukhasis* The Late L form and ModE spelling are due to association with *liquor*, and the E termination is perh due to *orris* (q v)

liquorish Corrupt of *lickerish* (q v) errone associated with *liquor*

lira [It] Com worth a franc L *libra*, pound, cf F *lire* used also for franc

Lisle thread. From Lille (Nord), formerly *Lisle*, the island

lisp AS *āwlyspian*, cf Du *lispēn*, Ger *lispēn*, earlier *whisper*. Imut., cf. *whisper*

I lisp'd in numbers, for the numbers came
(Pope, *Pro' to Sat* 1231)

lissom For *lithesome* Regarded as dial word in early 19 cent

list¹ Noun AS *liste*, hem, border; cf. Du *lyst*, Ger *leiste* Orig sense in *list sleepers*, made of edge-strips (cf. archaic F *tapis de listères*) Sense of enumeration is from F. *liste*, strip of paper, etc., from Teut (cf *enlist*) The lists for a tourney are the boundaries or the field, but the application of the word has been influenced by F. *lice* (cf It. *lizza*, Sp *liza*), so that we find lists treated as rings (cf *linch, slanders, works*, etc.) F *lice* is prob L. *leica*, pl of

licium thread (hence MHG *lit* = in same sense) and thus unrelated to *list*

lice ul t o uit yard (Cotg)

list a list, roll check roll or catalogue of names
 &c also a list, o sel dg (b)

list Verb AS *lystan* to please from *lust* (q v) cf Du *lusten* Ger *lügen* *g lügen* ON *lysta* Orig impers as used archaically by Scott later sense being due to misunderstanding of *if you list* (cf *like please*) Hence *list* inclination leaning now usu naut. and *listless* for earlier *lustless*

list wh a sh p beel little to the side they y sh h list th t u y (See D et s 8)

When in Cal na ca cave

Hun h ted bus magi w d to wa e

Tb be's w llin g h tre Dame (Lay 9)

list list AS *lystan* from *lyste* hearing from an Aryan root wh ch appears in Ger *lauschen* to listen (esp for prey) Welsh *clust* ear ult cogn with loud *Luska* is Northumbrian *ly nan* cogn with AS *lōstanian* from same root

list (nai t) See *list*

listize To treat according to methods of Lord Lister F physician (†1912)

listless See *list*

lists See *list*

litany F *litania* MedL G *litanie* from *lita* *iv* to pray from *liturg* supplication Usual form up to 14 cent. is *letan* & aul *letania* is found in AS

litchi *lich* Chin fruit Chin *li chi*

A Canton *li na bowl* (di ed lich)

(h pl e B ad p th H ter)

lite F G *lith* e stone

literal L *litera* is from *littera* letter (q v) Cf *literary* *liter* at re etc. the litter of lich has replaced ME *littera* from OF used for AS *bō craft* Literally is often used by the excited in a sense opposite to its real meaning (v 1)

There s f th whol Irish s a lit rally si ed pon th co t i (I Dallon M 1 M v 9 3)

litharge [chem] F from OF *litha* giv L G *lith* *pyros* from *lithos* stone *pyros* silver In Chauc (16)

lithe Adj AS *lith* soft mild &c n with Ger *lind* *g lind* gentle and with L *lentus* soft slow etc *le* is gentl Cur rent sense is latest. See *li som*

lithe Only in archaic *lithe* and *lithen* ON *lith* *h* to listen, cogn with *list*

Now lithe and i n ladi s gay (Scott)

lithia Altered from earlier *lithium* G *lith*

lithon neut of *lith* or stony name proposed (1818) by Berzelius to emphasize its mass origin previously discovered alkali being vegetable

lithograph From G *lith* stone Cf *lithology* science of stones *lithotomy* (med) cutting for stone from *lith* to cut Lithuanian [hug] Aryan tang of Baltic group cogn with Lettish and extinct OPrussian

litigation Late L *litigatio* from *lit* are to go to law from *lis* *lit* lawsuit and *ere* Earlier i *litigatio* F *litigieux* L *lit* *tosus*

Not litig us f i i t r i W T m u 3)

litmus [chem] ON *litnose* Ichen sed in dyeing from ON *lit* colour *nos* moss It is much older than MED records occurring several times in the *Celtic* Re l of Lynn (1303-7) to which harbour it was brought from Norway

litotes [g an] Affirmative expressed by negation of contrary eg L *haid* *par* N very much noun *li* some G *lit* *er* *er* from *lit* plain measure

A citation of *lit* *er* *er* (f i i t r i W T m u 3)

litre F suggested by *litron* obs measure from Late L *litra* C *litra* pound F from 1,92 (cf *gramme* *metre*)

litter F *litter* from *lit* bed I *litter* of G *littera* Larhest *litter* is bed then portable couch beddg *strew* *straw* *straw* etc for animals whence disorderly accumulation of odds and ends of F *fa* *re* *litter* *de* to trample under foot With sense of number (of animal) brought forth at one birth cf similar use of *bet*

litter AS *lithel* WGer cf Du *lithel* Ger dual *lithel* according to MED not related to synonym ON *lit* I Goth *lithis* (4) *litha* (st a *patien* e et) is for earlier *lit* f *lith* go (first Camb examination) meant in 18 cent a private littery

littoral L *littoralis* from *lit* *litor* shore whence the *lido* of Venice As noun attie *lit* *littoral* F *littoral*

liturgy Orig Communion service of Eastern Church F *liturgie* Church I G *lit* *er* *er* a public worship first element ult from *lit* *er* *er* people second from *lit* *er* *er* work

live Verb AS *lifa* (W Sax *lithan*) from *lif* Com. Teut cf Du *leven* Ger *leben* ON *lifa* Goth *lithan* cogn with *le* *er* *er* orig sense being to remain *lit* *er* *er* in

Church sense is for *ecclesiastical living*, where *living* means endowment, means of support

live² Adj Evolved (16 cent) from *alive* (q v).

livelihood Altered, under influence of obs *livelihood*, liveliness, from earlier *lifelode*, AS *līf-lād*, life-course, see *lade*¹, *lode* Cf OHG *lībilita*, subsistence

[Pythagoras] berynge of burthens for to gete his lifelode therwith (Trev. iii 199)

livelong In the *livelong day* (night) Orig *lif long*, *lif* (q v) being a mere intens. Cf Ger *die liebe lange nacht*

den lieben ganzen tag, the whole livelong day (Ludw.)

lively AS *līstic*, lit life like, orig sense surviving in *lively description* For sense-development cf *vivid* A certain liveliness, from an Admiralty announcement in the autumn of 1914, seems likely to become a stock phrase

They [young airmen] are much safer in France than in England, and they are sent across directly they begin to show a certain liveliness

(Daily Sketch, July 9, 1918)

liver AS *lifer* Com Teut, cf. Du *lever*, Ger *leber*, ON *lifr* Formerly competed with the heart as seat of passion, hence *white-livered*

When love's unerring dart Transfixt his liver and inflamed his heart

(Dryden)

Liverpudlian Of *Liverpool*, with jocular substitution of *puddle* for *pool*

livery F *livrée*, pp fcm of *livrer*, to hand over, deliver, Latc L *liberare*, from *liber*, frec Orig household allowance, provision of any kind, now limited to costume of servants and provender for horses, as in *livery stable* The City *Livery Companies* had formerly distinctive costumes for special occasions, an inheritance from the medieval gilds

That no maner of hand-crafte were any livery, but of his owne crafte that he usith

(Coventry Leed Book, 1421)

livery of cloth or oder gyltyls liberata (Prompt Parv)

livid F *livide*, L *lividus*, from *livēre*, to be bluish

livre F, L *libra*, pound Still occ. used in F for *franc* when stating income in thousands

livium Lye L, neut of *livivus*, from *lix*, ashes, lye Cf F *lessive*, washing solution, from neut pl

lizard F *lézard*, L *lacerhus* Cf *alligator*.

llama Sp from Peruv, app gen. name for sheep

Llamas or sheepe of Peru (Habl)

llano [geog] SAMer prairie. Sp, L *planus*, smooth.

Lloyd's Marine insurance Orig coffee-house in Lombard St, established by Edward Lloyd (fl 1688-1726) The name is Welsh for gray

lo ME also *low*, *loo*. Prob for *lōke*, look, but with sound affected (*lo* instead of *loo*) by intery *lo*, AS *lā* For loss of -k cf *la'en* for *ta'en*

loach Fish (*Lorna Doone*, ch vii) F *loche* Origin unknown

load AS *lād*, way, journey, conveyance, cogn with *lead*², which is still used in the Midlands of carting Vrb, from noun, is much later Sense has been influenced by *lade*², which it has almost supplanted With to *load* a gun cf F *charger*, Ger *laden*, in same sense, all going back to the period when cannon were the only firearms See also *lode*

loode or *caryage* vectura (Prompt Parv)

loadstone See *lode*

loaf¹ Noun AS *hlāf*, bread, loaf Com Teut cf Ger *laib*, ON *hleifr*, Goth *hlaiufs*, cogn with L *libum*, cake See *lord*, *lady*.

If it were not for the loaves and fishes [John, vi 26] the train of Christ would be less (Bp Hall, 1614)

loaf² Verb. NED rejects connection with I.G. *lofen*, Ger *laufen*, to run, as in *land-läufer*, landloper It would seem however that *loafer* might have been evolved from the latter word, cf colloq Norw *loffe*, to loaf, from US

The newly invented Yankee word of "loafer"

(Dana, *Two Years before the Mast*, 1840)

loam AS *lām*, cogn with *lime*¹, cf Du *leem*, Ger *lehm* (from Du), Ger dial *leimen*

loan ON *lān*, superseding AS *lēn* (whence *lend*), cf Du *leen*, Ger *lehen*, *leihen* Hence vrb to *loan*, now chiefly US

loath AS *lāth*, repulsive, etc, replaccd in orig sense by compds *loathly*, *loathsome* Com Teut; cf Du *leed*, Ger *leid*, sorrow (but still adj in *heb oder leid*), ON *leith*. F *laid*, ugly, is from Teut Current sense, already in Chauc, as also that of verb to *loathe*, is for earlier impers use Cf construction of *like*

Hym were looth byrped for to be (Chauc H 145)

I loke his villanye, or it lotheth me of his villanye il me fauche de sa vilanie (Palsg)

lob For gen sense of something heavy pendant or floppy contained in this unit word of Du *lob lubbe* hanging lip Dan *lobbes* clown Norw *lubb lubba tubby* person and see *lubber* *Lob be by the fire* is Milton's *lubber fiend* (41^{re}gro 110) The cricket *lob* is from dial verb to *lob* to pitch gently With *lobs ouse* sailor's stew *I bolly* sailors' gruel of *lob* a thick mixture in brewing *Lobblolly* (16 cent) from dial *loll* gruel etc was also applied to the doctor's drenches hence naut *loblolly* boy orig surgeon's mate in the navy The existence of the surname *Lobb* suggests that the word is much older than *NED* records and that archaic and dial *Lob's pound* the lock up is of the same type as *Davy Jones locker*

lobby *ModL lobium* or *lobia* monastic for *lodge* (q v) See also *louver* Current sense first in Shaks (*Hamlet* ii 2) The lobby of the House of Commons is mentioned in 1640 Hence verb to *lobby* (U's) orig to solicit votes and influence

O r reel see a ver e me of t the e lobb
(= clusters) (*NED* 1553)

lobe *F Late L G laſus* lobe of ear pod etc

lobelia From *Matthias de Lobel* (†1616) botanist and physician to James I

loblolly *lobscouse* See *lob*

lobster *AS loppestre* for *lopost* corrupt of *L locusta* whence also *F langouste* a kind of lobster that hath undivided cleyes (Cotg) cf *OCorn legast* lobster *Scot locust* As nickname for soldier orig applied (1643) to a regiment of Parliamentary cuirassiers and later associated with the red coat Joe use for *lob-bowler* is 20 cent

local *F L localis* from *locus* place *Local ofphon* (1210) right of majority to decide what minority shall drink owes its currency to Cladstone (1808) but was first used in a Parliamentary bill in 1819 (Sir W Lawson)

loch *Gael & Ir cogn* with *laka* cf Anglo-Ir *lough*

lock ¹ Of hair *AS loc* *Com Teut* cf Du *lok* *Ger locke* *ON lokkr*

lock Fastening *AS loc* cf *Ger lock* hole orig shut up place *ON lok* lid In river sense from c 1300 The lock of a gun first in *firelock* must orig have resembled that of a door (cf *Ger cello* in both senses)

Hence *locker* *locket* the latter is *F loquet* latch of Teut origin

The ganner is to ba his sh t lock
ery p ece (*NED* 642)

Heaving the est into D vid Jous s l uke
th sea

(Roberts 1 1 7 6 p 4 ee also p 84)

lockram [*archaic*] Fabric *OI locrenan* from *Loc onan* (Fin st r) ie cell of St Ronan where formerly made

locomotive Suggested by *L phrase n l o moten* Orig philos term current sense for locomotive s fine datin from c 1830

locum tenens *L* place holding In *MedL* of any deputy Cf *lieutenant*

locus *L* place *Locus standi* is app mod

locust *F locuste L locusta* lobster (q v)
locust The *locust* *war carob* translates *G aspis* locust applied to the pod from some fancied resemblance

location *F L locutio-n* from *loqu* *loc* i to speak

lode *Graphus* var of *load* (q v) preserving etym sense of course direction eg in mining and locally of watercourse etc Hence *lodestar* (Crane) guiding star (cf *ON leitharistarna* *Ger leistern*) and *lode stone* (16 cent) magnet The former is one of Scott's revivals With the latter cf synon Du *reisteen* from *reilen* to sail

lodge *F logs* *OLLG lauba* (la'ia) porch lobby etc whence *ModGer laibe* summer house etc cf *IL laja* a front *Ger* See *lobby* Prob cogn with *lift* and *loave* but not with *Ger laud* leaf though associated with it in *ModGer* sense of labour Use in Freemasonry and other societies comes from *lody* being used (14 cent) of the shop in which the freemason (q v) worked Current sense of *lodge* is in Shaks (*Henry 4* i 1) Verb was orig trans cf to *lodge a sin of one's* (*com Plaut* etc)

Lik to the summer a corn by t repeat *lody d*
(2 H 11 d 1)

loess [*geog*] Dust deposit *Ger dal* from *los* loose

loft *ON loft* cogn with *AS lyft* as upper region *Ger lyft* air Hence *at ft* *lyft* *loft* from preserving etym sense In *ML* and later a gen term for upper room *atli* See *lift*

It e mediam p i to kiti (*Voly* *ena*) in where b *lod* f *A g* h 1

log ¹ Late *ME logge* of about same age and meaning as *roge* *1* Norw *lat* *ON lig*

felled tree, cogn with *he*¹ Presumably introduced with timber from Norway A ship's *log* is the same word, the apparatus being a quadrant of wood weighted so as to float upright But some derive the naut *log* from Arab *lauh*, plank, tablet Hence *log-book*, orig for recording rate of progress, and verb to *log*, enter in book *Log-rolling* (US) was orig used of coöperative effort in building log-huts (*You roll my log and I'll roll yours*) *Logwood* is imported in logs

Stuffe called logwood alias blockewood

(NED 1581)

*log*² [Bibl] Measure for liquids (*Lev* xiv 24)

Heb *lōg*, about three-quarters of pint

logan-berry First cultivated by Judge Logan (US)

logan-stone For *logging-stone*, from Corn dial *log*, to rock

logarithm Coined (1614) by Napier of Merchiston, from G *λόγος*, word, ratio, *ἀριθμός*, number

logger-head First (Shaks) in sense of block-head, jolter-head, etc App from *log*¹ In naut lang orig a bar-shot with cannon-ball each end Hence to be at *logger-heads*, cf *daggers drawn*

You logger-headed and unpolished grooms

(*Shrew*, iv 1)

loggia See *lodge*

logic F *logique*, ModL *logica* (sc *arts*), G *λογική* (sc *τέχνη*), art of reasoning, from *λόγος*, word, speech, reason

logie [theat] Sham jewellery of zinc From inventor's name

logistics [mil] Art of quartering troops.

F *logistique*, from *loger*, to lodge

logogram, *logograph* Sign representing word, G *λόγος* Cf *logograph*, word-puzzle, F *logographe*, from G *γράφος*, fishing-net, riddle, *logomachy*, word-strife, G *λογομαχία*, from *μάχη*, contest, *logotype* (typ), as *logogram*

-logue F, G *-λογος*, from *λέγειν*, to speak

-logy F *-logie*, G *-λογία*, from *λόγος*, word, discourse (vs) Cf *'ology*

lōn OF *loigne* (*longe*), VL **lumbea*, from *lumbus*, loin

lōter Cf Du *leuteren*, earlier *loteren*, "morari" (Kil), also, to totter, dawdle, cogn with Ger *lotter*, in *lotterbube*, wastrel, *hederlich*, *luderlich*, debauched, and obs E *lither*

lōll App imit of dangling movement Cf obs Du *lullebaeck*, couch, lounge *Lollop*

is a natural elaboration There was also an obs *lull*, expressing a lighter sense

His [the wood-pecker's] long tongue doth lill,
Out of the cloven pipe of his hornie bill

(Sylv 15)

Lollard [hist] Obs Du *lollaerd*, from *lollen*, to mutter, mumble, cf *lull* Orig applied (c 1300) to a Catholic fraternity who devoted themselves to care of sick and funeral rites of poor, later to other orders, with suggestion of hypocrisy Cf hist of *beggar Loller* (v 1) is slightly earlier in E The name was punningly explained, by opponents, from L *lolum*, tare, cockle (v 1)

"This Loller here wol prechen us somwhat "

"Nay, by my fader soule that shal he nat!"

Seyde the Shipman, "here shal he nat preche,

He shal no gospel glosen here, ne teche

We leven alle in the grete God," quod he,

"He wolde soven som difficulte,

Or sprengen cokkel in our clene corn"

(Chauc B 1177)

lollpop From child-lang Cf dial *lolly*, tongue

*lollipop*s sweet lozenges purchased by children

(Grose)

lollop See *loll*

Lombard F, It *Lombardo*, Latc L *Lombardus*, long-beard, from Ger tribe which conquered and named Lombardy Some authorities explain it as long-axe, with second element as in *halberd* (q v) Earliest *Lombards* in E were Italian money-lenders and bankers, whence *Lombard St* See *China*

I lerned amonge Lumbardes and Jewes a lessoun,
To wey pens [i e penes] with a pyns

(*Piers Plowm* B v 212)

London pride Orig (c 1600) equivalent to *sweet william* ? From flourishing in London gardens

lone Aphet for *alone* (q v) Hence *lonely*, *lonesome* Now poet ex in to *play a lone hand*, orig at the obs card-game quadrille

*long*¹ Adj AS lang Com Teut, cf Du, Ger lang, ON langr, Goth laggs, cogn with L *longus*, whence F *long*, which has also contributed to our word In the long run was earlier (17 cent) at the long run, app adapted from F. à la longue The *longbow* was distinguished from the crossbow With fig sense of to draw the longbow cf mod to throw the hatchet *Longcloth* is

calico manufactured in long pieces *Long drawn out* is after Milton

He loves you w i t h r s t h e s h o r t a d t h l o n g
(*Warr B r i t*)

M y a w f d g h o o t
O f l i n k d s e r t n l r g d r n e t (18 f 14)

long² Verb AS *langan* to grow long
Mod sense is from impers use cf *F i t m e t r d s* I long hit it is slow to me and
Norw Dan *langes* (reflex) also orig impers

I l i m w i l w n e l o n g t h a t a f t e r (A E D c w)
I l m t a d q u e I t h i n k t g t i l l (Cot)

long In *endlong* ON *endlange* But in *head low* *sidelong* substituted for *long*² (qv)

longanimity Late L *longanimus* ON *long* *nanimika* after G *μακροθυμία*

longevity I lo *aevitas* from *aevitas* (xlv) age

longinquity L *longinquitas* from *longi* *qui* us from *longus* Cf *pro pinquity*

longitude I *longitudo* from *longus* Cf *latitude* In *Chau*

long-shore Aphet. for *along shore* Cf *cross country* for *across*

loo (archaic) For earlier *lurker* *loo* *F i n t r e l u m e n t* *l u s* refrain of popular song temp *P i c h l e a* Cf *lull* *but* *so*

looby ? Cf *lob lu ber* But P *Lulim* a proper name ult from *lupus* wolf was in OF an abusive nickname for a sneak or scur and earlier sense of looly (*P u r s F l u m*) is iller loafer

loofah Arab *lufah* plant with fibrous pods from a lush flesh l rushes are prepared

look AS *lutan* cf G *lud* *lugen* to look out To *lo k* sharp meant orig *to look sha ply* (to something being done) *W e i e r* to look back (earlier *behind on*) in sense of unchecked success is perf from racer leading easily With to look down on (*up k*) cf *desp e re* *fect*

I l r e l e p e r l e d t h t t h o f a n o w l E p l h p b i a t t i d e l y w e s e e s n t h g a m e t r (D e f o e M r C a n h i l)

loom¹ For weaving AS *gelfma* implement uten d of any kind I obs Du *eliam* (vercoulle) with pref x as in AS *anawman* (pl) uten its apparatus

loom² Verb Orig (ic) naut. and app in mod sense of *indis n t* atmospheric effect ? cf ON *lyma* to gleam com with AS *lorma* ray of light

loom³ an lu t e t apper an of any d e t t o p e c t a s t h e w a c o u l d h a p e o c c a s i o n a l a s h e h o m i l m i e t h w i t (1 k)

loon¹ Lout etc In early Sc (15 cent) rogue e.g. *false loon* Later senses prob associated with loon² Origin unknown

loon² A bird Farlier also loom ON *I m r* ? Cf Du *loom* lame clumsy I rob assimilated to loon¹ in its later sense

loony (slang) For *lunatic* associated with loon

loop From c 1400 Cf (ael Ir *lib* *ben* ult cogn with *slip* (qv) Cf (er *sch pf* *loch* a starting hut a loop-hole (Ludw) from *schluffen* to slip We still have this sense of *loop* *hol* in to *leave one no loop hole* *Loop* *g* the *loop* orig of *stretch bar* performances is not in AED

I t a l o o p f l i t a m a t t l o o p t
t o k l u s t l o o p h o l s e l i

loose Adj ON *lōn* s even with AS *lōs* (whence obs *leave loose*) and with *lōe* (qv) Cf Du *Ger los* e.g. *en loe* *he l* a *loose sh* At a *loose end* without employment su guests freedom from trith r Verb is from adj Cf *Ger lōn* from *lō* *lōnn* loose is obs etc. in to *give a loose to one's feeling* (Lugnet)

loosestrife Plant Early herbalists transl of Late L *lysimachion* G *λίσμαχίον* from pers name *λίσμαχ* from *λ* to loose *μαχ* strife

loot Hind *lūt* ? from Sanskrit *lāt* to rob

H y d r A l u t e x x e r r l o o t e s u y a
a l o t h c o m m i t t e d o c h r o p e l u d d e d t
(H i c k s M e m o i r s)

loover See *loer*

lop To cut Skeat quotes *el f p d e t h m* from an AS chart r which points to an AS verb *loppan* Perh connected with *loot* as *f p n g* s appli 1 esp to removal of pen l nt branches in contrast to *topping* o *cropp* ne

lop² To hang loosely as in *l o e a d l p u d d* Cf *lop* *lo* *L e y d e d* *n n u t* was ex l r p d e d Cf obs *lophes* v

lope loup ON *alsupa* to lean run cf *Ger la sen* and see *l p e f u l i n f o r* Cur rent appli ation t w h i k e t r o t r e n t s associated with *ly* *l o* w h l l *l u p u*

lophiodon Tree l an mil From C *λυσίον* crest aler m l i m

loquacious Fr m I *loqua* I ut from *l p u* to speak

loquat In t Cf (Curt m d a l i b u t h e r r u h w a n

lorcha *ar* } Port Chinese rigged vessel with hull on Fir p m u e l C h i n o n known.

lord AS *hlāfweard*, *hlāford*, loaf-ward, cf *lady* (q v) and AS *hlāf-ēta*, servant, lit loaf-eater Orig master of the house, husband, application to the Deity being due to its translating L *dominus*, G *κύριος*, cf *Lord's Supper*, L *cena dominica*. Sense of noble appears in ME, and *drvinh as a lord*, to *live like a lord* are recorded in 17 cent Verb to *lord* is in *Piers Plowm*

lore¹ Knowledge, etc. AS *lār*, cogn with *learn* (q v), cf Du *leer*, Ger *lehre* Orig what is taught, doctrine

lore² [biol] Strap-like appendage to face L *lorum*, strap

lorette F, Parisian courtesan, from residence near church of *Notre Dame de Lorette* (*Loretto*)

lorgnette, lorgnon F, from *loigner*, to look askance, from OF *lorgne*, squinting, of unknown origin

loricate [biol] Armoured From L *lorica*, coat of mail, from *lorum*, strap (cf *cuirass*)

lorikeet Small lory (q v) After *parakeet*
lorimer, loriner [hist] Maker of metal parts of harness Still in title of City Company, and as surname, cf *Latimer*, for *latimer*. OF *lorenier*, *lorenier* (*lormier*), from L *lorum*, strap, thong

loriot Bird F, for OF *l'oriole*, with agglutination of art See *oriole*

loris "Ceylon sloth" Through F from Du *loeres*, from *loer*, clown

lorn. Archaic p p of obs *leese*, to lose (q v), cf *forlorn*

I'm a lone lorn creature (*David Copperfield*, ch iii)

lorry Also *lurry* A 19 cent railway word of unknown origin It is perh a metath of *rolley*, *rulley*, recorded somewhat earlier in sense of "tram" in coal-mining Words of this type are orig in local use (cf *bagie*, *trolley*) ? Or cf Norw *lorje*, lighter, earlier *lodje*, of Russ origin Obs *loribus* or *lorrybus* was coined May 31, 1919

lory Bird Malay *lūrī*, also (correctly) *nūrī*
lose AS *losian*, to be lost Orig intrans, mod sense coming from impers use (cf *like*, *loathe*) and from association with cogn *leese*, AS *lēosan* (in compds), which it has supplanted *Leese* occurs in AV. (1 *Kings*, xviii 5) where mod editions have *lose*, cf Du *verliezen*, Ger *verheren*, Goth *fralusan* With *leese*, *lorn*, cf Ger *verheren* (OHG *frilusan*), *verloren*, and E *was*, *were*

lorel [archaic] Good-for-nothing Also *lorel*.

From p p *losen*, *loren*, of obs *leese*, to lose (q v) Cf older sense of *brothel* (q v).

loss Rather a back-formation from *lost* than from AS *los*, which is found only in dat, as in to *lose weorðian*, to come to destruction, cf ON *los*, breaking-up of army *At a loss* was orig of a hound losing the scent (cf *at fault*).

lot AS *hlōt*, rendering L *sors*, *portio* Com Teut, cf Du *lot*, and, with different ablaut, Ger *loos*, ON *hlutr*, Goth *hlauts* Adopted from Teut into Rom langs, e g F *lot*, whence some senses of E *lot*, It *lotto*, chance, lottery, whence the name of a game, It *lotteria*, whence E *lottery* Orig the object (counter, die, straw, etc) used in drawing (casting) lots, AS *weorpan hlōt* (see *warps*), cf. *the lot fell upon*, to cast in one's lot with, orig of sharing plunder (*Prov* 1 14), to have neither part nor lot in (*Acts*, viii. 21) Hence applied to tract of land orig assigned by lot, cf *allotment* and US *building-lot*, etc Sense of quantity in gen from 16 cent A *bad lot*, applied to a person, is from the auction-room (cf a *hard bargain*)

lota [Anglo-Ind] Copper jug Hind, Sanskrit *lohita*, copper

Lothario, gay Lady-killer Character in Rowe's *Fair Penitent* (1703) The name had previously been used for a similar character in Davenant's *Cruel Brother* (1630).

lotion L *lotio-n-*, from *lavare*, *lot-*, to wash

lottery See *lot*

lotto See *lot*

lotus L, G *λωτός*, in legend of lotus-eaters (*Odyssey*, ix 90 ff), later identified with Egypt water-lily and other plants *Lotus-eaters* was app coined by Tennyson (1832) from *lotophagi*.

loud AS *hlūd* WGer., cf Du *luid*, Ger. *laut*, cogn with Goth *hluma*, hearing, ON. *hlōmr*, sound, G *κλυτός*, renowned, from *ἀλίσιν*, to hear, L *inclutus*, from *cluēre*, to be famous, cf OIr *clóth*, Sanskrit *sruta* For application to colours, manners, etc, cf F *criard*

lough E form (14 cent) of Ir *loch* or Welsh *llwch* See *loch*

louis Coin. F. *louis d'or*; also furniture (*Louis quinze*, etc) From various kings of France The name is ident with *Clouis*, *Chlodowig*, OHG *HLūdūwīc* (*Ludwig*), whence It *Ludovico*, lit famous in war, as G *Chlotomachus* See *loud*

lounge. From c 1500, first in Sc Perh

suggested by obs *lurgis* OF *longis* a dreaming luskie drowsie gangrill (Cotg) from *Longius* or *Longinus* apocryphal name of soldier who pierced Christ's side with a spear. This name is perh from a misunderstanding of G *λογη* lance (*John* xix 34) and its sense was popularly associated with L. *longus*

lū g or *lall ga* gr II 1 gund (Litt.)

a *longus* *longurio* (3)

loup See *lope*

lour See *louer*

louse AS *lūs* Com Tent cf Du *luis* Ger *laus* ON *lus*. The analogy of G *φθ* *ρ* louse from *φθερε* to destroy has suggested relation between *louse* and *lose*

lout From 16 cent. early examples (*Warned and lout lord and lout*) suggesting alteration of *lewd* (q.v.) influenced in current sense by archaic *lout* to bend low AS *lutan*

louer Also *loover* *luffer* *lowere*. Of various structures with venetian kind arrangement for passage of smoke air light OF *louer* *louer* from OHG *luba* (*laube*) whence also *loda* (q.v.) The *lodium* by which it is sometimes rendered in medieval glossaries (NED) is prob an error for *lobium* (see *lobby*). Ger *loube* whence (prob through OF) obs Du *loose* is used of all kinds of wood'n structures attached to a house. Cf Du dial. *luis* a penthouse (Sewell). Some regard these words as ult. cogn with ON *lopi* (see *loft*)

loov projector complavi m superius podium menian m pergul vulgolat (hul)

loage Plant ME *loesche* folk etym alteration *lois* and obs *ache* parsley F. L. *apia* of OF *levesche* *luesche* (*ludche*) Late L *levischum* unexplained corrupt of L *ligusticum* from *Liguria* supposed to be home of plant. In most Larop langs and with extraordinary pervasions e.g. Ger *liebsteichel* love stick-el

love AS *lufu* cf obs Du *lieten* to love Ger *liebe* cogn with L *libet* it pleases Sanskrit *libh* to desire and also with *leave*¹ *belief* *luf*. The equivalent of *lois* or *money* is found in AS (vi) *There is no love lost between* is recorded since early 17 cent. in two opposite senses of a luch the less kindly of course survives. *Love* no score (tennis et.) is due to *to play for love* i.e. for nothing which again is evolved from *lois* or *money* (v.s.) *Love knot* is in

Chauc (A 197) With *love* to h cf F *acproche-cœur* in same sense *Loving kind ness* was first used by Coverd (Ps xxv 6) Current sense of *lovely* applied and its crimnately to all pleasing material objects from a piece of plum-cake to a Gothic cathedral (Marsh) appears in early ME For etym sense see *Philip* iv 8 (*Walg amabilis*)

h f leo [f e] f anes man e f ion (VED 97)

hol e b tween these tw was lost

Fa h was to th r k r d (B hes 1 Wood 7 ent)

Lovelace Lady killer From Richardson's *Charissa Harlowe* (1748)

low¹ Adj Late AS *lāh* ON *lagr* cf Du *la* Ger dial *lā* flat ult cogn with *lis*¹ With 6g senses cf. those of *high* To *lie low* in slang sense 1 from *Uncle Remus* (1880) *Low Churchman* formerly (c 1700) equivalent to latitudinarian was revived in 19 cent as contrast to *High-Churchman* *Low Sunday* was perh named as a reaction from the joys of Easter In *lowwater* hard up is obviously naut and may have meant orig stranded high and dry as left by ebbing tide The formation of the verb to *lower* (cf to *better*) for obs to *low* is abnormal ? Can it be partly due to naut attribution of female sex to boats— *Low her away*

H lowed him self takynge the loorn of a serv t (Wy Phil p II 7)

low Verb AS *hlōwan* cf Du *loeren* MHG *luyen* ON *hlōa* to roar cogn with L *clānare*

low² [geog.] Hill tumulus Common in topography of *law*²

low³ Blaze Chiefly Sc. & north ON *logr* cf Ger *lohe* and *lichte loh* Ult cogn with *light*

The taps o the m tal hammer

I th I w o th s uet ky (Lor ley trad A M Milan)

lower To scowl etc Earlier *low* app cogn with Du *loeren* to frown look askance Ger *lauern* to lie in wait (one sense of ME *lowren*) and with *lurk* Form and sen e have been affected by association with *low*¹

For had h la ghed h d h lowred

H moote ha b n l d voured

(Ch c. Hows f p m 1 409)

Th ky red and lowen g (E wlg rath t first aelun) (M R x 1 3)

loxodromic [naut.] Of oblique sailing From G *λαγος* oblique *δρομος* course

loyal F, L *legalis*, from *lex*, *leg-*, law Current sense, from feudalism, is not found in F. Cf *leal*

lozenge F *losange* (13 cent), app connected with OF *lauze*, roofing slate, Prov *lauza*, slab, tombstone, L *lapides lausiae* (1 cent), cf It *losanga*, Sp *losange* The origin of *lausiae* is unknown, but MedL *lausia* is also used for *alausa*, flat fish, and the analogy of *rhombus* suggests possible connection between shape of slab and that of a flat fish Orig term of hier and liter of arch, the cough lozenge being named from shape

losange of spyes *lo-ange* (Palsg)

L s d Initials of L *libiae*, *solidi*, *devarii*, whence F *lires*, *sous*, *deniers*

lubber Earliest (*Piers Ploum*) applied to lazy monks, cf obs *abley-lubber* Perh OF *lobeor*, deceive, parasite, from *lober*, Ger *loben*, to praise, but associated also with *lob*, *looby*, cf Du *lobbes*, "a clownish fellow" (Sewel) As a sailor's word, now usu *land-lubber*, from 16 cent Hence *lubberland*, land of Cockayne (cf Ger *schlaraffenland*)

cocag a as we say *lubberland* (Flor.)

lubra [Austral] Woman Orig Tasmanian Cf *gm*²

lubricate From L *lubricare*, from *lubricus*, slippery. Much earlier is *lubricity*, used by Chaucer for F *lubricité*, in sense now current

luce Pike (fish) OF *lus*, *lus*, L *lucius* ModF. has *brochet*, from *broche*, spike (cf E *pike*)

lucerne Clover F *luzerne*, ModProv *luzerno*, which also means glow-worm Origin obscure ? From glowing appearance of the flower

lucid F *lucide*, L *lucidus*, from *lux*, *luc-*, light *Lucid interval* is after L pl *lucida intervalla*, common in medieval works on lunacy

Lucifer Morning star L transl of G *φωσφόρος* Also applied, by mystical interpretation of Is xiv 12, to Satan Hence as proud as *Lucifer* Both above senses are in AS *Lucifer* *match* is a 19 cent. trade-name (cf *vesuvian*)

luck LG or Du *luk*, for *geluk*, cf Ger *glück*, MHG *gelücke* Prob introduced (15 cent) as gambling term, cf *gleck* and to try one's *luck* To cut one's *lucky*, make off, is 19 cent London slang

lucre F, L *lucrum*, gain *Filthy lucre* (Tit 1. 11) is Tynd's rendering of G. *αἰσχροπρεπὸς*

Lucretia. Pattern of chastity From victim of Sextus Tarquinius (Livy, 1 57-8).

lucubration L *lucubratio-n-*, from *lucubrare*, etym to work by lamp-light, from *lux*, *luc-*, light

Lucullian Of banquets such as those of L *Lucius Lucullus*, Roman epicure and great general (156 B.C.)

lucus a non lucendo Allusion to methods of early etymologists, who sometimes derived words from their opposites, e.g. *lucus*, a grove, from *lui*, because of its darkness

lud Minced pronunc of *lord* Use of barnster addressing judge

Luddite [hist] Machine-breaker in Midlands and north (1811-16) From Captain (King) Ludd, imaginary leader (? named as below) Cf *Captain Swing*, *Captain Moonlight*

A quarter of a century before, one Ned Ludd, a half-witted boy in a Leicestershire village, made himself notorious by destroying stocking-frames The Yorkshire noters chose to take a name from this poor creature

(Low & Pulling, *Dict of Eng Hist*)

ludicrous From L *ludicrus*, from *ludere*, to play

lues [med] Flow, discharge L, from *luere*, to loose

luff¹ [naut] To bring head of ship nearer wind From noun *luff*, ME *lof*, *loof*, F *lof* (in Wace, 12 cent), some contrivance for altering course of ship, cf Du *loef*, Norw Dan *lov*, Sw *lov*, etc, cf OHG. *laffa*, blade of oar, prob cogn with E dial *loof*, hand, cf L *palma*, flat hand, blade of oar

luff² [naut] Lieutenant (q.v.)

luffer See *louer*

lug¹, lugworm Used as bait In Antrim called *lurg*, *lurgan* Origin unknown

lug² Verb Cf Sw *lugga*, to pull hair, from *lugg*, forelock, which is perh the same as Sc *hug*, ear, earlier (15 cent) lappet, or "ear," of eap, ? cogn with AS *lucan*, to pull up (weeds), Goth *ustlukan*, to lug out (one's sword) Hence *luggage* (Shaks)

luge [Alp] Kind of sleigh Earlier *lege* (18 cent), *lige* (1518) Origin unknown

luggage See *lug*²

lugger Back-formation (late 18 cent) from *lugsail* (17 cent), ? for **luck-sail*, transl of F *voile de fortune*, cf obs E *bonaventure*, used of the same, or a similar, sail

lugsail *voile de fortune* (Lese)

lugubrious From *L. lu ubris* from *lug re* to mourn

Luke *St Luke's summer* spell of warm weather about *St Luke's Day* Oct 18

lukewarm From obs *luke* tepid ME *leuk* Cf *Du leuk* in same sense ME had also *lew* whence dial *lew uarm* from AS *leow* shelter lee cogn with Ger *lau* lukewarm O'N *hlyr* warm milk The relation of the two words is obscure Th u art l w (a lewk hlyr tepidus) da ther coold netha hoot (Wyc. Rn. i 26)

lull Impt Cf *Sw lulla* Dan *lulle* in same sense also *L. lulla* c See *Lolard* With *lullaby* cf *hushaby* and see *bye-bye*

lumbago *L.* from *lumbus* loin Cf *lumba* *L. lumbi*

lumber Earliest (MF *lommere*) is verb of clumsy blundering movement perh cogn with *lum* of which *lome* is a common MF var Later associated with *Lumber* Lombard *lumbe* *loi* is pawnbroker's shop regarded as store house of disused articles Cf *Lumber Street* (Pepys Sep 16 1669) for *Lombard Street* and see *Lombard* Amer sense of rough timber is recorded for 17 cent Thus *lumber* means orig trumpery with idea of unwieldiness due to association with unrelated verb For intrusive -b of verb Cf *slumber*

lumbriical Of or resembling in shape an earthworm *L. lumbrius*

luminous *L. luminus* v *L. luminosus* from *lumen* *lumin* light cogn with *lux*

lump Aggregation of no particular shape Nearest in sense are obs Dan *lur p* lump Norw & Sw dial *lump* block etc Cf *Du lump* rag Ger *lu ipen* rag Origin unknown

lump¹ Fth Also *lump-fish* Pr b from *lump¹* from uncouth shape but found in *Du* & LG earlier than in F

lump² Verb Now only (colloq) in contrast with *like* Orig (16 cent) to look sour and in early quotes u u c opl'd with *lower* (q v) from whi h it may have been coined after *lump grumb* etc

lunar *L. lunaris* from *luna* moon *Luna* c gai tic fused nitrate of silver & from *luna* silver (alch)

Sulphur dialsul sw threpe (Chs. G 820)

lunatic *L. lunaticus* Late *L. lunatus* from *luna* from bel of that lunatics were moon struck Abbreviated *loony* shows association with *loon¹*

lunch luncheon Both words are of same date (late 16 cent) and it is prob that *luncheon* was extended from *lunch* by analogy with *punch* con *trunch-con* Earliest sense of both is lump chunk (see quot sv *trunchcon*) and it is supposed that *lunch* may be for *lump* by analogy with *hump hunch* But it is curious that the word (*lunch*) first appears as a rendering of th (at that time) like sounding Sp *lonja* (V.L.D.) which is ult. l'nt with *luna* The date of appearance favours its origin

lu' a de'oe a lu ch of b on (Pe cyval)

lup *Lup* x g bbet alu her (Hollyband 180)

lundyfoot Snuff From *Lundy Foot* Dublin tobacco snuff (18 cent)

lure (*arsale*) Lure for hawk MF *lure* *loyne* O' *loi ne* (l'ng) Late *L. long* length of cord

lunette (fort) F dim of *line* moon of half moon in similar sense

lure AS *luring* Cf *Du long* Ger *lure* O' *lure* a ult cogn with *light* Cf *lure* and Port *lure* long

It was s y g of Lord Chatham th t th prk wre th l g of London

(W. d. m. l. H. of C. 180)

lunge¹ Long tether for training horses to gallop in circle F *lunge* halter as *lunge* (q v)

lunge² In fencing Aphet for earlier *lunge* *clonge* from F *allong* to lengthen stretch out from *long*

at ap eorthu twth xpi (Job)

lunkah St ong cheroot Hind *la* As name of islands in Godavery Delta where tobacco is grwn

Lupercal (As) Roman festival *L. Lupercal* from *Lupercus* priests of wine turn of nature wars up lit well expellers from *ar* to keep distant

lupine lupin Plant *L. lupinus* from *lup* wolf ? or from G *lupos* pool altered by *l* l'ety m

lupus Skin disease *L. wolf* Cf *can* et *wulf* *ul*

lurch¹ leave in the From obs game *lurch* supposed to have resembled back game of F *lunche* Cf *It lurch* l'et from G *lud* h x as in *lure* d n t be discomfited in a game *W.H.C. for lurch* left the left hand being emblematic of bad luck (cf *l'ister*) *Lurch* is recorded c 1330

But to *leave in the lash*, copiously recorded some years earlier than to *leave in the lurch*, suggests some connection with F *lâcher*, to let go, as in ModF *lâcher un ami*, to leave a friend in the lurch. See also *lurch*². Prob. two words have amalgamated. Ger *im stich lassen*, to leave in the lurch, is from *stich* in sense of score in card-playing. I'll play still, come out what will, I'll never give over i' the lurch (*Misogonus*, II 4, c 1550).

*lurch*² Roll to one side. Orig. naut. and recorded as *lee-larch* (Falc.), which is for earlier *lee-latch* (v 1), app. from F *lâcher*, to let go, VL **lariarc*, from *laxus*. Cf. also naut. *lask*, to go large, representing the OF form (*laschier*) of the same verb. As used of gait, partly due to archaic *lurch*, to prowl, whence *lurcher* (q v).

lee latch when he who conds would bid the man at helm to look that the ship does not go to leeward of her course, he bids him have a care of the lee-latch (*Sea Dict* 1708).

lurcher From archaic *lurch*, to prowl about, whlch, in later (but now obs.) sense of forestalling, is associated with *lurch*¹. Supposed to be a var. of *lurk* (q v).

lurcher one that lies upon the lurch, or upon the catch, also a kind of dog used in hunting (Kersey).

lurdan [archaic] Lout, sluggard. OF *lourdin*, from *lourd*, heavy, cf. ModF *lourdaut*.

lourdaut a sot, dunce, dullard, grotnoll, jobernoll, blockhead, a lowt, lob, luske, boorc, clowne, churle, clusterfist, a proud, ignorant, and unmannliche swaune (Cotg).

lure F *leurre*, "a (faulkoners) lure" (Cotg), MHG *luoder* (*luder*), bait. Orig. of enticement to hawk to return.

O for a falconer's voice, To lure this tassel gentle back again (*Rom & Jul* II 2).

lurid L *luridus*, yellowish, wan, cogn. with G *χλωρός*. As is common in colour-words the sense has changed considerably, e.g. in *lurid light* (*language*).

lurid pale, wan, black, and blew (Blount).

lurk ? Frequent of *lour*, with suffix as in *walk*.

luscious ME *lucius*, var. of *licius*, aphet. for *delicious*. Sense affected by association with *lush*¹.

*lush*¹ Adj. As applied to grass, etc., a reminiscence of Shaks. (v 1). App. for ME and dial. *lash*, flaccid, F *lâche*, L *laxus*. For change of vowel cf. *lurch*².

lasch, or *to fresh*, *onsavery* vapidus, insipidus (*Prompt. Parv.*).

lush, or *slak* *laxus* (ib.).

How lush and lusty the grass looks (*Temp* II 1).

*lush*² [slang] Drink. First in slang dict. of late 18 cent. ? Shelia *lush*, to cat and drink.

The commander of the forces expects that no man will remain, on any pretence whatever, in the rear, with the *lush* (*Charles O'Malley*, ch. ev).

Lushington [slang] Thirsty person. "The City of Lushington was a convivial society which met at the Harp, Russell St, up to 1895, and claimed to be 150 years old" (abridged from *NED*). If this claim is correct, *lush*² may be abbreviated from *Lushington*, but it is more probable that the selection of the name *Lushington* was determined by *lush*².

And, after all, when a chaplain is named Lushington (E. V. Lucas).

Lusitanian Of *Lusitania*, L. name of Portugal.

lust AS *lust*, pleasure, delight, enjoyment. Com. Teut., cf. Du. Ger. *lust*, ON *loste*, Goth. *lustus*, cogn. with *hst*², *lustless*. Current sense, peculiar to E., is due to *lusts of the flesh*, in early use to render L. *concupiscentia carnis* (1 John, II 16). Hence *lusty*, which has run through a series of senses, beginning with joyful (cf. Ger. *lustig*) and ending with burly.

Thou haddist lust in this lyfe, and Lazar payne (Wyc.).

lustration Purification. L. *lustratio-n*, from *lustrum*, purificatory sacrifice every five years after census, from *luere*, to wash, cogn. with *lavare*. *Lustrum*, period of five years, is secondary sense.

*lustre*¹ Brightness. F., from L. *lustrare*, to shine, cogn. with *lux*, light. Sense of chandelier is current. F. meaning Cf. *lutestring*, *illustrious*.

*lustre*² Space of five years. F., L. *lustrum*. See *lustration*.

lustring See *lutestring*.

lusty See *lust*.

*lute*¹ Instrument. OF *lut* (*luth*), It. *luto*, Arab. *al'ūd*, lit. the (aloe) wood. Turk. for lute is *ūd*. Cf. Sp. *laud*, Port. *alaude*, also Du. *lut*, Ger. *laute*.

It is the little rift within the lute (Tennyson, *Merlin and Vivien*, 240).

*lute*² Clay for caulking, etc. F. *lut*, L. *lutum*, from *luere*, to wash down.

luteous Deep orange colour. From L. *luteus*, from *lutum*, a yellow dye-plant.

lutestring Folk-etym. for *lustring*, F. *lust-trime*, It. *lustrino*, as *lustre*¹ (q v).

lustring, or *lutestring* a sort of silk (Kersey).

Lutetian Of Paris *L. Lutetia Parisiorum*
Lutheran From *Marlus Luther* (†1546)
 Orig equivalent to Protestant now limited
 to spec doctrines The name isident with
 Γ *luthair* OHC *Illut hēr* famous army
luxation Dislocation F *L. luvatio* n from
luxa e from *luxus* from G *lafoe* askew
 cf Γ *luuche* s jointing
luxury AF *luxuria* L *luxuria* from *luxus*
 abundance Earliest I sense is that of
 lasciviousness as in Rom lings which
 exp css neutral E sense by derivatives of
 L *luxus* cf ModF here luxury *luxe*
 lust etc
luxu is I hen I t u el anness (Ile I xu is
 (Flor)

LXX Abbrev for *S plusant* (q v)
ly AS *lie* to form nouns and adjs *lie*
 to form advs Id nt with *lie* (q v) and
 cogn with *lick* in *liehgate* cf Du *lyh* Ger
lich Sw Norw Dan *lig* (from ON *lihr*)
 Goth *leiks* It is curious that Teut uses
 body for the adv formation while Rom
 uses mind eg F *constamment* = L
constanti mente

lyam hound [archaic] See *lime hound*
lycanthropy Insanity in which patient be-
 lieves himself a wolf G *Λυκανθρωπία* a from
 λ or wolf & *θρωπος* man Cf *werewolf*

lyceum L G A *Λύκειον* garden where ins-
 titute taught at Athens adjacent to temple
 of Apollo one of whose epithets was
 Λυκος For lat r senses cf *academy*
atheneaeum Hence Γ *lyce* public school

lych See *lick*
lychns Plant L G λ *χνς* some red
 flower from λ *χνος* lamp

lycopodium Plant lit wolf foot See *ly-*
canthropy & *spod*

lydd Invented by Turpin and first tested
 (c 1888) at Lydd Kent

Lydford law See *law* From *Lydford* (Dart-
 moor) where was held a Stannaries Court
 of summary jurisdiction Mentioned in
Piers Plowm

Lydford law is t h g men first a d d t th m
 afterward (B unt)

Lydian Of *Lydia* kingdom of Croesus in
 Asia Minor Applied in G to a mode of
 music regarded as effeminate

lye AS *līag* Com Teut cf Du *loog* Ger
luge ON *liu* cogn with *laker*

lyke wake [archaic] Watch over dead body
 See *lich wake*

lymph L *lymphā* water colourless fluid

altered from *lympha* o me to a l gendary
 connection with *lymph* Hen e *lymphat* c
 ong frenzied mad but now applied to
 the sluggish t mperament supposed to re-
 sult from excess of lymph in tissues

lynch law Earlier (1817) *Lynch's law* Con-
 nection with *Charles Lyn* h a Virginian
 justice of the peace indemnified (182) for
 having summarily imprisoned certain per-
 sons s conjectal only Another and
 more likely suggestion is that the phrase
 comes from *Lynch's Creek* (S Carolina)
 which is known to have been a meeting
 place of the Regulators as early as 1768
 This would make the phrase parallel to
Lydford law *Jeddart justice* (cf to *shan*
har)

lynx L G λ *γξ* cogn with AS *lox* Du
los Ger *luchs* anl prob with G λ *σ*
 to see Earliest records (v1) allude to
 keenness of sight Hence *lynx* sharp
 sighted

A best th t meo lyn call
 Th t m y s th rgh t e walls (VED 34)

lyon In *Iyon King of frns* chief herald of
 Scotland in allusion to lion on shield

lyre Γ L *lyra* al o the name of a con-
 stellation G λ *πα* Hence *lyric*-al ong
 poetry to be sung to the lyre

M For 1000 Init of L *mille* thousand But
 ong for symbol CID (see D) an alteration
 of the G φ

ma 19 cent abbrev of *maison* (q v)
ma'am For *madam* (q v) Cf US (school)
marin and Anglo-Ind *mem sahib*

Mac Facet for Scotsman Gael Ir as-
 son cogn with Welsh *ap* (earlier *map*)
 See also *maist*

macabre F earlier *macabré* in *dance Ma-*
cabré (14 cent) dance of death App
 corrupt of *Maccabreus* cf Medi *clorea*
Ma Sabatorum (15 cent) dance of death

L d' d t t r les Danes ma bres est l m me
 c t l égal té d s hommes dev t la mort l
 ni élien té d c m té é appliq é x téras tes
 lufé l té d l le (P l é de baint V tor)

macaco Monkey Port from native name
 (Congo) Hence Γ *macaque*
macadam Road paving introduced by J. L.
McAdam (†1836)

macaroni It. *maccheroni* (*naccaroni* in Fl r)
 pl of *macche* o e Old doubtful origin perh
 from obs It doubtful to p and Hence
macaro 18th cent blood belonging
 to *Macaroni Club* (v1) and professing con

tempt for native cooking *Macaronic poetry*, usu jargonized Latin, was invented (1517) by Merlinus Cocceus (Teofilo Folengo), who likened his work to the culinary macaroni

The Macaroni Club, which is composed of all the travelled young men who wear long curls and spying-glasses (H Walpole)

macaroon F *macaron*, It *maccherone* (vs) macartney Pheasant From *Earl Macartney* (†1806)

macassar Oil from *Manghasara*, district in Celebes, one of the Philippines Cf *anti-macassar*

macaw Port *macao*, for Tupi (Brazil) *macaiana* The form is prob due rather to some fancied connection with *Macao*

macaw-palm Of Carib origin, cf *macoya*, *mocaya*, its name in Guiana

maccaboy, maccabaw, mackabaw Snuff From *Maccuba*, in Martinique

mace¹ Weapon F *masse*, VL **maltea*, whence L *malicola*, mallet, cf It *mazza*, "a clubbe" (Flor), Sp *maza* In House of Commons as symbol of authority

mace² Spice, husk of nutmeg False sing from ME *macis*, F, L *macis*, recorded only in Plautus, and prob invented by him

macédoine Mixed dish F, lit Macedonia, ? from empire of Alexander being regarded as a miscellaneous collection

macerate From L *macerare*, to steep, ? cf G *μάσσω*, to steep Sense of fasting app due to association with L *macer*, thin

machete, matchet Heavy WInd cutlass Sp, dim of *macho*, hammer, L *marculus*

Machiavellian Of Niccolò Machiavelli (†1527), of Florence, author of *Il Principe*

machucolation [arch] From F *machucoulis*, aperture for dropping melted lead, etc, on assailants of castle Second clement app as in *portucullis* (qv), first doubtful

machine F., L *machina*, G *μηχανή*, from *μήχος*, contrivance, ult cogn with *may* In all Rom & Teut langs Earliest (15 cent) as verb, to contrive, plot, as F *machiner*. For extended senses cf. *engine* The party machine is from US politics. *Machine-gun*, "an invention of the Devil" (Sir Ian Hamilton), is recorded for 1890

-machy G *-μαχία*, from *μάχεσθαι*, to fight mackerel OF *maquerel* (*maquereau*) Prob ident with F *maquereau*, pander, from a popular belief as to the habits of the fish ? The latter ult from OFris *mek*, marriage

mackinaw [US] Blanket, etc Name of island between Lakes Huron and Michigan mackintosh Waterproof cloth patented (1823) by Charles Mackintosh The name means son of thethane

macle [mun] Dark spot, twin crystal. F, L *macula*, spot

macramé Turk *maqrāma*, towel, napkin macrocosm F *macrocosme* (c 1200), MedL., G *μακρός*, great, long, *κόσμος*, world, coined on the earlier *microcosm* (qv)

mactation L *mactatio*-n-, from *mactare*, to slay

maculate From L *maculare*, from *macula*, spot

mad AS *mād*, only in compd *mādmōd*, folly, so that the mod word is rather aphet for AS *gemād*, shortened from *gemāded*, pp of an unrecorded verb Cf hist of *fat*, and perh of *bad* Cogn with OHG *gameit*, foolish, Gotli *gamaitis*, crippled, and ult with L *mutare*, to change The usual AS adj was *wōd*, whence obs. *wood* (v1), which is one origin of the name *Wood* With *madman* cf *focman*, *freshman*, *nobleman* With *madcap*, first in Shaks (*Love's Lab Lost*, II 1), cf obs *fuddlecap*, *huffcap* Far from the madding crowd (Gray's *Elegy*) is usu misunderstood as maddening, whereas it means raving The line is imitated from Drummond of Hawthornden (v1)

Festus with greet vois seyde, Poul, thou maddist, or weixist wood (Wyc *Acts*, xxvi 24)

Far from the madding worldling's hoarse discords (Sonnet, *Dear Wood*)

madame F, orig *ma dame*, my lady, L *ma domina* The earliest E example (13 cent.) is in addressing a queen, the word, in its gradual descent to 'm, never having quite lost its suggestion of respect

madder, AS *mædere*, cogn with ON *mathra*, cf Du *mede*, *nec* (in compd. *meckrap*)

madira Winc from *Madeira Islands*, named from timber, Port *maderira*, L *materia*, because formerly thickly wooded *Madera cake* perh from being orig flavoured with the winc

mademoiselle. F., orig. *ma demoiselle* See *damsel*

madia Plant of sunflower tribe From Chilian *madí*

madonna It., orig. *ma* (mia) *donna* As *madame* (qv)

madrasah Mohammedan college. Arab *madrasah*, from *darasa*, to study.

madrepore Coral F *madrēpore* It *madrepora* from *madre* mother and a second element which may be from L. *porus* pore or C *poros* calcareous stone

madrigal F It *madrigale* perh from L. *matricale* from *mater* *matr* mother 'A song in the mother tongue

Maecenas Liberal patron From name of friend of Augustus and patron of Horace and Virgil

Mais sans n *Mécén* à quoi sert un A gust ? (Boil.)

maelstrom Du *maelstrom* earlier *maelstrom* whirlpool from *mahn* to grind (cogn with Ger *mahlen* and ult with L. *molere*) and *strom* stream Apphed by 16 cent Du geographers to the famous whirlpool on the west coast of Norway and adopted as a literary word by the Scand langs

maenad Bacchante L G *μαινας* *μαιναδ-* from *μαι* *σβα* to rave Cf *μαινα*

maestro [mæstr] It *maestro*

maestro [mæstr] It L *maister* master maffick Back formation from *maffickin* applied to wild rejoicing at relief (May 1900) of *Mafek* N Sife besieged by Boers and defended by Bad n Powell Revived in connection with the scenes that disgraced London in Nov 1918

We trust C po Town will maffick to-d y (two m yoon a word) (Full Maf Ga M y s 1900)

mafia Sicilian lawlessness gen understood as name of secret society Origin unknown

Mag Short for *Magaret* as in *m g p e* whence *m* to chatter With *Ma s* (M g s) d te stons of earlier *Mag s* tiles the name being used as a generic term for a rough and boisterous woman (but see also *Me*)

magazine F *magasin* It *magazzino* (cf Sp *magacen*) Arab *makd* in pl of *makham* store-house from *akha* *am* to store up Sp *almacen* Port *armas* keep the Arab def art Ong warehouse then arsenal etc For adoption of Arab word due to the naut power of the Moors in Middle Ages cf *arsenal* Sense of publication appears first in 17 cent apphed to store houses of techn information on mil or nav subjects The *Gentleman's Magazine* (1731) wa. the first periodical *magazine*

A monthly collection to treasure p a i a magical the most remarkable pieces on the subject also mention d (Gent Mag 1 1 ed)

Magdalen-e Mary *Ma daven* G M γαδάλην of *Magdala* near Sea of Galilee (L ke viii 2) regarded as ident with the sinner (Luke vii 37) See *maudlin* Th *NED* records the word in the sense of hospital refuge from c 1600 only but the name of *Nicholas de Maudelevne* (Talbot Rolls c 1300) points to its existence much earlier

mage F see *ma*

magenta Aniline dye discovered just after battle of *Magenta* (1859) where Au trans were defeated by French (1859)

maggot Metath perh due to association with name *Ma* (see *ma pie*) of ME *madok* dun of AS *matha* worm *maggot* com with Du Ger *mate* See *maukish* *Maggot* (whom) is the head belongs to the old belief in internal parasites as cause of mental or bodily disturbance cf *mull* *grubs* and similar use of Ger *grille* grass hopper (see quot s v bee)

magi Pl of L *magi* C *magos* OPers *magus* member of priestly caste *mag* *ian* The three *magi* are mentioned in *Pur s* *Pham* and *Simon Magus* by Chauc. It is curious to note that Pers *magh* is now used of a taverner the sense of Zoroastrian priest having become contemptuous under the Arabs

magic F *magique* (adj) Late L C *magus* (sc *magus*) from *magos* See *magi* *Nat rat mag e* as opposed to *black magi* was used in ME almost in sense of natural science *Magic lantern* appears first in F *lanterne magique* (*laterna magica*) in 17 cent

magip See *megip*

magisterial ModL *magisterialis* from *mag* *ter* *mag* r double compar from *magistr* *magistrate* L *magister* *mag* *ter* orig office of *mag* *trate* from *magister* *magna* [grat] Cru te pasty matter G from *mag* *ter* to knead

magnanimous From L *ma* *na* *im* *ni* from *ma* *n* *is* *g* ext *animus* soul

magnate Late L *mag* *nas* *magnat* from *mag* *nas* great Adopted also as spec title in Pol t Hong

magnesia ModL G *Μαγνησία* district in Thessaly Applied to the lodestone (cf *mag* *net*) and to a mineral perh man ganese supposed by alchemist to be an ingredient of the philosophic stone Hence *mag* *net* *stone* by analogy with other chem. words in *sum*

magnet OF *magnete*, or L *magres*, *magnet-*, G μάγνης, Magnesian stone (v s) In most Europ langs, but replaced in F by *aimant*, adamant *Magnetism*, in hypnotic sense, is due to Mesmer

Magnificat L, magnifies, init word of Virgin's hymn (Luke, i 16-55) Cf *Benedictus*, *Sancus*, etc

magnificence F, L *magnificentia*, from *magnus*, great, *facere*, to do

magnifico Honorary title of Venet mag-nate (v s)

magniloquent From L *magniloquus*, from *loqui*, to speak

magnitude L *magnitudo*, from *magnus*, great, cogn with G, μέγας, and ult. with *much*

magnolia From *Pierre Magnol* (†1715), professor of botany at Montpellier. Cf *fuchsia*, *dahlia*, etc

magnum Two-quart bottle L *magnum*, neut adj Cf *magnum bonum*, plum, potato, steel pen, also earlier in the bottle sense

A magnum bonum of very palatable claret (Hickey's *Memoirs*, i 132)

magpie From *pie*¹ (q v) with name *Mag* prefixed Formerly also *Meg-*, *Maggot-*, etc Cf F *magot*, magpie, E *robin red-breast*, *dicky bird*, *jackdaw*, etc The magpie at rifle practice is signalled with a black and white disk

pie a pyc, pyannat, meggatapie (Cotg)

magus See *magi*

Magyar People and lang of Hungary From native name, prob meaning mountain-dwellers, the race coming from the Ural The lang belongs to the Uralo-Finnic group

maharajah Hind, Sanskrit *mahārājā*, great king, cogn with L *magnus rex*

mahatma Sanskrit *mahātman*, from *mahā*, great (v s), *ātman*, soul First NED records in connection with Madame Blavatsky

mahdi Arab *mahdī*, passive part of *hadā*, to lead aright Applied to Soudan insurgent leader c 1880, but in earlier use in sense of Mohammedan Messiah

The test of the validity of the claims of a Mahdi is always held by his followers to reside in his success (*Morn Post*, Feb 13, 1918)

mahistick See *maulstick*

mahogany Earlier (1671) *mohogeney*, described as from Jamaica Of obscure Wind origin In several Europ langs

but F. has *acajou*, from Port (Brazil), and Sp. *caoba*, from Carib

Mahometan From *Mahomet*, early popular form of Arab *Muhammad*, cf F. *maometan*. Now usu replaced by *Mohammedan* Earlier still (13 cent) the prophet was called *Mahoun*(d) from OF, shortened form *Mahon*. Cf also obs *maumet*, idol, doll

mahout Elephant-driver Hind *māhūwat*, Sanskrit *mahā-mātra*, lit great in measure, hence, high officer Cf. *mahatma*

Mahratti [ling] Lang of the Mahrattas, a form of Hindi

mahseer Fish Hind *māhāsīr*, ? Sanskrit *mahā sīras*, big head

We are now compelled, if we would catch fish, to seek tarpon in Florida, mahseer in India

(Andrew Lang)

maid, maiden *Maid* is shortened from *maiden*, AS *mæġden*, girl, virgin, cogn. with OHG *magaſin* (replaced by dim. *mādehen*). With AS *mægth*, which did not survive, cf Ger *magd*, Goth *magaths* All these words are fem derivatives of an OTeut word for boy, which appears in AS *magu*, child, son, ON. *mögr*, Goth *magus*, ?ult cogn with Gael *mac* Both *maid* and *maiden* were early applied to the Holy Virgin, and the spec sense of virgin survives in *old maid*, *maiden aunt*, as fig in *maiden over (speech)* In ME both are used also of an unmarried man For *maidenhead* cf *Godhead* With *maiden*, the old Se guilotine, cf *Scavenger's daughter* With *maiden-hair* (fern) cf synon Dan *jomfruhair*, Icel *Freyjuhār* (see *Friday*), L *capillus Venenis* (Pseudo-Apuleius)

I woot wel that the Apostel was a mayde (Chauc D 79)

maeutic Socratic method of extracting truth G μαευτικός, lit obstetric, used fig by Socrates, from *maia*, midwife

mail¹ Armour F *maille*, L *macula*, spot, mesh, applied to chain-armour *Mailed fist* translates Ger *gepanzerter faust*

Fahre darein mit gepanzerter faust (Kaiser Wilhelm II, Dec 16, 1897)

mail² Bag, now esp for letters ME *malc*, OF (*malle*, trunk), OHG *mahala*, leather bag, whence also It Sp *mala* The postal *mail* dates from 17 cent Hence also *mail-convoy*, -steamer, carrying the mail

development of this word of

maul¹ Payment rent etc Now only *Se* etc in *blackmail* (see *black*) ON *mal* speech agreement Com Teut cf AS *marhel* meeting OHG *mahal* assembly treaty Goth *maht* meeting place

maum ME also *mahaym maynle* etc OF *mesma¹ nier mahaignier* from adj *mehaign* mutilated cf It *maio ca* Second element as in *barren* (q v) first doubtful if *ma* is orig it represents L *minus* used as pejorative prefix For final *m* of L word cf *program tellum* etc

maun¹ Strength Now only in *maht* and *main amain* AS *magen* strength cogn with *may* might and with OHG *ma¹ an* ON *magn*

main¹ Adj Partly evolved from compds of *main¹* partly from cogn ON adj *meignu me n* strong Orig sense appears in *main force* which would appear how ever to owe something to association with F *main forte* strong hand (v i) Esp common in mil and naut lang e g *main body main guard mainmast mainsail* So also *mainland* ON *iegunland* sometimes reduced to *main* as in Spanish *Vain* S Amer coast from Panama to Orinoco Cf mod use of *main* (pipe for gas etc.) In the *main* perh o es something to F *en moyenne* (OF *meienne*) on the average and even *mainmast* also (c 1600) *meane mast* suggests association with the same word cf Ger *mitte* *ast* and see *mean* The *main chance* is orig from *main²* but is now apprehended in the sense of *main¹* Spl cry *like ma nbrace* partaking of grog perh refers to the strengthening, influence of good liquor Fls use of *mainstay* is one of our numerous naut metaphors

a main fort by main force or great power with *maht* and *maine* (Cotgr)

main Term at hazard cock fighting match Its regular association with *by* suggests that it is a spec use of *main²* (cf *main road* *by road*) In the cock fighting s n o it appears to approach in sense *battle royal*

Alw ys h ve an eye t the main whatsoever t u a t han ed at th by (E p 1402)

There will be by b titles A d in th afternoon will begin th main match (VED 1716)

maintain F *n* *intener* from L *man tenē* to hold with the hand cf It *mantenere* Sp *manitener* Oldest I sense is to back up def nd The on significance of the

last cap of *mainenance* unknown It was al o called *cap of estate* (d gntv)

maize Sp *maiz* earlier *maiz* from (uban dial prob ident with Guiana *marisi* Carib *marichi* cf F *maïs* earlier *m hie*

majesty F *majesté* L *majestas* cogn with *major* greater Earliest sense in E the greatness of God Your Majesty is a L construction common to the Rom langs and adopted from them by the Teut Lp to time of James I it was in competition with *Grace* and *H ghness* as royal titl

major ca It from *Mayo ca* early name of *Majorca* Bal aric I lands Named from being the larger island cf *Minorca* ModSp *mayor* is *Majorca*

major L compar of *magn* is its relation to which is obscure Much less used than *minor* As mil title via F *major* for *sergent major* orig used of higher rank than at present cf *major general* (see *general*) *Major domo* is adapted from Sp *mayordomo* MedL *ma* or *domus* mayor of the palace under the Merovingians See *mayor* To go over to the *major ty* to de is L *ad re ad f res*

D th joins t th gr t to joint (Young)

majuscule F L *mayuscula* (see *little a*) dim of *major* *capus* greater

make AS *maian* WGer cf Du *maken* Ger *machen* Ong sense perh to render suitable cf Ger *gemach* (adj) suitable (noun) room AS *gemaca* fellow equal (see *mal h*) *Made* is contr of *mak de* (cf Ger *ma hie*) Senses correspond to those senses of L *facere* F *faire* which are not provided by *do* and many phrases in which *make* is used are directly translated from F e g to *make bed* etc (*faire cro re*) to *make one's way* (*faire son chen n*) to *make as tho gh* (*faire comme si*) In to *make bold* (*oser*) the reflex is omitted On the *make* is US I or archaic *make him* breeder of stifle cf m h *shif* *misweight make peace* (no v only as surname)

Malacca cane From *Valacca* in Malay peninsula Cf *Penang* I *nye*

malachite F ult from G *mal* *xy* mallow from colour

M lochite I green stone and hath that n m of th colour f a es (Tre)

malacology Study of molluscs From C *malakos* soft

maladro t F from *mal* *adro t* (q v)

malady F *maladie* from m la Late L

male habitus, for *male habens*, rendering G ακῶς ἔχων Cf F *avoir mal* (*aux dents*, etc.)

Centurionis autem cujusdam servus male habens, erat moriturus (*Vulg Luke*, vii 2)

Malaga In South of Spain Hence wine, raisins

Malagasy People and lang of *Madagascar*, cf F *Malgache* Perh cogn with *Malay*

malander, mallender [*vet*] Eruption behind knee of horse F *malandre*, L *malandria* Cf *sallender*

malapert [*archaic*] OF, from *mal apert*, opposite of *apert*, able, expert (see *pert*) The sense is rather that of OF *malappris*, ill taught For formation of *maladroit*, *malcontent*

malapropism Verbal confusion From Mrs *Malaprop* (from F *mal à propos*, ill to the purpose) in Sheridan's *Rivals* (1775), who indulges in such phrases as *derangement of epithets* for *arrangement of epithets*

malaria It *mal' aria*, for *mala aria*, bad air Both quots below are from letters written at Rome

A horrid thing called the "mal'aria," that comes to Rome every summer and kills one (H Walpole)

I want to go to Naples for fear of the heats and bad air arriving (*ib*)

Malay [*lng*] The lingua franca of the Eastern archipelago Orig a Polynesian lang, but now saturated with Arab (the script of which it has adopted), with strong Pers & Hind elements also

Malayalam [*lng*] Dravidian lang of Malabar

malcontent OF *malcontent* (replaced by *mécontent*), cf *maladroit*, *malapert*

male F *mâle*, OF *masle*, L *maseulus*, dim of *mas*, male

malediction Learned form of *malison* (q v)

malefactor L, from *male facere*, to do ill Replaced ME *maissetour*, *mausfetour*, from OF Cf *maleficent*, from L *maleficus*

malevolent From L *male*, ill, *volens*, *volent-*, pres part of *velle*, to wish Cf *benevolent*

malfeasance [*leg*] F *malfeasance*, from *mal-faire*, to do ill (see *malefactor*)

malic [*chem*] F *malique*, from L *malum*, apple

malice F, L *malitia*, from *malus*, bad To bear malice is after F *porter malice* (Palsg)

Nothing extenuate, Nor ought set down in malice (*Oth v 2*)

malign-ant From L *malignus*; cf *benign*. Current sense of *to malign* is for ME *to malign against* Application of *Malignant* to royalists (1641-60) is from earlier theol sense as in *churche malignant*, i.e. of Anti-Christ

Odlvi ecclesiam malignantium [*AV* of evil doers] (*Vulg Ps. xiv 5*)

malinger Back-formation from *malingerer*, app corrupt of OF *malingreur*, formerly used of beggar with artificial sores, from *malingre*, sickly, "sore, scabbie, oughie, loathsome" (*Cotg*), of unknown origin.

malingerer a military term for one who, under pretence of sickness, evades his duty (*Grose*)

malison [*archaic*] OF *malison*, L *maledictio-n-*, from *maledicere*, to curse Cf *benison*

malikin, mawkin Dim of *Maud*, ME. *Malke*, *Matilda*, also of *Mal* (*Moll*), *Mary* Archaic and dial for slut (*Cor ii 1*), hence, also mop, scarecrow (*Adam Bede*, ch vi) Cf *grimalkin* and see *scullion*

Malkyn, or *maule*, *propyr* name Matildis (*Prompt Parv*)

mall yn, or *ovyn suepyr* dorsorium, tersorium (*ib*)

mall F *mail*, mallet, L *malleus* (see *maul*). From implement used in playing *mall* or *ball-mall* (q v) Hence applied to shaded walk where game was orig played, cf F *mail*, in same sense, e.g. Anatole France's *L'Orme du Mail*, the elm-tree on the mall The Mall in St James's Park was made after the older *Pall Mall* had been built over

The mall [at Tours] without comparison is the noblest in Europe Here we play'd a party or two (*Evelyn*)

Here a well-polish'd mall gives us the joy
To see our Prince his matchless force employ
(Waller, *On St James's Park as lately improved by His Majesty*, 1668)

Mallaby-Deeleys [*neol*] Clothes From Mr *Mallaby-Deeley*, M.P., who inaugurated (Mar 1920) a great scheme to supply clothes at reasonable prices See *Punch*, Mar 10, 1920

mallard F *malart*, ? orig proper name, OHG *Madal-hart*, strong in the coucil (see *maif*) The form *maudelard* occurs in ME The appellation of proper names to birds (*guillemot*, *parrot*, etc.) goes back to pre-historic folk-lore Cf also *renard* But Walloon *marlart* points rather to connection with *male*, OF *masle* becoming *marle* in Walloon

manacle OF *manicle*, L *manicula*, dim of *manica*, sleeve, etc, from L *manus*, hand
 manage Orig to handle and train horses
 It *maneggiare*, from *maro*, hand Cf obs noun *manage*, horsemanship, F *manège*, "the manage, or managing of a horse" (Cotg). It *maneggio*, the Italians being in 16 cent, as now, the trick-riders of Europe and the instructors of young E nobles on the grand tour Later senses of the word have been affected by OF *menage*, direction, from *mener*, to lead (e g to *manage a business*), and still more by F *ménage* (q v), housekeeping, *ménager*, to economize Dryden repeatedly uses *manage* in the exact sense of *ménager* To *manage* (contrive) to is 18 cent (*Trist Shandy*, v 17)

It is the peculiar praise of us Italians to manage with reason, especially rough horses (*NED* c 1560)
 Speak terms of manage to thy bounding steed

(1 *Hen IV*, ii 3)

manatee Cetacean, dugong Sp *manatí*, Carib *manaitouí* Cf OF *manat* (replaced by *lamantin*).

manat a monstrous Indian fish that resembles an ox (Cotg)

Manchester school [*hist*] Applied denisively by Disraeli (1848) to the Cobden-Bright group, which considered that the whole duty of man was to buy in the cheapest market and sell in the dearest

Niggard throats of Manchester may bawl

(Tennyson)

manchet [*archaic*] Small loaf Orig bread of the finest quality Var *manchet* suggests possible connection with obs *mane*, in same sense, apht for (*pain*) *demaïne*, lord's bread, L *panis dominicus* Or it may be from an unrecorded AF **demanchet*, cf F *dimanche*, L *dominica*

manchette F, dim of *manche*, sleeve, L *manica*, from *manus*, hand

manchineel Wind tree Earlier *mancinell* (Capt John Smith), F *maneenille*, Sp *manzanilla*, from *manzana*, OSp *mazana*, L *Malina* (sc *poma*, *mala*), kind of apple, named from the *Malva* gens

Manchu Mongol race which (1646) overthrew the native (Ming) dynasty of China

maniciple College purveyor (Oxf & Camb) OF *maniciple*, *manicpe* (cf *participle*), L *mancipium*, orig purchase, acquisition, from *manus*, hand, *capere*, to take, hence chattel, slave (cf *emancipate*)

A gentl maunciple was ther of a temple

(Chauc A 567)

Mancunian Of *Manchester*, MedL *Man-cunium*

-maney OF *-manere*, Late L, G *μανερα*, divination

mandamus [*leg*] L, we command Init word of (orig royal) writ to enforce performance of some public duty

mandarin Port *mandarin*, Malay *mantri*, Hind *mantri*, Sanskrit *mantrin*, counsellor, from *mantra*, counsel, from root *man*, to think For non-Chin origin cf *joss*, *junk* Chin title is *Kwan Mandarin*, orange, F *mandarine*, is prob allusive to bright yellow robes of mandarins For current sense of pompous official cf *alguazil*, *sahap*

The mandarins of the Foreign Office

(*Daily Chron* Nov 21, 1917).

mandate L *mandatum*, pp neut of *mandare*, to command, from *manus*, hand, *dare*, to give Cf *maundy* Pol sense is after F *mandat*

mandible OF (*mandibule*), L *mandibula*, from *mandere*, to chew

mandolin F *mandoline*, It *mandolino*, dim of *mandola*, for *mandora* ? Cogn with obs *bandore* See *banyo*

mandragore AS *mandragora*, Late L, G *μανδραγόρας* *Mandrake*, ME *mandragge*, is a shortened form, prob altered on *man* and *drake*, dragon, the plant being supposed to resemble the human form and to have magic powers *Mandragora*, cause of forgetting, is after *Oth* iii 3

Ruben goon out in tyme of whcet hervest into the feeld, fond mandraggis [Coverd *mandragoras*]

(*Vyc Gen* xxx 14)

mandrel In various mech senses Corrupt of F *mandrin*, of doubtful origin, ? ult cogn with L *manphur*, for **mandar*, part of a turner's lathe

mandrill Baboon App from *man* and *drill*, baboon The latter is prob a WAfr word *dril* a large over-grown ape, or baboon (Blount)

manducate [*thcol*] To eat From L *manducare* See *mange*

mane AS *manu* Com Teut, cf Du *manen* (pl), Ger *mähne*, ON *mön* Orig neck, cf Sanskrit *manyā*, nape of neck, L *monile*, necklace, Welsh *munwyl*, neck, *munwg*, mane

manège Riding-school, horsemanship F, see *manage*

Manes L, deified souls of dead ancestors From OL *manis*, good, whence *immanis*, cruel

manetti Rose From *Lavie Manetti* It botanist (†1784)

manganese *Γ* *manganēse* It *man anese* corrupt of *magnesia* (q v) From its resemblance to lodestone

mange Earlier also *man* ie *VE manjeue* OF *manjue* rich from OF tonic stem (L *manduc*) of *manger* to eat L *manducare* from *mandere* to chew Cf *F de nanger* to itch

mangel (mangold) wurzel Ger *man old wurzel* Beet root corrupted in Ger to *nur el wurzel* by association with *mangel* want as though famine food and hence earlier translated into *Γ* as root of scarcity and into *Γ* as *racine de disette* First element is prob the proper name *Mangold* (the AS form of which has given *Mangold*) for second see *wort* *nur el*

manger *Γ* *mangeo re* from *manger* to eat See *mange* The dog in the manger is in *F le chien du jardinier* who does not eat cabbages and prevents others from doing so

Like unto us lið gð ahyng in a m anger neither ly gth h þe th mselvne s fl rying the horse to f ed thereof (V&D 1364)

mangle¹ To mutilate *ΑΓ* *mangler ma* *angler* frequent of OF *maha ner* to maim (q v)

mangle² For linen Du *mangel* for *man el stek* a smoothing role (Hefham) from verb *mangelen* from obs *mange* mangle mangonel ult from *C payyave* pulley warlike engine Cf It *mangano* a kind of presse to presse buckram from sustian or died linen cloth to make it have a finish or glasse (Flor)

mango Fruit Port *manga* through Malay from Tamil *māḍḍi*

mangold wurzel See *mangel wurzel*

mangonel [Hist] OF (*mangonneau*) dim from Late L *mannonum* as *ma le* (q v) Obs from c 1600 but revived by the romantics

mangosteen Fruit Malay *mangustan*

mangrove Altered on *grove* from earlier *mannoroue* (v i) app related to 16 cent. Sp *ma gle* Port *maigue* prob of Amer origin Vliet *manggi ma* *ma* mangrove not now in use may have been borrowed from Port

Amongst li th rest th re growes k de f tree e lied in growes they gr w very st gly and would make a roan wonder to see th man et of thei growi x (V&D 163)

manhandle See *man*

mania L *G* *ma* a from *ma colas* to be mad Sense of craze is after *Γ* *manie*

Manichee Member of sect regarding Satan as co eternal with God Late L Late G *Manicheus* from name of founder of sect (Persia 3 cent)

manicure *F* from *manus* hand *cura* care cf earlier *pedicure*

manifest *Γ* *manifeste* L *manifestus* ? struck by the hand palpable from *manu* hand and root of *send re* Pol sense of verb after *F m nifester* cf *manifesto* (1 cent.) from It

manifold From *many* and *fold* The comp is in AS and all Teut langs

manikin Flem *minneken* dim of *man* *Γ* *rit* (16 cent) in sense of lay figure Cf *F mannequin* from Flem now applied in *Γ* to living dress model

ma *quin* a p ppet, or anticks (Colg)

Manila Manila Capital of Philippines whence tobacco cheroots lemp

manille Card game *Γ* now a game orig second best trump at quadrille and ombre Sp *malita* dim of *mala* (fem) bad

manioc Earlier (16 cent) *manihot* (from *F*) *mandioc* *mandiocque* (Purch v i 215) Tupi (Brazil) *mandioca* root of the cassava plant

maniple OF (*manipule*) L *manipulus* handful from *manus* hand *plere* to fill also sub-division of legion As eel vest ment symbolically explained as napkin for wiping away tears shed for sins of the people

manipulation *F* of mod formati n from *manipulus* (v s) and ori applied to handling of apparatus *Aliphi* is back format on

manitou Good (also evil) spirit Amer Ind (Algonkun)

manna Late L Late G *Arim* *n* *nd* *Hel* *n* in whence *G* *ma* L *man* *com* *moner* th a longer form in LXX and *hile* *Perh* Ancient Egypt *mannu* *u* *odation* of *amaris gallica* whence Aral *mann* The explanation in *Lx* *xvi* 15 is an early case of folk etym resting on a possible interpretation of the Aram name The word is found early in most E urop langs e g in AS & Goth

mannequin See *manikin*

manner Mod *F* *maniere* VL *manius* from *manu* *n* *bel* ng to th hand

cf It *maniera*, Sp *manera* Orig sense, method of handling, hence custom, sort, as in *manners* (used in sing by Chauc), *what manner of man*, no *manner of means* To the *manner born*, subject by birth to the custom, is now usu misinterpreted to suggest congenital fitness With *mannerism* cf earlier *mannerist* (in art) and F *manériste* (neol)

Though I am native here,
And to the manner born, it is a custom
More honour'd in the breach, than the observance
(*Hamlet* 1.4)

manner² [*archaic*] Incorr for *manour* in *taken in (with) the manour*, caught in the act (*Numb* v 13), esp in possession of stolen property AF form of F *manœuvre* (q v), cf *manure*

manoeuvre F, from verb *manœuvrer*, Late L *manoperare*, for L *manu operari*, to work by hand, cf It *manovra*, Sp *manobra* In E an 18 cent mil and naut loan-word

manometer For measuring force of vapour F *manomètre*, from G *μανός*, thin, rare

manor F *manoir*, OF *infin*, to dwell, L *manēre* Cf *pleasure*

mansard roof From *François Mansard*, F architect (1666) Cf F *mansarde*, garret, *toit en mansarde*

manse MedL *mansa*, from *manēre*, *mans*, to remain, dwell Cf OF *mes*, whence ME *meese* (surviving as surname), Prov *mas*, as in *Dumas*

mansion OF, learned form of L *mansio-n*, dwelling-place (vs), of which popular form was *maison* Current sense from c 1500 *Mansion-house*, now spec residence of Lord Mayor, was in 16 cent used chiefly of offic eccl residence

mansuetude OF, L *mansuetudo*, gentleness, orig accustoming to handling, from *manus*, hand, *suescere*, *suet-*, to be wont.

mansworn [*archaic*] From obs *manswear*, to perjure, from AS *mān*, wickedness, cogn with Ger *meineid*, false oath

mantel Var of *mantle* (q v), in *mantel-piece* (-shelf), F *manteau de cheminée* Cf dim *mantelet*, moveable shelter For differentiation of spelling cf *metal*, *mettle*

They make haste to the wall thereof and the mantelet [*Vulg umbraculum*] is prepared
(*Nahum*, ii 5, R17)

mantic Of prophecy or divination G

μαντικός, from *μάντις*, prophet
mantilla Sp, dim of *mantla*, mantle (q v)

mantis Insect G. *μάντις*, prophet, from position of fore-legs suggesting prayer The G word is also used of some insect
mantissa [*math*]. L, makeweight; perh Etruscan.

mantle OF *mantel* (*manteau*), L *mantellum*, which passed also into Teut. langs, e.g. AS *mentel* Prob ident with L *mantellum*, towel, napkin Late L *mantum*, whence It Sp *manto*, *mantla*, F *manle*, is a back-formation In fig use esp of blood (blush) suffusing cheek

manteau a cloak, also the mantletree of a chimney (Cotg)

manton Gun, pistol See *Joe Manton* Also used in F

mantua Chiefly in *mantua-maker* Corrupt of F *manteau*, perh by association with *Mantua* silk Cf *paduasoy*

Mantuan, the Virgil, born (70 B C) at *Mantua*, NIT

manual F *manuel* and L *manualis*, from *manus*, hand First in *manual labour* (Hoccleve) Sign *manual*, autograph signature, is via F With *manual*, book, cf *handbook*

manueode Bird of paradise F, from ModL *manucodiata*, Malay *mānuq dēwāta*, bird of the gods, second element from Sanskrit *manuduction* MedL *manuductio-n*, from *manu ducere*, to lead by the hand

manufacture F, from L. *manu facere*, to make by hand

manumit L *manumittere*, to send from one's hand Cf *maniciple*, *emancipate*

manure First (c 1400) as verb F *manœuvrer*, to work by hand Cf *mure* Orig of tillage in gen Thus Sylv (16) speaks of *Nile's manured shore* where Du Bartas has *marge labouré*

The face of the earth [in Guiana] hath not been trenched, nor the virtue and salt of the soyle spent by manurance (Raleigh)

manuscript MedL *manuscriptum*, written by hand Cf *script*

Manx Earlier *manks*, metath of 16 cent *manish*, ON **manshr*, from *Man* Cf *hunks*, *munx* The lang belongs to the Goidelic branch of Celt

many AS *manig* Com. Teut., cf Du *menig*, Ger *manch* (OHG *manag*), ON *mengi*, multitude, Goth *manags*, cogn with Ir *minic*, Gael *minig*, frequent, Welsh *mynych*, often Orig distrib with sing as still in *many a* The *many-headed beast* is from Horace, *belua multorum*

mazapan, Ger *mazipan*, Du *marsepein*, etc. A much discussed word of obscure origin, the second element having been assimilated to L *panis*, bread. Kluge accepts Kluyver's theory that it is identical with the name of a 12 cent Venet coin, the normal MedL form of which, *malapanus*, is applied to a Venet coin with image of Christ seated on a throne, Arab *mauthabān*, a king that sits still. The coin acquired the spec sense of tenth part, and the name was transferred to the small boxes containing a tenth of a "moggio" of sweetened almond paste imported from the Levant.

marconigram From *Marconi*, It inventor, after *telegram*, *cablegram*. NED records it for 1902.

mare AS *mere*, *mere*. Com Teut, cf Du *merrie*, Ger *mähre*, jade, ON *merr*. These are fem forms corresponding to AS *meorh*, OHG *marah* (see *marshal*), ON *marr*, cogn with Gael Ir *maic*, Welsh *marth*, all meaning horse, stallion, whence allusion to king Mark's ears in *Tristan and Isold*. *Mare's-nest*, in Fletcher (1619), is later than obs *horse-nest* (Stanyhurst, 1583).

The grey mare is the better horse (Heywood, 1562).

maremma It, marsh-land by sea, L *maritima*.

margarine, *marge* F, adopted (1888) as leg. name for butter-substitute made from oleo-margarine. Ult from G *μαργαρίτης*, pearl, adopted by Chevreul in *acide marginique*, from pearly appearance of its crystals.

margay Amer tiger-cat F (Buffon), earlier *margata*, an attempt at Tupi (Brazil) *mbaiaçata*.

margin [poet] F, as *margin*. Poet, also is *margin*, ME var of *margin* (cf *pageant*, *tyrant*, etc).

margin² See *margarine*.

margin L *margo*, *margin*, whence also F *marge*, cogn with *mark*¹, *margin*¹. Earliest (Piers Plowm) in ref to books. Current fig senses are 19 cent.

margrave Du *markgraaf*, Ger *markgraf*, count of the march. Cf *marquis*. *Margravine* has the fem *-in*, lost in E exc in *virgin*. Ger *graf* looks akin to AS *gerifa*, grieve, reeve, but some high authorities recognize no connection.

marguerite F., daisy, G *μαργαρίτης*, pearl,

daisy, prob of Eastern origin, cf Sanskrit *mangaiṭi*, cluster of flowers, pearl.

Maria, black. Police van Quot. below, which turns up every few years, is app of the same type as those given s v *Jack Robinson*. For sense of large shell cf, *Jack Johnson*.

Few probably recollect that Black Maria came to us from America. She was Maria Lee—a negress of gigantic stature and enormous strength—who, in the intervals of looking after her sailors' boarding-house at Boston, used to help the police in the frequent scrimmages there.

(*Pall Mall Gaz* Sep 3, 1918)

marigold From (Virgin) *Mary* and *gold*, cf obs *marybud* (*Cymb* ii 3).

marinade F, Sp *marinada*, from *marinar*, to pickle in brine, from *marino*, of the sea.

marine F *marin*, L *marinus*, from *mare*, sea. Fem form has prevailed owing to such common combinations as *eau marine*, *armée marine*, whence F *marine*, navy, cf E *mercantile marine*. A *marine-store* orig dealt in old ships' materials. *Marine* (noun) is for earlier *marine soldier*, often (wrongly) regarded by sailors as half a land-lubber, whence *tell that to the marines* (cf L *credat Judaeus*), and *marine*, empty bottle.

mariner F *marinier*, MedL *marinarius* (vs). In very early use and much commoner than *sailor*.

Marinism. Affected style of *Marin*, It poet (†1625). Cf *Euphuism*.

Marolatry [theol.] Badly formed (c 1600) on *idolatry*. Cf *babyolatry*, etc.

marionette F *marionnette*, "little Marian or Mal, also, a puppet" (Cotg) dim of *Marion*, dim of *Marie*, L, G *Mapia*, ident with Heb *Miriam*. Cf *doll*.

marsh Dial and poet for *marsh* (qv).

Marist Member of RC missionary *Society of Mary* (19 cent).

marital F, L *maritalis*, from *maritus*. See *marry*.

maritime F., L *maritimus*, near the sea, from *mare*, sea, with ending as in *frithmus*, near the frontier.

marjoram Earlier (11 cent.) *majorane*. In most Europ langs., and, as in the case of other pop herbs, with very diversified forms due to folk-etym. Cf F *marjolaine* (OF. *majorare*), It *majorana*, *maggiorana*, Sp *mejorana* (earlier *majorana*, *majorara*), Du *marjolen*, Ger. *majoran*, Sw *mejran*, etc. The *maj*-forms are the older. ?Ult from L *amaryncus*, *marjoram*, from *amarus*, bitter.

mark¹ AS *mearc* boundary. Com Teut. Cf Du *merk* Ger *mark* ON *mörk* (in *Dan mörk*) Goth *ma ka* Also videly adopted in various senses in Rom langs. some E senses belong to F *marque*. See also *ma ch*. Cogn with L *mar* o Pers *ma r* boundary. Replaced in Ger by *gren s* (whence Du *grens*) of Slav. origin. From orig. sense are evol. ed those of sign of boundary, sign in general, trace. I ft by *sign* etc. *Beside* (wude of *to miss overshoot*) the *ma h* are from archery. With *mark* of the beast (*Rev* xvi 2) cf a *marked man* (*Gen* iv 25). But a *man of mark* is F *homme de marque* man of distinction cf *to make one's mark*. Below (up to) the *mark* refers partly to *mark* in sense of brand, trade-mark. Cf up to *d ch*. *Bess* (said) the *mark* common in Shaks. was a deprecatory phrase of the *adist* omen type but its origin is obscure. It is now mostly used after *1 Hen* II 1 3 as a scornful comment on something quoted. *Mar* worthy is mod. after Ger *merku* *räde*. With *to mark* observe cf *remark* of which it is sometimes an aphet. form.

mark² Coin of varying value. Recorded early in all Rom & Teut langs. Perh. from *ma h*. Orig. half pound of silver.

market. Late AS ONE for OF *marchiet* (*marché*) L *mercatus* from *mercari* to trade. Cf It *mercato* Sp *mercado* also Du Ger *ma h* ON *ma hahr*. An early trade word from Rome (cf *money*).

markhor Wild goat (T bet). Pers *markhō* lit. serpent eater.

marksman For earlier *ma hman* (Pom. & Jul 1 s). Cf *lunist* an *helmsman* *spokesman*.

mark OI and dial *ma le* (na ne). Late L *margula* (whence Ger *mer el*) from *mar* a called a Gaulish word by Pliny.

marline Du *ma lijn* from *ma ren* to bind (see *moor*) *hjn* line. But it may be rather for *marling* from *naut* *mark* to tie etc. app. frequent from Du verb (v s) and found earlier (*Prompt Paris*) than *marline*. Cf *ma lin*, *spike* (Capt. John Smith).

Marlovian In style of Christopher Marlowe (†1593). Cf *Il trovian* *Borrovian*.

marmalade F *mar nelate* Port *marmelada* from *ma m* to quince by *dissim* from L *melimelin* G *melimelin* lit. honey apple. An old word in E. (c. 1500) though quot. below has a modern look.

Among t. thes. *eam th* (Port guess) c. ptain.

with a piece of bread and marmalade in his hand (*Purch* x 194).

marmite [for *lang*] F cooking pot for shell. Cf E *coal-box* in similar sense.

marmoreal From L *marmoreus*. See *ma tile*.

marmoset F *marmoset* of obscure origin. Its earliest F sense (13 cent.) is grotesque car. ed figure but it may have orig. meant monkey. App. relat. d to OF *marmot* monkey, grotesque statuette, now brat (cf *marmale* swarm of children). Maun deville uses *mar tos* to render F *mar mots*. *Marmot* is of doubtful origin, perh. dim. from OF *me le* L *minimus* ? or ident. with the next ord. (q v).

For *pithicus* g. *marm* t. (Est.) *marmoset* r. *amun* li (Coop).

marmol a marmoset, or little monkey. (C. t. g.)

marmolla a marmoset, bab e f. ch. lide to pl y with u a p g g. (Flor.)

marmot F *marmote* Romansh *marmont* ? from L *nus* *mi* mouse *ions* a *ont* mountain. App. influenced in form by F *mar n* t. (v s). Cf OLG *marmont* (of which dial forms are still in use) now replaced by *marmellier* as though *marm* mung animal. But the Romansh word may itself be due to folk-etym. Identical sense of F *ma molle* and OF *marmousser* to mumble rather suggests ult. identity of *marmot* and *mar oset*. The earliest name for the animal is in *Alfius* (Pliny).

Maronite Sect of Syrian Christians. From *Ma on* name of founder (4 cent.) Cf *Druze*.

maroon¹ Colour, hrewark. F *ma ron* chestnut. It *maroon* of unknown origin. ? Celt. The colour is no longer ident. with F *marro*. The fire work sen. seems to be suggested by the popping of the roasted chestnut.

maroon² Fugitive slave (Wind). F *marron* aphet. for Sp *cimarrón* wild untamed. Hence to *maroon* send astray, spec. put ashore on desert island. Alexander Selkirk the most famous of marooned sailors served with Dampier, our earliest authority for the verb.

maroquin F from *Maro*, Morocco.

marque letters of [kni]. Latence to *pyra* teer. Orig. *letters of ma qua* and *repr sal*. F *marque* Prov *marca* from *ma car* MedL *ma care* to seize as pledge. App. from *ma h* but sense-development not

clear Perh of the character of "Border law"

Litterae marquandi seu gagiandi

(*Procl of Ed I*, 1293)

La loi de marque & de represailles (*NED* 1354)

marquee False sing (cf *burgee*, *Chinee*) from *F* *marquise*, lit marchioness, also a large tent, app as suited for a noble lady.
marquetry *F* *marqueterie*, "inlaying, or inlaid worke of sundry colours" (*Cotg*), from *marqueles*, to variegate, from *marque*, mark¹

marquis, **marquess** *ONF* *marhis* (*marquis*), *OF* *marchis*, formed, with *L* suffix *-ensis*, from *Rom* *marca* (see *mark*¹), cf *It* *marchese*, *Sp* *marqués*, *MedL* *marchio*, and see *margrave*

marquis a marquesse, was in old time the governor of a frontier, or frontier town (*Cotg*)

marquois Instrument for drawing parallel lines App for *F* *marquoir*, ruler, marker
marrow *AS* *mearg* *Com Teut*, cf *Du* *merg*, *Ger* *mark*, *ON* *mergi* With *vegetable marrow* cf *F* *courge à la moelle*, *concombre de moelle* (little used)

In 1816 a paper was read before the Horticultural Society on a description and account of a new variety of gourd called "vegetable marrow"

(*Daily Canon*, Aug 8, 1917)

marry¹ Verb *F* *marrer*, *L* *maritare*, from *maritus*, married, ² from *mas*, *mar-*, male Has supplanted *wed* but not *wedding*

Such marriages are made in heaven, though celebrated on earth (*Adm* *Monson*, 1624)

marry² [*archaic*] Interj For *Mary* (the Virgin). Later, by association with *St Mary* the *Egyptian*, extended to *marry-gip*, for which *marry-come-up* was substituted, from the feeling that the *gip* was ident with the admonition *gip* (*gee up*) to a horse.

marsala Wine from *Marsala* (Sicily)

Marseillaise Written and composed (1792) by Rouget de l'Isle, and first sung by "patriot" from *Marseille*

marsh *AS* *merec*, *merisc*, orig adj from *merec*, cogn with *L* *mare*, sea, cf *Ger* *marc* *Mc IL* *mariscas*, whence *F* *marais* Cf *marais*

marshal *F* *maréchal*, *OHG* *marhscalk*, horse servant. The two elements are com. with *AS* *marh* (see *mare*) and *scalc*. Cf *senechal* and *MedGer* *schal*. *Med* *mother* *marshall* borrow'd back from *F* has given us *field-marshal*, *air force field-marshal* etc. The word appears in all *Rom* langs with a very wide range of affix.

meanings, which accounts for frequency of *E* name *Marshall*. For varied senses and rise in dignity cf *constable*, and with both cf *synon* *ON* *stallar*. The first *armarshal* (1919) was Sir H M Trenchard. Orig sense survives in *farrier-marshal* (cf *F* *maréchal-ferrant*, farrier). *Marshalsea* (hist) is for *marshalsy*, orig court held by steward and knight-marshal of royal household. With verb to *marshal* cf to *usher*. This has recently acquired new sense from *US* railway lang

As a comparison with these forty trains marshalled per hour by which 2400 containers would be marshalled and ready for loading per hour, the average marshalling at Nine Elms per hour was 62 wagons (*Westm Gaz* Sep 9, 1919)

marsupial [*zool*] From *L* *marsupium*, *G* *μαρσιπιον*, dim of *μάστρος*, bag, purse.

mart Du *markt*, market (*q v*), commonly pronounced *mart* and formerly so written. First *NED* ref is to the *marks* of Brabant (1437) and Caxton has the *marke* of Antwerp. Also repeatedly in the *Cely Papers* (15 cent) in ref to the wool-marks of Flanders, the *Celys'* own warehouse being in *Mart Lane* (now *Mark Lane*), London.

martagon Turk shield lily *F*, *It* *martagone*, Turk *martagan*, turban of special shape. Cf *tulip*

martello tower. Earlier *mortella*, from a tower captured by us (1794) on *Cape Mortella* (myrtle) in Corsica, and regarded as of great defensive power. For the vowel metath of the greengrocer's pronunc of *broccoli* (*brochilo*)

marten Orig. the fur. *ME* *martren*, *OF* *martrine* (sc *peau*), from *martre*, marten, of *Teut* origin; cf *F* (*you*)*mart* (*q v*), *Ger* *warder*. Thought to be all *Lith* *marš*, daughter-in-law. See names for the wolver in my *Romance of Words* (ch. vii).

martial *F*, *L* *martialis*, from *Mars*, *Mark* (*Mars*), god of war. In sense of military, only in *court martial*, *martial law*. For application to character of *fatal*, *morceau*

martin From name *Martin*, *F*, *L* *Martinus*, from *Mars* (see *q*); cf *rotin*, *dich*, etc., also *F* *martinichet*, *Indochet*, *martin* of house *marten*. There may be a spec ref. to departure of bird about *Martinmas* (see *q*)

Saint Martin Bishop of Tours (4 cent), who died about Nov 11, *Western L* *St Martin's* summer, *French* *St Martin*, *Irish* *St Martin*.

after *l'été de la Saint Martin* *Saint Martin's bird* the hen harrier is after *l'oiseau de Saint Martin* the magpie or hen harrier (Cotg.)

martinet Recorded for 1753 (Swift) If the obscure passage bel w (1676) refers to the mod word connection with *F* general *Martinet* (c 1715) who improved drill and discipline of *F* army temp Louis XIV is very doubtful. More over the word is not known in *F* in this sense though used of various objects e.g. cat-o-nine tails peak halyards whence *L* *martinet* leech line of sail. All these are from name *Martin*. Cf also *F* *Martindillon* the (disciplinary) stick.

O if Pytheas don't look like one of our halcyons: it is a new day with a bodkin by you said you part et rogue. *Ma ly* (aside) O then the rest has. (Alon B) What d'ye don't like it with me? Let me tell you it is the best I use in the world the most ready most easy most graceful. (aside) that e'er was used, and the most—*O if* v Nay n y sir o more is you servant. If you please Martin I once I bid do it with you sir —Martin to Martin t. (Whyteley Pl. a Deale i s)

martingale *F* in all three senses viz strap to keep horse's head down rope for guying-down jibboom system of doubling stakes till successful. Dubiously connected via *chau ses d la martingale* (Rabalais) fastened in some peculiar way with *Martigus* (Bouches-du-Rhône) on the supposition that the inhabitants of that place wore breeches of a special kind very doubtful. Some connect it with *Sp al* la s halter of Arab origin.

Th' impo sible m tling l of d'ables o quit
(B Sh w 11 D ly Chro M ch 7 19 7)

martin henry Rifle adopted by British army (1870) the breech being the invention of *Henry* and the barrel of *Henri*.

martlet OF *na telt* var of *martinet* (eo *martin*) cf *dril* *Ma ilemas*. In her it represents *L* *ma llet* dim of *merle* (q v) blackbird. But the her bird is footless and must therefore have orig representing the martin the swallow tribe having no conspicuous feet cf *G* *arous martin* lit footless.

podas G L *martel* ts (A. J. v. 3)

mart cf *martil* t, or *ma tin* (Cotg.)

merle *martil* t in blason {b}

martyr AS *ma hyr* Church L adopted in Christian sense from Late (orig Aeolic)

G *paprup* for *paprus* *paprip* witness In most Europ langs

marvel *F* *merveille* L *mirabilia* neut pl treated as fem sing (cf *force*) from *mirus* wonderful

Marian Of *Karl Marx* Ger socialist (1883)

Mary In dial flower names *mary* for the Virgin Mary (cf *lady*) *Little Mary* stomach is from *Barnes* play (1903)

marzipan See *marchpane*

mas In *Christmas* *Candlemas* etc for *mass*

mascle [Aer] Perforated lozenge OF (*masle*) L *macul* spot mesh (see *maul*) with intrusive s perh due to OHG *ma ca* mesh (q v)

mascot *F* *nascolle* popularized by Audran's operetta *La Nascolle* (1880) *Blod* Prov dum of *ma co* sorcerer orig *mask* (q v) Cf hood o

masculine I *masculin* L *masculinus* from *masculus* male (q v)

mash AS *maso* in *masuryr* *mash* wort infused malt. First as brewing term. Prob cogn with *ma* of Sw *mask* grains for pigs Dan *mask* *mash* (from LG) Ger *ma sch* crushed grapes

masher Orig US Also to be *ma led on* etc. Popular c 1882. Origin unknown. Can it be a further elaboration of *be spoony on* *mash* being regarded as spoon-diet? Cf to *confiscate* the *ma* aroon for to take the cake

mashe ? Cf *F* *cot p massé* (billiards) orig stroke made with the large headed cue called a *ma se* mace

mask *masque* *masquerade* App two quite separate origins have contributed to this group. *F* *masque* first in 16 cent as gloss to *L* *larva* (1st) has been associated with It *maschera* Sp *masca* a of Arab origin (v i) but must surely be connected with MedL *mascus* *masca* occurring in 7 cent as gloss to *la* *ia*. This MedL word of doubtful (prob Ger) origin should have given *F* *masque* so that the *s* is app due to the It & Sp words. Thence reprsnt Arab *ma kharah* lau hing stock buffoon the sense passing on from the actor to his vizard the opposite of the process perh exemplified by *person* (q v). The 16 cent spelling is indifferently *ma k* *masque* and the sense of performance *ma querade* is rather earlier than that of vizard. With *ma querade* cf *F* *mascarade*

matriculate From MedL *matricula*, register of members of society, dim of L *matru* (q v) It is supposed that the orig sense was scroll of parchment made from the uterine membrane See *scroll*

matrimony OF *matrimome*, L *matrimonium*, from *mater*, *matr-*, mother

matrix L, orig pregnant animal, in Late L womb, from *mater*, mother For mech applications of similar use of Du *moet*, mother (see also *screw*)

matron F *matrone*, L *matrona*, from *mater*, mother Sense of directress, of hospital, etc, is recorded from 16 cent *British matron*, in *Mrs Grundy* sense, originated in signature of letter to the press (c 1882) protesting against the nude in art

matter F *matiere*, L *materia* Orig opposed to *form* (cf *material*) With *it doesn't matter*, for earlier *it makes no matter*, cf *immaterial* For med sense of *corrupt matter* cf F *matière*, Norw Dan *materie*, similarly used *Matter of fact*, orig leg, opposed to *matter of law*, is used as adj by Steele With *hanging matter* cf quot below

It is made a gally matter to carry a knife [at Genoa] whose poynt is not broken off (Evelyn)

matins See *matins*

mattock AS *matucc*, app a dim Origin unknown ? Cf *mason*

mattoide [med] It *mattoide*, from *matto*, mad, MedL *matrus*, as *mate*¹ Used by Lombroso of a criminal type

mattress OF *materas* (*matelas*), It *materasso*, Arab *mahah*, place where things are thrown down, from *taraha*, to throw Cf L *stratum*, couch, from *sternere*, *strat-*, to strew Obs Sp *almadrague* preserves Arab def art

mature L *maturus*, ripe, early (v 1)

matutinal Late L *matutinalis*, from *matutinus*, cogn with *maturus*. See *matins*

maudlin F *Madeleine*, L *Magdalena* (see *Magdalen*) Sense of lachrymose, as in *maudlin sentiment*, *maudlin drunk*, from pictures representing tearful repentance of *Mary Magdalene* The restored spelling, in name of colleges at Ox. and Camb, has not affected the pronunc

His [the Shipman's] barge v. cleped was the Maude-layne (Chauc. A 120)

Maugrabin African Moor (*Quentin Durward*, ch xvi) Really pl of *Maugrabe* (*Bride of Abydos*, 1 8), Arab *maghlabiy*, western, from *gharb*, west Cf sing use of *Bedouin*

maugre [archaic] OF *maugré* (*malgré*), in spite of, from *mal*, ill, *gré*, pleasing, L *gratus* Cf F *maugréer*, to grumble

maul Hammer F *mail*, L *malleus*, whence also It *maglio*, Sp *mallo*, cf *mallet* Hence to *maul*, to illtreat, etc, orig to hammer, batter See *mall* It is doubtful whether *mauley*, fist, spelt *morley* by Borrow, belongs here Some authorities consider it a transposition of Gael *lamh*, hand, used in tinkers' slang or Shelta

mawley a hand Tip us your mawley shake hands with me (Grose)

maulstick From Du *maalstok*, paint stick Du *malen*, to paint (cf Ger *malen*), orig to make marks, is cogn with *mole*¹

maund [archaic & local] Basket OF *mande* (*mann*), from Teut, cf AS *mand*, Du *mand*, Ger dial *mande*

maunder Orig (c 1600), to mutter, grumble It may be frequent of earlier *maund*, to beg, which is app aphet for F. *quémander*, from OF *carmand*, beggar The sense-development is obscure, but not more so than that of *cant*²

Maundy OF *mandé*, L *mandatum*, command Orig applied to the washing of the feet of the poor by princes, high ecclesiastics, etc, on the day before Good Friday, the antiphon at the service being taken from the discourse (v 1) which followed Our Lord's washing of the Apostles' feet Recorded c 1300 Hence *Maundy Thursday* (16 cent), *Maundy ale*, *money*, etc Cf OHG *mandāt*, in same sense.

Mandatum novum do vobis, ut diligatis invicem, sicut dilexi vos, ut et vos diligatis invicem (John, xiii 34).

mauresque [arch] F, Moorish

Maurist. Benedictine of order of *St Maur*, founded 1618

mauser Rifle Adopted by Germans (1871) From inventor's name

mausoleum, L, G *μαυσωλείον*, from *Μαυσολός*, king of Caria, whose tomb, erected (4 cent B C) at Halicarnassus, by his wife Artemisia, was one of the Seven Wonders of the World

mauve F, L *malva*, mallow For transference to colour cf *pink*, *violet*

maverick Unbranded calf (US), and to be from *Samuel Maverick*, Texan rancher (c 1840), who habitually neglected branding Hence masterless man

mavis [*dial*] Thrush F *mauvie* with many Rom cognates esp in *dial* Hence *MedL* *mahitius* ? cf Breton *m'fid m'fid* lark ? or related to *mahia* mallow Commonly coupled by poets with *me le* blackbird
mavourneen Ir *mo-mhu n'hu* my little dear
maw AS *ma* a stomach Com Teut cf Du *maag* Ger *magen* ON *magi* Goth *ma o* (whence Finnish *maio*) *Wast worm* hypocrite (lit intestinal worm) is from name of character in Bu kerstafte s *Hypo crite* (1769) cf *Tartufe*
mawkish Orig squeamish nauseating From *dial* *maak* mag of (q v) ON *malhkr*
maxillary From L *maxilla* jaw cogn with *mala* cheek bone *mandere* to chew
*maxim*¹ Axiom. F *maxime* L *maxima* (sc *sententia*)
maxum Machine gun Named (c 1885) from In enter (Sr) *Hiram Maxim* (1910)
 Cf *galling*
maximalist Russian extremist Bolhevik The more accurate rendering of *Bolshevik* (q v) would be *majorist*
 The Maximalists decided to demand from the Assembly the abolition of the proletariat by handing over all power to the Council of workers and soldiers delegates and to elect a new tomorrow if the majority we not disposed to share the point of view
 (Pall Mall Gazette Aug 1 1917)
maximum L neut of *maximus* superl of *magnus* great
may AS *ic meg* pl *magon* a preterite present verb Com Teut cf Du *mag* *magen* Ger *ma* *mügen* ON *ma* *magon* Goth *ma* *magum* Orig to be strong has power of might main With maybe cf F *peut-être* and archaic *mayhap*
May F *mai* L *Maius* (sc *mensis*) from *Maia* goddess of growth and in rease cogn with *major* Replaced AS *thrimilce* month in which cows can be milked three times a day Hence *Mayday* *Maygun* n *Maypole* connected with popular festival on May 1 also *may* hawthorn blooming in May and verb to *may* now used in to go a-maying
 De mol I porte plus salus
 Q il n'ose mal botons menus
 (Rome d'Yvrea 13 ent.)
mayonnaise F ? for *mahonnaise* (c *sauce*) in honour of capture of *Maio* capital of Minorca by the Duc de Richelieu (1756) This is quite likely cf *ma a gran* coffee with liqueur from F victory at *Ma arran* Algeria.

mayor ME *me meyre* *mair* etc F *maire* L *major* greater Altered to *ma* or by etym reaction later to *major* by the regular substitution of *y* for *i* between vowels From L *major* comes also Ger *Meyer* the commonest Ger surname of its hundreds of compounds are included
mazard *mazzard* [archaic] Head From archaic *mazer* (q v) drinking bowl also used for helmet
mazarinade [hist] Song against Cardinal *Mazarin* ruler of France during minority of Louis XIV
mazarine Dark blue Prob from Card *mal* *Mazarin* or the *Duchesse de Mazarin* Cf obs *mazzine* h ad connected by Hersey with the de Hess
mazda Electric lamp Offers name of good principle in system of Zoroaster
maze As noun and verb in 13 cent with sense of bewilderment stupefaction Apparent with an *120* (q v) Sense of labyrinth is in Chaucer
mazer (a ch 16) Drinking bowl orig of maple OF *mazer* of Teut origin cf ON *mōs tr* maple MD *irbol* maple bowl Ger *mazer* vein pattern in wood From OF *var* *mazd* e comes F *mazd* veined (like maple) Cogn with *measles* (q v)
mazurka Pol woman of province of *Mazovia* the lake-region famous in the Great War Cf *polka schottische*
 The Mazurka (F at Prussia) have been attracted to their present home from Mazovia proper since the 14th century
 (Lutosh viki Gda k nd E 1 P with 19)
mazzard See *ma a d*
me AS *mē* (acc & dat) Aryan cf Du *me* Ger *m* k (acc) *mir* (dat) ON *mich* Goth *mik* *miz* L *me* G *mi* *mi* Gael *Wel h mi* Ir *mi* Sanskrit *me* (dat) Effect in poet use only (v 1)
 Fw bon A m La ne l d lay me down and det
mead Drink AS *meodu* *med* Aryan cf Du *mele* *me* e Ger *met* ON *mi th* Goth *mi th* (recorded as *MedG* *μ'ed*) G *mu th* wine OIr *mid* Welsh *maid* Rus- med' cf Sanskrit *madhu* sweet honey Wide extension shows it to be the oldest of the Aryan intoxicants
mead meadow AS *mād* of which of liquor case *mād* *te* gave *meadow* (cf *shade* *shad w*) cogn with Du *walde* *ma* Ger *wald* m contain mead w as in *Antermall* *Zerna* *Meadow-sweet* earl et *mead* *sweet*

is shown by its Scand equivalents to belong to *mead*¹, cf *honeysuckle* and obs *meadwort*, of which first element is certainly *mead*¹

meagre F *maigre*, L. *macer*, *macer*-, thin, cogn with G *μακρός*, long, AS *mæge*, Du Ger *mager*, ON *magr*

meal¹ Flour, etc AS *melō* Com Teut; cf Du *meel*, Ger *mehl*, ON *nyol* From Aryan root which appears in Ger *mahlen*, to grind, Goth *malan*, L *molere* (see *mill*), G *μύλλη*, mill In *meal* or *in malt*, in one form or another, is app of recent introduction, ? from dial

meal² Repast AS *mæl*, mark, point of time, measure, hence fixed repast Com Teut, cf Du *maal*, meal, time, Ger *mal*, time, *mahl*, meal, ON *māl*, time, measure, meal, Goth *mēl*, time Thus *meal-time* is a plcon., and orig sense of word appears in *piece-meal*, a piece at a time, a hybrid which is now the only current representative of a common E formation (*dropmeal*, *heapmeal*, *inchmeal*, etc) Ger *mal* survives chiefly in compds, e.g. *denkmal*, memorial, lit think-mark, and *einmal*, *zweimal*, etc, once, twice, etc

All the infections that the sun sucks up
From bogs, fens, flats, on Prosper fall, and make
him

By inch-meal a disease (*Temp* II 2)

meale Maize SAfrDu *milje*, Port *milho* (*grande, da India*), Indian corn, lit (great, Indian) mullet (q v) Found much earlier as *millie* (Guinea) in Purch

mealy-mouthed No connection with *meal*¹. First element is the Aryan word for honey which appears also in *mil dew* (q v), cogn with L *mel*, G *μέλι*, and recorded as Teut in Goth *milith*, honey, AS *mihsce*, sweet, cf also Ir *mil*, Welsh *mél* *Mealy-mouthed* is for earlier *meal-mouth*, flatterer (*NED* 1546) The epithet is much older, and is found as a surname three centuries earlier, *Henry Millemuth* being mentioned in *North-umberland Assize Roll* (1279) This is a good example of the light thrown by the study of surnames on the antiquity of words for which dict records are comparatively recent Cf *puss*

perblai dur very pleasant and courteous in wordes,
meale mouthed, passing faire spoken

(Morel, *Lat Dict* 1583)

mean¹ Verb AS *mānan*, to mean, allude to WGer, cf Du *menen*, Ger *meinen*; cogn with *minde* and Ger *minne*, love

mean². Common AS *gemāne* Com Teut, cf Du *gemeen*, Ger *gemein*, Goth *gamains*, ult cogn with L *communis*, and degenerating senses in E & Ger run parallel with those of *common* Has been confused with *mean*³ (q v), e.g. though the *mean people* in ME. is usu. taken as equivalent to the *common people*, it would appear in quot. below to have rather the sense of "middle class"

Pur fore pes entre les mene [*var mesne*] genz e le
pople de la vile de une part, e les riches humes de
la vile de autre part

(Mayor of Lincoln to Archbp of York, c 1272)

mean³ Intermediate, as in *happy mean* (cf F *juste milieu*) OF *meien* (*moyen*), Late L *medianus*, from *medius*, cogn with *mid* Hence noun *means*, formerly *mean* (see quot s v *nich*), used as F *moyen*, *moyenne*, in by no (all) *means*, by means of, *mean proportional*, etc *Meantime*, *meanwhile* are recorded as early as the simple word *Mean*³ and *mean*² are confused in *mean stature*, now understood as insignificant, but orig for medium stature

The territory of an indifferent and meane prince
is sauf conduet in lawe (Queen Eliz 1562)

meander Orig noun L *Macander*, G *Μαλαριδπος*, winding river of Phrygia, cf F *méandre*, It Sp *meandro*

measles ME *maseles*, cf Du *mazelen*, Ger. *masern* (from LG), cogn with OHG *māsa*, spot, and with *mazer* AS *mæslē* occurs once in a compd The pronunc (for normal **masles*) may be due to confusion with ME *mesel*, leper, OF, L *misellus*, from *miser*, wretched, which may also have affected fig senses of *measled*, *measly*

measure F *mesure*, L *mensura*, from *metiri*, *mens-*, to measure, ult cogn. with Ger *mass*, measure Fig senses are mostly as in F With to *take one's measure* cf to *know the length of one's foot* To *measure one's length* is after Shaks (*Lear*, I 4) To *measure oneself with* is developed from earlier to *measure swords with* (*As You Like It*, v 4) To *tread a measure* is to keep time with the measure of the music To *take measures* is a metaphor from building, carpentry, etc

meat AS *mete*, food in general Com. Teut, cf OSax. *meti*, *mat*, OHG *maz* (surviving in *messer*, knife), ON *matt*, Goth *mats* For limitation of meaning cf F *viande* Orig sense survives in *sweetmeat*,

meat and drink to sit at meat grace before meat etc and in meat offering (Let II 14) altered to *meal-offering in RV*

Mecca Arab *Makkah* birthplace of Ma homet hence place of pilgrimage

Carter St Chapel the Mecca of the London Welsh
(*Daily Ch* on June 19 1917)

mechanic L G μηχανικός from μηχανή machine Early associated with hands crafts and the lower orders Pepys calls his wife spainting master a mechanic

A crew of patche rude mechanicals,
That work for bread upon Ath nian stalls
(*Mids N Dream* 2)

mechlin Lace from *Mechlin* in F *Mahnes* (Belgium)

meconic [elēn] From G μῆν poppy

medal F médaille It *medaglia* VL **metalla* from *metallum* medal Adopted by most Teut langs With the reverse of the medal F revers de la médaille cf the seamy side

meddle AF *medler* OF *mesler* (miller) VL **miscularis* from *miscere* to mix cf It *mescolare* Sp *mezclar* AF regularly substitutes -dl for -sl e.g. we find ME *idlo maddlo* for *islo male* (cf *medlar*) Its retention in this case is perh due to association with *middle* See *well medley* Usual current sense is for earlier reflex cf F *se mlier de quelque chose*

I medlyll me with a thy g j m mesl (Pal g)

mediaeval **medieval** Coined (19 cent) from L *medius* middle *aevum* age

mediator F médiateur Late L *mediator em* from Late L *mediare* to mediate from *medius* middle Orig (c 1300) applied to Christ Cf *mediator* (Chauc) and *mediate* of much later appearance also *med al median* *Mediate* in Ger hist to annex a principality while leaving titular rights to the prince was orig to change an immediate into a mediate vassal i.e. a subvassal of the Holy Roman Empire Ger *mediatisterei* was borrowed (1803) in this sense from F *mediat ser*

medic Grass L *Medica* (sc *herba*) **Medic**

medicine F médecine L *medicina* from *medicus* physician from *mederi* to heal *Medico* doctor now jocular is an It. word from the grand tour Its pl *Medici* became the name of a famous It family *Medicine* savage magic whence *medicinal man* is early travellers transl of native words expressing magic remedy

medieval See *med aeval*

mediocre F médiocre L *mediocris* fr m *medius* middle and L dial *ocris* hill peak cogn with *acer* sharp Thus half way up (not hill top!)

meditate From L *meditari* or perh back formation from much earlier *meditation* (c 1200) Cf C μῆσθαι to think about

mediterranean I placed earlier *editerrane* L *mediterraneus* from *medius* middle *terra* land Spec application to one sea is earlier than gen sense

medium L neut of *medius* middle cogn with G μέσος For senses of *mean* which is derived from it The spiritualistic *medium* is referred to by Miss Mitford (1854) With *happy medium* of golden mean Horace *aurae mediocritas*

mednie Turk order instituted (1851) by Sultan Abdul Medjid

medlar Orig tree bearing fruit called *medlar* AF form of OP *mesle* (cf *meddl*) from pl of L *mespilum* G μῆσπιδος cf Du Cer Sw Dan *myspel* from L The Rom langs have usu adopted forms from Late L *mespila* pl of *mespilum* due to dissim (cf *naphin*) e.g. F *nifle* It *me pola* Sp *medspera* F fruit names are usu fem from L neut pl e.g. *pomme poire* and the tree names end in *ier* as in OF *meslier* *medlar*

medley AF *medlee* OF *melece* (élle) from *mesler* to mix (see *meddle*) Orig, in sense now represented by *mixte* and still so used with archaic tinge Later esp of dress and used as equivalent to *motley*

The gallant medley on the banks of the Alma
(McCarthy *That Old Times* ch 21)

médoc Chret frim *Médoc* di tri t 17 S.W. of France

medullary Of marrow pith L *medulla* cogn with *medius* middle

Medusa L G Μοιρα one of the three Gorgons (qv) whose glance turned to stone

meed [poet], AS *með* reward WGer cf obs Du *meede* Cer *meite* reward wages cogn with Goth *meidd* G *muove* San *hust midht* prize contest

meek ON *mi kr* soft pliant cogn with Goth *muha mides* meekness archai Du *muik* soft First as Church word rendering Vul *mansuetus*

meerkat SAfr mammal Du *monkey* cf Cer *meerkale* It *sea-cat* But *linl masha* apr San *knt ma hafs* suggests

that OHG *mericazza* may be an early folk-etym corrupt of an Eastern word.

meerschaum Ger, sea foam (see *mere*¹, *scum*), transl of Pers *hef-i-daryā*

meet¹ [archaic] Adj AS *gemæte*; cf Ger. *gemäss*, according, orig. commensurate, *mässig*, meet, from *mass*, measure (q.v.) See *mele*

meet² Verb AS *mētan*, cf. OSax *mōthan*, ON *mata*, Goth *gamōljan* See *mood* Orig sense, to light upon, fall in with, is now usu represented by *meet with* *Meeting* (-house), now usu limited to dissenters, esp quakers, has more gen sense in US

An' all I know is they wuz cried

In *meetin'*, come nex Sunday

(Lowell, *The Countin'*)

Meg In *Meg's diversions*, identified by some with *Long Meg of Westminster*, a noted 16 cent character whose "Life and Pranks" (1582) ran through many editions *Meg's Diversion* is the title of a play (1866)

megalithic From G *μέγας*, great, *λίθος*, stone

megalomania From G *μέγας*, *μεγάλη* (v.s.) Cf F *folie des grandeurs*, Ger *grössenwahn*

A common intellectual complaint which I may name (as I see Mr Girdstone has consecrated the word) "megalomania" (Lord Salisbury, 1897)

megalosaurus From G *σαῦρος*, lizard (v.s.)

megaphone Invented by Edison From G *φωνή*, voice (v.s.)

Megarian Of school of philosophy founded by Eucleides of *Megara* (c. 400 B.C.)

megatherium Coined by Cuvier from G *μέγας*, great, *θηρίον*, beast

megilp, magilp [ar] Vehicle for oil-colours Various spelt, var *McGilp* suggesting possible derivation from a surname

megrin F *migraine*, "the megrim or headache" (Cotg.), Late L *hemicrania*, from G *ἡμι-*, half, *κράνιον*, skull, because affecting one side of the head (cf *sinicript*) Now usu in pl for the blues, etc Cf hist of *mulligrubs*

meiosis G *μείωσις*, lessening, putting it mildly (cf *hotes*), as in *come off second best*, *not half*, etc

meistersinger Ger, master-singer, applied to artisan poets of the 15 cent trade-gilds

melancholy F *mélancolie*, L, G *μελαγχολία*, from *μέλας*, *μελαν-*, black, *χολή*, bile In all Rom langs and borrowed by Teut The reference is to the black "humour"

supposed to produce temperament, cf. *phlegmatic*, *sanguine*, *choleric* As adj. replaces *melancholic* from c. 1500

Melanesian Coined on *Polynesian* to connote the black (v.s.) islanders of Fiji, New Caledonia, etc Cf *melanism*, darkness due to excess of black pigment, *melanochroi*, coined by Huxley from *μέλας*, pale, as name for racial type with dark hair and pale complexion, *melastoma*, tropical shrub, fruit of which blackens the mouth, G. *στόμα*

Melehitte Sect of Eastern Christians in communion with R.C. Church From Syr *mal'hayī*, royalists, because of orig adherence to Empire

mêlée F, see *medley*, *mell*

melanthus Flower Coined (1700) by Tournefort from G *μέλι*, honey, *ἄθος*, flower

melic¹ Grass ModL *melica* (Linnaeus) Origin unknown ? Mistake for *medica*, Medic grass

From the meads where melick groweth

(J. Ingelow, *High Tide on Lincolnshire Coast*)

melic² Of poetry for singing G *μελικός*, from *μέλος*, song

melilot Plant F *mélilot*, L, G *μελίλωτος*, honey lotus

melinite Explosive F, *mélinite*, from G *μήλωτος*, quince-yellow, from *μήλον*, apple, quince

meliorate From Late L *meliorare*, from *melior*, better Cf *meliorism*, halfway between optimism and pessimism, also obs *melioration*, now replaced by *betterment*

mell [archaic & dial] Var of *meddle* (q.v.), representing OF *meller* Cf *mellay*, *melly*, archaism revived by Scott in orig sense of *medley* (q.v.)

mellifluous From L *mellifluus*, from *mel*, *mell-*, honey, *fluere*, to flow Cf obs *melliloquent* and see *mealy-mouthed*

mellow ME *melwe*, ripe, app from oblique cases (*melw-*) of *meal*¹. Sense may have been affected by obs *merow*, AS *mearu*, cogn with Ger. *murbe*, mellow.

The man that drinks strong beer

And goes to bed right mellow,

Lives as he ought to live

And dies a hearty fellow (*Old Song*)

melocoton [2 obs] Peach grafted on quince Sp, quince, It *melocotone*, ModL *melun cotonicum* See *melon*, *quince*

melodeon, melodion Coined on *accordion* from *melody* (q.v.).

melodrama From F *melodrame* (18 cent)
from G *melos* song Orig romantic play
with songs interspersed

melody F *melodie* Late L G *μῆλοδον*
from *melos* song *αἰδων* to sing Cf
comedy ode In all Rom & Teut langs
with meaning affected by supposed con-
nection with L *mel* honey (v.1)

A torrent of melodies [du Bart torrent de
mi] (Sylv Tréphes)

melon F Late L *melon* from Late L
melum apple (L *malum*) G *μῆλον*
Foreign fruits were usu regarded as
appl's (see *pomegranate*)

melophone Kind of accordion From C
melos song

melt AS *melian* strong intrans *miellan*
weak trans cogn with L *mollis* soft G
μᾶλιν to melt and *smelt* (q.v.) Strong
p p *mollen* survives as literary adj

Albeit unused t the melt's mood (Oth v 3)

melon Cloth Formerly used for *Melon*
jackets as worn at *Melton Mowbray* (Leic.)
famous hunting-centre

member F *membra* L *membrum* limb in-
cluding the tongue (*Jawes* iii 5-8) Cf
to *dismember* tear limb from limb Fig
sense orig in *member of Christ* (the Church
Sukin etc) cf limb *Member of Parliament*
is recorded 1454

membrane L *membrana* from *membrum*
(v.1) app in sense of covering of limb
Lyrleest L *hence* (c 1500) is parchment

memento L imper of *meminisse* to re-
member redupl formation cogn with
mens mind Orig as init word of two
prayers in the Canon of the Mass Hence
memento me often for object reminding
of death such as skull skeleton at feet

A great man must keep his feet at his feet like
a living memento mori (*Penden* 5)

memoir Orig note *memorandum* F
memoire (mā.c) spec use of *mém-ire*
(fem) See *memory*

memorandum L neut gerund of *memorare*
to call to mind cf *a carta propugnata*
Orig put like que? at head of note etc
in sense of A B Cf *thm*

memory OF *ex more* (*admore* re) L *me-
moria* from *memor* mindful *Memoria*
petitiō n.w. ing a statement of facts
recalled to the mind cf the perfect peti-
tioned

Memphian Vaguely for Egyptian From
Memphis city of Egypt

mem sahib [Ang & Ind] Nati & alteratiō
of *ma am ma* (am Sometimes used colloq
by Anglo-Indians for the mistress See
sahib

menace F L *minacia* (only in pl) from
minari to threaten In all Rom langs

ménage F OF *meint* & VL *manicō
aticum* See *manicō* and cf obs *meint*
household retinue OF *mai* see VL
manicō *manicō* household

menagerie F *menagerie* on applied to
domestic administration (v.1) care of
cattle etc.

mend Aphet for *amend* (q.v.) Orig to
prove a person morally Old or archa
senses are represented by *meier* to late
mend (v.1) *He said some I mend*
(atoned for) With *mend or red* I k
sure make or mar

It is all in the good proverb, better to
mend than to mend (L. J. M. 1411)

mendacious from L *mendax* *mendax*
cogn with *ment* to lie and path with
memini I remember

Mendelian Of *Mendel* (†1884) dextrin
heredity The name is the Ger form of
Ermanuel

mendicant From pres part of *mendicare*
from *me* *icarus* *beccar* from *mendax*
fault luck

menhir F Bret men stone at top of
dolmen *hishien*

menial AF *menial* *menial* *menial* (see
menial) cf *menial* from *menial* (v.1)
temptuous sense from 15 cent

A man of one original willow *menial*
with his *menial* (v.1) (v.1) (v.1)

A par per d *menial* *menial* *menial* *menial*
(v.1) (v.1) (v.1) (v.1)

meningitis [med] From C *meninges* *men-
inges* (cf *brain*)

meniscus Concavo-convex lens (cf *meniscus*
dim of *meniscus*)

menology Calendar of Greek (cf *menology*
C *menology* with

menzhevik Russ *menzhevik* socialist who is
rendered by *menzhevik* (cf *menzhevik*
Izra Rus *menzhevik* *menzhevik* *menzhevik*
with *menzhevik*

menstruation L *menstruatio* *menstruatio*
from *menstruatio* *menstruatio* *menstruatio*
is from *menstruatio* *menstruatio* *menstruatio*
is from *menstruatio* *menstruatio* *menstruatio*

menstruation Late L *menstruatio* *menstruatio*
from *menstruatio* *menstruatio* *menstruatio*

mental Of the mind F Late L *mentalis*
from *mens* *mentis* *mentis*

mental² [*anat*] Of the *chun*. F., from L *mentum*, *chun*

menthol Coined in Ger (1861) by Oppenheim from L *mentha*, mint¹ (q v).

mention F, L *mentio-n-*, cogn with *mens*, mind Orig (c 1300) as noun in phrase to make mention of, F *faire mention de*, to recall to mind, L *mentionem facere* With not to mention cf synon Ger *geschweige*, from *geschweigen*, to pass over in silence

mentor F, G *Ménor*, adviser, monitor, name assumed in *Odyssey* by Athene disguised as sage counsellor of Telemachus, son of Ulysses The currency of the word is due to Fénelon's *Aventures de Télémaque* (17 cent)

menu F, small, detailed, L *minutus*
menura Lyre-bird Coined (1800) by Davies, from G *μήνη*, crescent moon, *οὔρα*, tail, from shape

Mephistophelean From *Mephistopheles*, the ironic demon of Goethe's *Faust* Earliest form (*Faustbuch* of 1587) is *Mephostophilus*, whence Marlowe's *Mephostophilus* (c 1590) Origin of name unknown.

How now, Mephostophilus? (*Merry Wives*, 1. 1)

mephitic From L *mephitis*, noxious vapour
mercantile F, It *mercantile*, from *mercante*, merchant (q v)

Mercator's projection System of map-drawing due to *Kremer*, Flem geographer (†1594), who latinized his name, dealer, huckster, as *Mercator*

mercenary L *mercenarius*, for **merced-narius*, from *merces*, *merced-*, reward (cf *soldier*) First as noun with allusion to *John*, x 12

He was a shepherd, and noht a mercenarie
(Chauc A 514)

mercier F *mercier*, VL **mercarius*, from *merx*, *merc-*, merchandize Usu of dealer in textiles and now almost confined to silk In F usu in sense of "meane haberdasher of small wares" (Cotg)

mercerize Method of treating textiles before dyeing, patented (1850) by *John Mercer*, an Accrington dyer, and put into practice c 1895

merchandise In ME usu *marchandise*, F, from *marchand*, merchant (q v)

merchant F *marehand*, from pres part of L *mercari*, to trade, from *merx*, *merc-*, merchandize; cf It *mercante* Usu *merchant* in ME, as still in surname Limitation to wholesale trader appears early in

E, but F sense survives in some compds, eg *con-merchant*. With *merchantman*, ship (Capt John Smith), cf. *Indiaman*, *man-of-war* For *merchant prince* see *Is.* 2211 8

This yeare [1504] the Taylors sued to the Kinge to be called Marchant taylors

(Wriothesley, *Chron*)

Mercian [*ling*] Lang of *Mercia*, AS kingdom of the Midlands, chief ancestor of literary E From AS *Mierce*, men of the "marches"

mercury OF *mercurie* (*mereine*), L *Mercurius*, orig god of merchandise, *merc*, *mere-*, later identified with G *Hermes* The name was given in L to a planet and, like other planet-names, to a metal *Mercurial*, orig born under the planet *Mercury* (cf *Jovial*, *saturnine*), owes part of its mod sense to association with quicksilver In 17 cent it was a gen term for newspaper (see *journal*)

mercy F *merci*, L *merces*, *merced-*, reward (cf It *mercede*, Sp *merced*), which in Church L was applied to the heavenly reward of those who show kindness to the helpless Current F sense is thanks (cf *gratmercy*), that of compassion having been gradually replaced by *miseri-corde*, which was even used for *dagger of mercy* *That's a mercy*, something to be thankful for, preserves F meaning With *for mercy's sake* cf for goodness (*pity's*) sake *Mercy-seat* (Ex 25.17) was first used (1530) by Tynd after Luther's *gnadenstuhl*, *Vulg propitiatorium*

mere¹ Lake AS *merc* WArvan, cf Du Ger *meer*, ON *marr*, Goth *marī*-(*saivs*), all meaning sea, also L *mare* (whence F *mer*, It *mare*, Sp *mar*), OIr *muir*, Welsh *môr*, Russ *mor'e*, cogn with *moor*¹ Cf *marsh*

mere² Adj L *merus*, pure, unmixed, esp of wine Cf *pure idioecy*, and Ger *lauler*, mere, from *laut*, clear, transparent. In some obs leg expressions it comes via OF, *mer*

The mere Irish, commonlie called the wild Irish
(Stanyhurst, c 1580)

mere³ [*archaic & dial*] Boundary AS *gemære*, cogn with L *murus*, wall. Hence *meresman*, *merestone*, the later one source of name *Marston*

meretricious Orig alluring by outward show From L *meretricius*, from *meretrix*, *meretrice*, harlot, from *merēre*, to earn, serve for hire

Twynham, Hants, AS (*bi*) *twinn æum*, (at) two waters, or the Indian *Doab*, ult cogn. with L *duo* and *aqua* Now colloq *Mespot.* mesquite Mexican tree, also grass found near it Mexican Sp

mess Orig dish of food, what is put on the table OF *mes* (*met*s), p p of *mettre*, to put, L *mittere* With to *make a mess of* cf to *make a hash of*, to *be in a stew*, etc (see also *kettle of fish*) Thus we get the odd transition to the current sense of what is disorderly, often disgusting In mil and naut use a *mess* consisted orig, as still in the Inns of Court, of four persons (in *Love's Lab Lost*, the four Russians are called a *mess* of Russians) Hence pleon *messmate* (see *mate*¹), and to *lose the number of one's mess*, be killed

més a messe, or service of meat, a course of dishes at table (Cotgr)

message F, VL **missaticum*, from *mittere*, *miss-*, to send In OF & ML also in sense of *messenger* The latter word, F *messenger*, has the regular intrusive -n- (cf *passenger*, *harbinger*)

The hooley lawes of oure Alkaron,
Yeven by Goddes message Makomete
(Chaucer B 332)

Messiah Aram *m'shīhā*, Heb *māshīah*, from *māshah*, to anoint Substituted in the Geneva Bible (1560) for the *Messias* of earlier transls, which represents the G & L adaptations, and remains in the AV, eve in *Dan* ix 25-6

messieurs Pl of *monsieur* (q v), used (*Messrs*) as pl of Mr

messmate See *mess*

messuage Orig site, now dwelling-house with appurtenances AF *mesuage*, perh orig a graphic error for *mesnage* (see *ménage*)

mestizo Half-caste Sp, VL **mixticus*, from *mixtus*, cf F *métis*, Prov *mestis* See also *mastiff*

A *mestizo* is one that hath a Spaniard to his father and an Indian to his mother (Hakl vi 321)

meta- G *μετά*, prep of somewhat vague meaning (see *metamorphosis*)

metabolism [*biol*] From G *μεταβολή*, change, from *βάλλειν*, to cast

metal F *métal*, L *metallum*, G *μέταλλον*, mine, cogn with *μετάλλω*, to seek after, explore In all Rom & Teut langs *Heavy metal*, *weight of metal*, allude to aggregate power of a ship's guns Also

applied in E to non-metallic matter, substance, esp of earthy nature, whence mod *road-metal* In 16-17 cent used of the "stuff" of which a man is made, in which sense the differentiated spelling *mettle* is usual since c 1700, while Shaks writes *metal*, *mettle* indifferently Esp in to *show the mettle one is made of*, *be on one's mettle*

I did not think Master Silence had been a man of this metal (2 Hen IV, v 3)

Thev [the horses] are well made and well metalled
(Purch xvi 91)

metamorphosis L, G, from *μεταμορφῶν*, to transform, from *μορφή*, shape, the prefix being gen equivalent to L *trans-* Cf *metaphor*, from *μεταφέρειν*, to transfer, *metathesis*, from *μετα-θέναι*, to transpose In some cases the prefix implies next to, e g *metatarsus* (*anat*), next to the *tarsus*, cf *metaphysics*

metaphor See above *Mixed metaphor* is euph for *bull*³

In 1014 our old regular army crossed swords with a great numerical superiority of the cream of the German host at concert pitch and undamaged by war (*Fort* 18thly, July, 1919)

metaphysics For earlier *metaphysic* (cf F *métaphysique*) Applied, from 1 cent AD, to thirteen books of Aristotle which, in the received arrangement of his works, follow the books dealing with physics and natural science These were called *τὰ μετὰ τὰ φυσικά*, the (works) after the physics, which came to be wrongly interpreted as the works beyond, or transcending, physics

metatarsus, **metathesis** See *metamorphosis*

métayer F, MedL *medietarius*, from *medietas*, half (see *moiety*), the farmer paying a part, theoretically a half, of the produce as rent

mete [*archaic*] To measure AS *metan* Com Teut, cf Du *meten*, Ger *messen*, ON *meta*, Goth *mitan*, cogn with L *modius*, peek (cf Goth *mitahts*) Only current in to *mete out*, some senses of which are affected by archaic *mete*, boundary, OF L *meta*, still used in leg *metes and bounds*

* Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure (*Lev* xix 35)

metempsychosis Transmigration of the soul G from *μετά*, *ἐν*, in, *ψυχή*, soul A Pythagorean belief

meteor F *météore*, G *μετέωρον*, neut adj,

lofty from *μετα* and *deep* *υ* to lift up
Orig of any atmospheric phenomenon as
still in *meteorological*

meter *Usu* eg in *thermometer calorimeter*
etc from *Γ μέτρο* ModL *metrum* G
μέτρον measure but in *gas meter* (whence
water meter electric light meter) from verb
μετράω (q v)

metheglin [archaï] Welsh mead Wel is
meddyglyn medicine from *meddyg* healing
L *medicus* and *lyn* liquor

methinks It seems to me From obs *think*
to seem AS *thyncan* cf Ger *denken* to
think *danken* to seem See *think*

Hm tho ght he by th brook f Chestl stood
(Par A 267)

method *Γ μέθοδος* I G *μέθοδος* pursuit
of knowledge investigation from *μετα*
and *ὁδός* way Spec sense of systematic
arrangement was developed by early
logicians *Methodist* (Wesleyan) was ap-
plied to the members of a rel society the
Holy Club founded at Ox (1729) by
John and Charles Wesley and their friends
but the word was in earlier u (*new metho-
dist*) to indicate adherence to any new rel
method or system of belief

methyl [chem] *Γ μέθυλη* Ger *methy* back
formation from *Γ μέθυλη* *ne* coined (1835)
by Dumas and Peligot from *Γ μέθυ* wine
Aq wood

mechulous *Γ μέλιχολος* L *melicholus*
timorous fearful (Coop) from *metus*
fear Current sense is 19 cent

mêtier F trade calling OF *mestier* usu
derived from L *ministerium* service but
the very early *maistier* points to *magis-
terium* mastery Prob both have com-
bined See *mystery*

metonymy [rhet] Use of adjunct for prin-
cipal eg *a disgrace to his cloth* *Γ μέθυ*
tonomie Late L G *μετωνομία* change of
name *νῦμα* (see *eponymy*)

metre AS *mēter* L *metrum* G *μέτρον* mea-
sure Pseudoped in 14 cent from *Γ μέτρον*
and for the third tim from the
same word selected (1729) as offc unit
of measure Hence *metric system* has d on
this unit In metric system the multiples
kilo hecto deca are C the fractional
milli centi deci are L *Met oיום* F
metronome is from G *μέτρον* law rule

metronymy Name derived from ancestress
eg *Marriott* from *Mary Meggitt* from
Ma garet Coined on *patronymy* from G
μετρών mother

metropolis L G from *μητρόπολις* mother
vol s city Earlier (15 cent) is *metro-
politan* bishop having control over bishops
of a province his see being in the metro-
polis Hence j c *Col onopol s* Manchester
Portopolis Chi ago

mettle See *mettal* *Mettle* of the pasture 1
after *Hen I* 1311
An In hmas n n with the m tle f h n t e
p a t e (D ly Chro S p 15 1017)

mew¹ Bird AS *mow* cf Du *meeuw* Ger
mühe (from LC) ON *mar* also F dm
mouette from Teut

mew² Of cat Imit f Ger *aue* *Γ*
mauler P rs *mau* Arab *mu* etc also
Chin *mu* cat Slav *mu* *meut* *meut*
are also found

mi ler to m wle orm m w l k a at (Cot h)

mew³ Verb Orig to moult F *muer* L
mutare to change Hence *mew* cage or
coop orig for m ulting birds esp falcon
and verb to *mew* (1 p) no v fig only The
up is due to association with *to mire* (wall)
up like a peccant nun The royal *meus*
hawk houses at Charing Cro s (*de Meus*
apud Charr) n e VED 1304) were pulled
down (1534) and royal stables erected on
their site hence mod sense cf *meus* For
extension from parti ular to general cf
spr b idewell

Γ many s fat p rtinch hadde he n m e
(Ch A 349)

M pity th t the gles should be mew d
Whi kites d bus ards play at l be ty

(R ch III)

mews See *meu*

mezzanine [a cl] Latresol (q v) *Γ* It
mez anino dim of *me anio* middle L
mediūm See *mean*

mezzotint It *me ol nt* half tint L *medius*
See *tint* Cf *mezzo sopr no*

mu [mus] See *ga n t*

masma G from *μασ* to pollute

mica L grain crumb whence *Γ* *mi e*
crumb Sense de elopment influenced by
association with L *micca* to glister

Micawber Type of man who hopes f r
something to turn up (*Copperfield*)

It s ot f t to t t the tr d tion f Mc a be
gainst th tr buon of blood and iron
(F Bi schford, Dec 17 1799)

much [slan] See *more ch*

How muchang J (nk) dd torm)
Of his d h erance n d s f i the we
(51) J m)

Michael Arch angel Heb *Mikail* who is
like God? A favourite Eurp name eg

F *Michel*, Sp. *Miguel* The popular form was *Mihel*, etc., preserved in *Saint-Mihiel* (Meuse) and in our common surname *Miles*. *Der deutsche Michel*, orig (16 cent) a clumsy, good-natured man, was adopted during the War of Liberation (1813) for a national type, cf *Jacques Bonhomme*, *John Bull*, *Paddy*, etc. *Michaelmas* is in AS

I sent to you the last letter the daye after S^t Michael (Paston Let II 246)

Michael has been a slave to his imperial master for the self same reason (*Daily Chron* May 17, 1918)

mickle, muckle [archaic & dial.] AS *micel*, *mycel* Com Teut., cf OSax *mihil*, OHG. *mihhil*, ON *mihell*, Goth *mihils*, cogn with G *μεγαλ-* (*μέγας*, great) and prob with L *magnus* See *much* Cf name *Micklejohn*, *Meiklejohn*

microbe F, badly coined (1878) by Sédillot from G *μικρός*, small, *bios*, life Cf *microcephalous*, small-headed, usu with *idiol*, *microcosm*, the little cosmos, man, the vogue of which is due to its use (c 1200) by Bernard Silvester of Tours in *De Universitate Mundi*, *microscope*, from G *σκοπεῖν*, to look

micturation [med] From L *micturere*, desiderative of *ungere*, to urinate

mid Orig adj AS *midd* Aryan, cf OSax *muddi*, OHG *mith*, ON *mithr*, Goth *midris*, L *medius*, G *μέσος*, Sanskrit *madhya*, Zend *maidya*, OCelt *medio-*, in place-names, e.g. *Mediolanum*, now Milan Hence prep *mid*, for *amid* (q.v.) So *midship*, for *amidship*, whence *midshipman*, earlier *midshipsman* (Capt John Smith), from station in ship *Midshipmite* and *middy* are in Marryat (*Peter Simple*) The commoner compds, e.g. *mudday*, *midnight*, *midsummer*, *midwinter*, are found in AS *Midsummer madness*, associated with earlier *midsummer moon*, is in Shaks (*Twelfth Night*, in 4) *Midriff*, diaphragm, is from AS *hrif*, belly, cogn with L *corpus* *Midst* is for obs *mids*, genitive of *mid*, with excrement -*t* as in *against*, etc

Midas Very rich man Fabulous king of Phrygia (cf *Croesus*) Granted by Dionysos the power of turning all he touched into gold, and gifted by Apollo with ass's ears

midden [dial.] Dunghill Of Scand origin, cf Dan *mødding*, from *møg*, muck (q.v.), *dynge*, heap, dung (q.v.)

middle AS *midel*, from *mid* (q.v.) A WGer

formation, cf Du *middel*, Ger *mittel* Oldest records are all in superl *middelst*, later replaced by *middlemost* (see -most). *Middleman*, orig two words, is first recorded in current sense in Burke *Middle-Age*(s) is 18 cent, cf F *royen âge*, Ger *mittelalter*, all translating ModL *medium aevum*

midling Not from *middle*, but from *mid* (q.v.) and -*ling* (q.v.) Orig. Sc adj, now used also as noun to express medium quality, e.g. of meal

The best moutoun for rrs, the midling moutoun for rurs, and the worst moutoun for vis (Reg of Sc Privy Council, 1554.)

midge AS *mycg*, *myege*, gnat, cf Du. *mug*, Ger *muche*, Sw *mygg*, Dan *myg* *Midget* is 19 cent.

midriff, **midshipman**, **midst**, **midsummer** See *mid*.

midwife From obs prep *mid*, with, cogn with Du *mede*, Ger *mit*, and *wife* in orig. sense of woman The sense is thus "woman assisting", cf. synon Ger *beifrau*, and see *obstetric* For formation of *cumner* (q.v.) and numerous Du & Ger compds of *mede-*, *mit-*

mien Earlier (16-17 cents) *meue*, *meane*, aphet for *demean* (q.v.), later associated with F *mine*, "the countenance, look, cheer, visage" (Cotg), which is perh of Celt origin, cf Welsh *min*, hp, OIr *mén*, month

miff [colloq.] Tiff, huff Cf Ger *muff*, *muffig*, from which the E word was perh borrowed (c 1600)

might¹ Noun AS *mihht*, from root of *may*; cf Du Ger *nacht*, Goth *mahts*, also ON *máttegr*, mighty The collocation with *main*² is found in AS and the contrast with *right* in ME. The adv use of *mighty*, now colloq, is also old (13 cent.)

Sa mighti meke, ea mild o mode (*Cursor Mundí*)

might² Verb AS *mihhte*, past of *may*
mignon Dainty F, see *mignon* Hence *mignonnelle*, not much used in F, a pet-name for *réséda*

migraine F, see *megrim*

migrate From L *migrare*, or back-formation from earlier *migration* (Cotg.)

mukado Jap, from *mi*, august, *kado*, door, cf the *Sublime Porte*

milady Cf *milord*

milch AS *milce*, in *thri-milce*, month of May, when cows can be milked three times

million F, It *milione*, augment from L *mille*, thousand For pl. *million*, after *hundred, thousand*, cf *dozen* *Milhonaire* is early 19 cent, F *millionnaire* (Acad 1762)

milord Used on continent of rich E traveller, *my lord*.

milreis Port coin, thousand *reis*, pl of *real*² (q v)

milt Splice of animals, soft roe of fish. AS *mille* Com Teut, cf Du *milt*, Ger *milz*, ON *miltr*, prob cogn with *melt* In sense of roe the earlier word was *milk*, which has been confused with *milt*, cf Ger *milch*, Dan *melk*, in same sense

lactes mylke of fyshe (Voc)

lactes the soft roe, or milt of fish (Litt)

mime L *imus*, G *μῦθος*, buffoon, cf *pantomime* Hence *mime* Biol sense of *ministry, mimicry*, etc, is 19 cent

minny-punny Formed, after *namby-pamby*, on dial *min*, imit of lips pursed up in "prunes, prisms" style Also *minny-punny* See *gimny*

mimesa F, ModL (c 1600), in allusion to sensitive plant's mimicry of animal life

mimulus Plant ModL (Linnaeus), from *minus* See *minosa* and cf pop name *monkey-mush*

mina¹ Weight and coin L, G *μνᾶ*, of Babylonian origin

mina² Bird Hind *manā*

minaret Sp *minarete*, from Turk form of Arab *manārat*, from *manār*, light-house, from root of *nār*, fire, cf F *minaret*, It *minaretto*

minatory OF *minatoire*, Latc L *minatorius*, from *minari*, to threaten

mince OF *minceur*, VL **minutiare*, from *minutus*, small, cf It *minuzzare* and ModF *amenuiser* Orig kitchen term as in *mince(-d)-meat, -pie* To *mince matters* was earlier to *mince the matter* (Sir T More), but its popularity is due to *Oth* ii 3 Shaks also uses *mince, mincing* several times in their current fig senses Cf *diminish, minish*

a mynsynge pae Ie pas menu (Palsg)

2 dozen of machetos to minch the whale (Hakl. lii 202).

mind AS *gemynd*, cf, OHG *gimunt*, Goth *gamunds*, memory From an Aryan root which appears in L *mens*, Sanskrit *manas*, mind, ON. *munni*, memory, Ger *minne*, love (see *minnesinger*) The order of senses

is (1) memory, as in *mindful*, to call to mind, time out of mind, and dial I *mind the time when*, (2) opinion, intention, as in to have a (good, great, half) mind to, to speak one's mind, (3) seat of consciousness The verb is evolved in ME from the noun, some current senses, e.g. *mind what I say, mind the step*, springing from the idea of mental attention The latest development is that of being personally concerned (only in neg or inter phrases, e.g. *never mind, do you mind?*)

Cromwell died, people not much minding it (Josselin's Diary, Sep 3, 1658)

minc¹ Possess pron AS *mīn*, gen of *I, me* Com Teut, cf Du *myjn*, Ger *mein*, ON. *mīnn*, Goth *meins* Early superseded by *my* before consonant, exc. predicatively

minc² Noun F, borrowed also by all Rom. & Teut langs The F word appears first in verb *miner* (12 cent), which is prob of Celt origin, cf Gael Ir *mein*, ore, Welsh *mwyn* The Celts worked metals before the Teutons (cf *iron*), and Greece and Italy are poor in minerals Hence *mineral*, ModL *minerals*

Thys mineral water is cleere and springeth out of sande (NED 1562)

Minerva press Printing-shop in Leadenhall St, which issued many sentimental novels c 1800 L *Minerva*, goddess of wisdom, cogn with *mind*

mincver See *minver*.

mingle ME *mengelen*, frequent of obs *mengen*, AS *mengan*, from *mang*, mixture. Com Teut, cf Du Ger *mengen*, ON. *menga*, cogn with *among* *Mingle-mangle*, hotch-potch, is used by Latimer

mingy [slang] Thinned form of *mangy*

miniature It *miniatura*, MedL, from *miniare*, to rubricate, paint in *minium*, red lead, prob an Iberian word (cf river *Minus*, now Port *Minho*, ? from colour) Orig applied to the ornamental capitals of MS, and later, perh by association with *minor, minutus*, to small pictures and portraits in gen

minatura a limning, a painting with vermillion (Flor)

minié-rifle [hist] Used to fire *minié-bullet*, from F inventor's name Superseded by *enfield*

minify Incorr. formed from *minor* after *magrify*

- minikin** [*chiefly dial.*] Dainty affected Obs
Du *minneken* dim of *minne* love Cf
minnesinger minion
- minim** [*rims*] L *minimus* because orig in
ancient notation the shortest note Cf
minimize coined by Bentham *minimalist*
incorr rendering of Russ *menshevik* (q.v.)
minimum (cf *matimum*)
- my ym of nge minna* (*P ompt Parv*)
- minion** F *mignon* darling from Ger *minne*
love cf *minikin* and It *mignone* Esp
of favourite of the powerful but used in
16-17 cents without de paraging sense
minion a minion a favour a dillig a minikin
a darling (Flor)
The Min of Power—in other words a ribald
turncock Itz h d to th waterworks
(Mr Micawber)
- minish** [*archa c*] See *diminish* *mince*
- minister** L servant related to *minor* as
minister is to *major* Local sense after F
ministre is found in pre Reformation times
of an ecclesiastic charged with some spec
function Sense of high officer of Crown
from 17 cent
- miniver** *miniver* OF *menuier* the furre
miniver also the beast that beares it
(Cotg.) lit little grey (see *menu* and *tail*)
supposed to have been orig the skin of the
small gray squirrel F *petit gris* MC *ceyre*
is used of a stoat or weasel and *minister* sur
vives in same sense in EAngl dial Cf
synon Ger *grau wech* lit gray fur
- mink** Cf Sw *menk* mink IC *mink* otter
Now u of Amer species Early examples
all in s
My russet gown perv id w th meaks
(Past 1st li 47)
- minnesinger** Ger also *sänger* from *minne*
love poem with *mini* Applied to MHC
poets who imitated (c 1100-1300) the
troubadours of Provence Cf *meister*
singer
- minnie** [*ind*] From 1915 Abl rev of Ger
minenwerfer mine thrower See *mine*
war
- minnow** NF *menas* fish sing from VL
minna f *menasse* small fish of divers
sorts (Cotg) VL *minna* milt pl
There is also an AS *myne* but it is un
certain what fish it was and it does not
appear to have survived
minnow a manner of minute (sic) fyre small
fishes (Flor)
If ar 30 ths Trt n of the minnows? (Cor 12)
- minor** L from a root which appars in L.

- minuere* G *minuere* to make less of
ME *min* less Ger *minder* Hence *minor* r e
frat *minor* Franciscan In gen contrast
with *major* *Minor poet* (19 cent) seems
to imitate *minor prophet*
- minorca** Fowl from island of *Minorca*
- Minotaur** [*myth*] G *Minotauros* monster
fed in Cretan labyrinth on human flesh
offspring of Pasiphaë wife of King Minos
and a bull
- minster** AS *mynstre* Church L *monasterium*
cf OF *moister* whence archaic F *monastère*
(replaced by learned *monastère*) Ger *Minster*
Serb *Monastir* etc
- minstrel** OF *menestrel* (replaced by *menestrel*
trier fiddler) Late L *ministerialis* from
minister servant. Orig any buffoon or
entertainer For restriction of sense f
wait (Christmas) For rise in dignity due
to Scott & Co cf *bird* See quot s v wait
C *Islam tumbl* eod di f *menestrel* al r
s m (F 1 of *Dobys* Est d 300-33)
- mint** Plant AS *ment* L *menta* G *menta*
cf F *menthe* Du *mint* Ger *minze* *minze*
- mint** For coin AS *mynt* L *moneta* cf
Du *mint* Ger *minze* For list see *monet*
- minuet** F *minuet* from *menu* small L
minutus because danced with short steps
From 17 cent Form influen ed by It
minuetto from F
- minus** L neat of *minus* (j v) First (15
cent) in quasi prep a new unknown to I
Plus and minus with symbols + - ar
first found in Ger book on commerce
arithmetic (1489) Cf *minuscule* small
Letter I L *minuscule* (see *little* s)
- minute** Noun I Late L *minuta* (see *pa*
primus) from *minutus* small cogn with
minor A li is taken later from L *minuta*
For sense of detail as in *official minute*
minutes of meeting cf *menu*
- My mother took mil tea, which I have seen
be the first! I wish prayer book of Bevalstra
deceased sh h 15 Dece Mem Ger ch 11*
- minx** Earlier also *minx* L *minx* watch
cf Ger *minx* h (neut) in same sense on
adj OHG *manise* firm man man For
metaph of sk cf *hunts* *Minx*
- miocene** [*geol*] Coined (19 cent) from G
mi I as *nause* new Cf *pliocene*
- miquelet** [*hist*] Sp *trio* *guerrillero* *li* *et*
et Also *miquelet* Dim of Sp *Moquel*
Catalan *Miquel* *Nichol*
- miracle** I L *miraculum* from *mirari*
wonderful Cf AS *miradort* ce *miradort*
weore

mirage F, from *sc mirei*, to be reflected, mirrored Sec *mirror*

mire ON *mýrr*, cogn with *moss* Allusive uses, *stick in the mire*, etc., are very common in ME

mirific F *mirificus*, L *mirificus*, from *mirus*, wonderful, *facere*, to make

mirk See *mirik*

mirror OF *mirēor* (replaced by *miroir*), L *mirator-em*, from *mirari*, to contemplate, wonder at

Playing, whose end is to hold, as 'twere, the mirror up to nature (*Hamlet* iii 2)

mirth AS *myrth*, from *merry*, of which it follows the sense-development

mirza Complimentary title Pers *mirzā*, for *mīrzād*, from *mīr* (from Arab *amīr*, amīr, emir), *zād* (= natus)

mis- In majority of compds is AS *mis-* Com Teut prefix, cf Du *mis-*, Ger *miss-*, ON *mis-*, Goth *missa-*, cogn with *miss*¹ Thus prefix has been confused with the unrelated OF *mes-* (*més-*, *mé-*), L *minus*, whence Sp Port *menos-* (see *muscovado*), OIt *menes-* (*mis-*)

misanthrope F, G *μισάνθρωπος*, from *μισῶν*, to hate, *ἄνθρωπος*, man Cf *miso-gymist*

miscarry OF *mescarier*, to go astray See *mis-* and *carry* The simplex is not used as intrans verb exc in to *carry on* (orig naut), where it has become equivalent to *go on*, cf fig *such goings (carryings) on*

miscegenation Orig US Badly coined from L *miscēre*, to mix, *genus*, race

miscellaneous From L *miscellaneus*, from *miscellus*, from *miscēre*, to mix

mischief OF *meschief* (*méchief*), from *meschever*, to come to grief, opposite of *achieve* (q v) See *mis-* Orig evil plight, discomfiture As euph for the Devil (*what the mischiefs*) from 16 cent

In sickness nor in meschief to visite
The ferreste in his parisshe, muche and lite
(Chauc A 493)

Souvent celui qui demeure
Est cause de son meschef
Celuy qui s'enfuit de bonne heure
Peut combattre derechef

(*Satire Ménippée*, 16 cent)

miscreant OF *mescreant*, pres part of *mescreire* (*mécroire*), L *minus* and *credere*, to believe Orig cpithet of Saracens, cf It. *miscredente*, heathen Current sense first in Spenser

misdeemeanour From *demeanour* with E

prefix *mis-* Orig sense of misbehaviour now restricted to leg. use

misdoubt [archaic] From OF *se mesdouter*, to suspect, where the *mes-* appears to have rather intens than neg force

mise [hist] Agreement, esp in *Misc of Lewes* (1264) F, p p fem of *mettre*, to put, lay down, L *mittere*, to send

miser L, wretched, cf It Sp *misero*, wretched, avaricious, which prob suggested adoption of L word (16 cent) Also *miserable*, F *misérable*, L *miserabilis*; *misery*, OF *miseric* (replaced by *misère*), L *miseria*

Sir John Hawkins had in him malice with dissimulation, rudeness in behaviour, and passing sparing, indeed miserable (*Purell* xvi 133)

miserere Imper of *misereri*, to have pity Init word of Ps li used as penitential *misericord* [antq] Hinged scat in choir-stall to lean against F *miséricorde*, L *misericordia*, pity, from *misereri* (v s) and *cor*, *cord-*, heart Also (archaic), dagger of mercy, relaxation room in monastery

misery See *miser*

misfeasance [leg] OF *mesfaisance*, from *mesfaire* (*méfaire*), to misdo, L *minus* and *facere*

misgive Orig (c 1500) in *my heart misgives me*, 1 c forebodes to me unhappily, from *give* in ME sense of to suggest

My hert gyveth me that v^e mater wyll nat reste longe in the case that it is now in

(*Berners' Froissart*)

mishap As silly euph for defeat, dates from SAfr war See *hap*

mish-mash Redupl on *mash* Cf Ger *mischi-maschi*

mishnah Precepts forming basis of Talmud Post-Bibl Heb from *shānāh*, to repeat

misnomer AF infin, OF *mesnomer*, L *minus* and *nominare* See *mis-* For infin as noun in AF law terms cf *rejoinder*, *attainder*

misogynist From G *μισογύνης*, from *μισῶν*, to hate, *γυνή*, woman An enthusiastic temperance orator, unversed in the classics, once declared himself an "uncompromising beerogynist"

misprision¹ [leg] OF *mesprision*, mistake, L *minus* and *prehensio-n-* Now chiefly in *misprision of felony*, orig crime partly due to error, but now concealment

misprision² [archaic] Contempt On above from OF *mespriser* (*mépriser*), to despise, L *minus* and *pretiare* See *prize*¹

children call woolly gloves "pussies" To give (get) the mitten is US ? in contrast with the glove, regarded as a mark of lady's favour

mittimus Form of writ. From init word.

L, we send Cf obs *bannimus*, formula of expulsion at Oxf

mix Back-formation from *mixt*, F *mixte*, L *mixtus*, from *miscere*, to mix To be mixed up with is a metaphor from the apothecary's shop

mixen [dial] Dunghill AS *mixen*, from *meox*, dung, ult cogn with Ger *mist*

Thet eoe is kene on his ow une myenne

(Ancien Riwle)

mizen Orig a sail, now a mast F *misaine*, now foremast, It *mezzana*, name of a sail, cf Sp *mesana*, Du *bezaan*, earlier *mezane* (Kil), Ger *besan* (from Du) It is possible that the It word, taken as meaning middle (see *mezzo*, *mezzanine*), is really adopted from Arab *mizān*, balance "The mizen is, even nov, a sail that 'balances,' and the reef in a mizen is still called the 'balance'-reef" (W B Whall, author of *Shakespeare's Sea Terms Explained*)

The ship was laid to under a balance mizen, tumbling about dreadfully (Hickey's *Memoirs*, II 213).

mizmaze. Mystification. Redupl. on *maze* (q v)

mizpah [Bibl] Heb, watch-tower (*Gen.* xxxi. 48)

mizzle¹ To drizzle Cf Du dial *miezelen*, LG *miseln*, prob cogn with *mist* Pepys speaks of a "cold, mising morning" (Sep. 15, 1665)

muzzle² [slang] To slink off Shelta *misl*, to go

mnemonic G *μνημονικός*, from *μνήμων*, mindful, *μνᾶσθαι*, to remember

moa Native Maori name of *dinornis*

Moabite stone Erected (c 850 B C) by Mesha, king of Moab, with earliest known inscription of Phoenician alphabet.

moan AS **mān*, cogn. with *mānan*, to moan, whence obs *mean*, replaced after 16 cent by *moan*, from noun Orig. chiefly in to make moan

If you should die for me, sir knight,
There's few for you would meane (Sc Ballad)

moat ME *mote*, mound, embankment, OF & AF, hill-fortress surrounded by water. Ident. with F *moite*, clod, ? of Teut origin and cogn with *mud*. For change of sense cf. double meaning of *dike* Older sense of

F word appears in common surnames *Lamothe*, *Delamotte*

E si avest une mote environée de marreis e de ewe, e là fist Payn un tour bel e fort

(Hist de Fouques filz Warin).

mothe a little earthen fortress, or strong bouse, built on a hill (Cotg)

mob¹ Crowd Abbreviated (late 17 cent) from *mobile* (sc *vulgus*), the field crowd Addison (*Spect* 135) speaks of "mob *rep* pos incog and the like" See *mobile* and *vulgar*

der tolle pobel the raseally sort of people; the mobile, mobb, or rabble (Ludw)

mob² Cap Archaic Du *mop*, of unknown origin

mop a thrum cap worn by sea men (Hexham)

mop-muls a night-coif (ib).

mobile F, L *mobilis*, from *movēre*, to move *Mobilize* is 19 cent, F *mobiliser*

moccasin N Amer Ind, with forms varying in different tribes Earliest *mochasin* (Capt John Smith)

Mocha Arab port on Red Sea, whence coffee. It is prob that *mocha*, chalcodony, is of same origin

mock F *moquer*, now only reflex., cf synon Prov *mochar*, It *moccare* Orig. sense perh to blow the nose, as derisive gesture, from L *muco*, whence also F *moucher*, to blow the nose, of which *moquer* would be a dial form Sense of imitating, orig derisively, as in *mocking-bird*, *mock* *heroics* (*modesty*, etc), is developed in E *Mock* *tittle* is first recorded in Mrs Glasse (1763)

moccare to snuffe or blow the nose, to snuffe a candle Also to mocke, flout, or scoffe (Flor)

moucher to snyte, blow, wipe, or make cleane the nose, also, to snuffe a candle, also, to frumpe, moeke, scoffe, deride (Cotg)

moco Kind of cavy Tupi (Brazil) *mocó*

mocomoco Kind of arum Carib *moucou-moucou*

mode F (m), manner, mood (gram), (f) fashion, L *modus*, measure, limit, etc, cogn with *mete* See *mod²*. *Modish* is in Pepys

model F *modèle*, It *modello*, dim from L *modus* (v s), cf L *modulus* and see *mould²*.

moderate L *moderatus*, from *moderari*, from *modus*, measure (v s) For depreciative sense cf. *mediocre* Oldest is *moderator*, formerly univ. official acting as umpire in academic disputations Hence Oxf *Moderations*, *Mods*, "first public examination" for degree of B A

modern F *moderne* Late L. *modernus* from *modo* just now cf *hodiernus* from *hodie* to-day
 modest F *modeste* L. *modestus* from *modus* measure Cf *moderate*
 modicum Neut of L. *modi* us moderate
 modify I modifier L. *modificare* to limit moderate (v s) In F orig to alter in the direction of moderation
 modillion [arch] Bracket It *modiglione* app from L. *mutulus* in timber worke a braggat shouldering or suchlike (Coop) confused with *modulus*
 Moda [Oxf] See *mod rats*
 modulate From L. *moliri* to give measure to from *modus* dim of *modus*
 modus L. measure method esp in *modus operandi* *modus vivendi* the latter app of quite mod introduction into E
 Moeso-Gothic [ling] Formerly used for simply Gothic usu in allusion to the lang from *Moena* corresponding to Belgiana and Serbia where the Goths settled
 moët Champagne from firm of Moët and Chandon Reims
 mofette Exhalation of mephitic gas F It (Daples) *mofetti* ? cogn with *mephitic*
 mofussil [Anglo-Ind] Country as distinguished from presidency Arab *mu fassal* pp of *fassila* to divide
 mogo [Austral] Stone hatchet Native (NSW)
 mogra Arab jasmine Hind *mogra*
 Mogul Pers & Arab *māghul* for Afan of (q v) Hence *Great Mogul* (16 cent) Europ title of Emperor of Delhi till 1857 Cf archaic *Great (Gran) Turk*
 mohair Mod spelling is due to association with *hair* The furms, in most Europ langs are numerous and varied all ult from Arab *muhlayr* or cloth of goats hair lit choice pp of *hayyara* to choose Later applied to other fabri See *moire*
 Mohammedan From *Mohammad* a common Arab name lit (much) praised Now more usual than the pop form *Mahometan*
 Mohock [hist] Aristocratic street ruffian (c 1700) Transferred use of name of Amer Ind tribe now written *Mohawk* Cf ModF *apriche* in im lar sense also from a Red Ind tribe name
 A rare allied th Mohocks that play th devil boat this town every night (Swift)
 mohur Coin Pers *mahr* orig seal seal ring cogn with Sanskrit *mudra* seal

moidore Com Port *moeda d ouro* money of gold See *money*
 Fai rue-a bles and broad moi res
 Th waste pulls out of their pockets by score (I gold by)
 moiety F *moitié* L. *medietas* tat half from *medius* middle
 moi Usu in it il and moi In ME to vet bedaub F *moisir* VL *molliare* from *mollius* soft So VED and Skeat but I am inclined to think that in current sense *moi* is rather from a common early var of *mole* In W Cornwall to *mole* is to work hard (Smythe Palmer) Cf Ger *ochen* to swot from *o* as ox
 A *mole* or *mole* in lus m l 4 m l or lub m g head yument m. F *mole* or *drudg* laborare q d instar m di (Lit)
 moire F earlier *maire* from E *hu* with which it was orig synon
 moist Ol *moiste* (*moie*) L. *humidus* like must (q v) or new wine fresh green new scuses all found in ME
 Mairymon e I m y nym a m i from (P vs Plowm B 68)
 hot mug to put in al
 Wb th rit be m yst o st le (Cha c. B 1933)
 If r hosen weren of fyn sea let reed
 Fut surete y teyd and shoes ful mo rie and newe (b A 456)
 moke Perh from some proper name (? *Moger*) applied to the ass Cf prov phrae *Moke hath lost her shoe* (Skelton)
 Moete Mok Mo Meig all occur as pers names in 13 cent and survive in surnames *Mo es Moven*
 moko Maori tattooing Native word
 molar¹ Troth AF *moeller* F *moilaire* L *molaris* from *mola* mill stone grinder
 Ol one erant moleculas in m uo numer (b lg Earl xl 3)
 molar Of maws L *moles* See *mole*²
 molasses Earlier (16 cent) *melasses* pl from Port *melago* Late L *mit lacum* from *mel* mell honey cf obs It *mela* Sp *mela* F *melasse* ? Form influenced by F *molasse* over soft "quaggy swagging" (Cotg)
 mole¹ Spot AS *mal* spot blemish esp on linen etc whence iron mole now cor ruptly ironmould cf OHG *meil* Goth *mal* also ModGer *mal* in current E sen e which Kluge regards as ident. with *mal* point of time (see *mela*)
 The best col H ukyn, hath many moles and spots (P vs Plowm B xlii 315)

mole² Animal. Earlier also *molde*, short for *mouldwarp* (still in dial), lit earth-thrower (see *mould*¹, *warp*), cf Ger *mauhwurf*, "a mole, a molewarp, a want" (Ludw), and similar compds in other Teut langs *Moleskin*, cotton fustian, is fanciful (cf *doeskin*, kind of cloth)

Making mountaineers of molehills (Foxe)

mole³ Breakwater F *môle*, "a peere; a bank, or causey on the sea-side neer unto a rode or haven" (Cotg), L *moles*, heap, mass.

Letters to Boloynne for the making of a jettie or mole (Privy Council Ads, 1545)

molecule F *molecule*, dim from L *moles*, mass A 17 cent word coined in connection with Descartes' physical speculations

molest F *molestere*, L *molestare*, prob from *moles* (v s) Cf *cark*, *burdensome*

Molinist [theol] Adherent of (1) *Luis Molina* (†1600), (2) *Miguel de Molinos* (†1696)

mollify F *mollifier*, L *mollificare*, to make soft, *mollis*, cogn with *melt*

mollusc Adopted by Linnaeus (1758) from L *molluscus*, from *mollis*, soft

molly-coddle Orig noun, one who coddles himself From *Molly*, Mary, used contemptuously for a milksop For change of -r- to -l- cf *Sally* (*Sarah*), *Hal* (*Harry*)

Molly a Miss Molly, an effeminate fellow (Grose)

molly-hawk Bird, fulmar Folk-etym for *mollymawk*, earlier *malle-muck*, Du *malle-mok*, lit foolish gull

Molly Maguire [hist] Name assumed by members of Ir seeret society (1843) Cf *Luddite*, *Rebeccaite*

Moloch L (*Vulg*), G. (LXX), Heb *mōlek*, from *melek*, king Canaanite idol to which infant sacrifices were made For fig senses cf *Juggernaut*

molten See *melt*

moly Plant Orig of fabulous herb by which Ulysses was protected against Circe L, G *μῶλυ*

That moly

That Hermes once to wise Ulysses gave
(*Comus*, 636)

moment F, L *momentum*, for **movimentum*, movement, moving power Sense of time-division orig in *moment of time* (*Luke*, iv 5) Sense of "weight" now only in *of great* (*little*, any) *moment* See also *psychology*

Momus L, G, personification of *μῶμος*, ridicule

monaehal Church L *monaehalis*, from *monachus*, monk (q v)

monad Unity L *monas*, *monad*-, G *μονάς*, from *μόνος*, alone

monarehy F *monarchie*, L, G *μοναρχία*, from *μόνος*, alone, *ἄρχειν*, to rule

monastery Church L, Late G. *μοναστήριον*, from *μονάζειν*, to live alone, *μόνος* ME had also *monaster*, F *monastère* See *minster*.

Monday AS *mōnandæg*, moon day, rendering Late L *lunae dies*, whence F *lundi*, It *lunedì*, etc Cf Du *maandag*, Ger *montag*, ON *mānadagr* With *Saint-Monday*, holiday observed by workers exhausted by the week-end, cf F *fête Saint-Lundi*, and *Mondayish*, of the weary cleric

monetary L *monetarius* (v 1).

money OF *monere* (*monnaie*, coin, change, mint), L *moneta*, ? orig admonishing goddess (L *monēre*), to whose temple the Roman mint was attached, cf. It *moneta*, Sp *moneda* See *mint*², *moidore* *Moneta* may, however, be an old goddess-name unconnected with *monēre*.

The ointment of saffron, confectioned at Soli in Cilicia, imported for a good while and carried the praise alone but soon after that of Rhodes was every mans money (Holland's *Pliny*, 1601)

monger Now usu in compds From AS *mangian*, to trade, cf OHG ON *mangari*, from L *mango*, dealer (contemptuous) Common since 16 cent in nonce-formations implying "one who carries on a contemptible or discreditable 'trade' or 'traffic' in what is denoted by the first element of the compound" (*NED*)

Professor Weekley is well known to our readers as the most entertaining of living word-mongers
(*Daily News*, Nov 8, 1916)

Mongol Native name, said to be from *mong*, brave Cf earlier *Mogul*

mongoose Mahratti *mangūs*, whence also Port *mangus*, Sp *mangosta*, F *mangouste*

mongrel With pejorative suffix (cf *washed*), from obs *mong*, to mix, cogn with *among* (q v) Orig of dogs

monial [arch] Mulhon OF *moinel*, *meinel* (*meineau*), app from *moien*, *meien*, *mean*², because dividing the window into halves, cf F *moyen* (*de fenestre*), "the crosse-barre of a window" (Cotg), also F. *moineau*, middle tower of bastion, OF *morenel* See *milllion*.

moniker [slang] Sign ? A Shelta word

He bore the monicker of his experience in blood and wounds (D Newton, *North Afire*)

to defray expenses of senior collegier at Camb

montero From Sp *montera*, hunter's cap, from *montero*, hunter, lit mountaineer
Montessorian Educational method From It originator's name (20 cent)

montgolfier Formerly used for balloon, from brothers *Montgolfier*, who invented it (1783)

month AS *mōnath*, from *moon* (q v) Com Teut, cf Du *maand*, Ger *monat*, ON. *mānuhr*, Goth *mēnōths*, cogn with L *mensis*, G μῆν, Sanskrit *mās* A month's *mynd*, sometimes used (e.g. *Two Gent of Ver* 1 2) of an inclination, expectation, is prop the commemoration of the dead by a mass one month after the death, sometimes after a longer interval (v1) The custom is still usual in Ireland

I will that ther be xxli bestowed to bryngc me on crthe [i.e. bury me], at the monethe mynd, and the twelc monethe mynd

(Will of John Denham, Prebendary of Lincoln, 1533)

monticule F, Late L *monticulus*, dim of *mons*, *mont-*, mountain

monument F, L *monumentum*, from *monēre*, to remind First in E (c 1300) in sense of funeral monument, whence *patience on a monument* (*Twelfth Night*, 11 4).

moo Imit of voice of cow; cf L *mugie* See *baa*

mooch, **mouch** To loaf, earlier to play truant OF *mucher* (*musser*), to skulk, hide, from a root which appears in both Celt & Teut, e.g. OIr *míchaim*, I hide, Ger *meuchelmord*, assassination Cf earlier *mich* (q v), also L *muger*, cheat (Festus)

mood¹ State of mind AS *mōð* Com Teut; cf Du *moed*, Ger *mut*, ON *mōthr*, Goth *mōthis* The cognates have usu sense of wrath, courage, also an early E sense, surviving in name *Moody* In some phrases, e.g. *lighter* (*merry*) *mood*, it combines with *mus* sense of *mood*²

mood² [*mus*, *log*, *gram*] Alteration of *mode* (q v.), due to association with *mood*¹

moolvee, **moulvee** Mohammedián doctor of law Urdu *mulvi*, Arab *maulawiy*, adj., judicial, from *mullah*

moon AS *mōna* Com Teut, cf Du *maan*, Ger *mond*, ON *māne*, Goth *mēna*, cogn with G μῆν. See *month* Hence verb to *moon*, to behave as though moonstruck, *mooncalf*, orig abortive birth attributed to influence of moon; *moonlighting*, perpe-

tration by night of outrages by ruffians taking the name of *Captain Moonlight* (Ireland, c 1880), *moonlit*, coined Tennyson, *moonshine*, unreality, of *moonshine in the water* (*Paslon Let*) W *moonstruck* cf *lunatic*

Mon in the mone stond ant strit, on is bot fo is burthen he bereth (NED c 1300).

moonshee [*Anglo-Ind*]. Native secretary language-teacher Urdu *munshī*, Ar *munshī*, pres part of *ansha'a*, to compose
moor¹ Noun AS *mōr*, cf archaic Du. *mōr* Ger *moor*, fen, cogn. with ON *mōrr*, with *mere*¹

moor² Verb Prob AS **marian*, implied *maerelsiap*, mooring rope, cf Du. *mei* earlier *marren*, whence F *amarver*, *moor*

Moor F *Mose*, *Mause*, L *Mauris*, G *Maū* ident with μαῦρος, black Cf *negro* Inm Europ langs In 16-17 cents applied by explorers to all Mohammedans exc "Tur Tartars, Persians, Moguls" (Purch)

moose Namer Ind (Virginia or N England) *mos*, also *mus*, *muns*, etc Sp *moos* by Capt John Smith (1616).

moot AS *mōt*, *gemōt*, meeting, coalesced with cogn. ON *mōt*, cf Du *gemoot*, ML *mōz* See *meet*², *witenagemot* In comp usu -*mote*, e.g. *folk-mote*, *hundred-mote* (hist), exc in *moot-hall* (*Wye Matt* xx 27) Hence to *moot a question*, as tho before judicial assembly, *moot point*, fit to be there discussed These phrs are perh rather due to the practice described below

The pleadynge used in courte and Chaunc called "motes", where fyrst a case is appoynted to be moted by certayne yonge men, contaynynge some doubtfull controversie

(Elyot, *Governour*, 1 1)

moot a term used in the Inns of Court [St Gray's Inn], and signifies the handling or arguing a case for exercise (Blount)

mop¹ Noun Orig naut Earlier (15 ce) *mappe*, Walloon *mappe*, napkin, L *mapa* which in F gave *nappe* See *map*, *nap* Also in ME for rag-doll, whence *moppe*

Hc [Private Dancox] was one of a party of a ten men detailed as moppers-up
 (Official award of VC, Nov 27, 1914)

mop² Verb Chiefly in to *mop and mope* (*Temp* iv, *Lear*, iv 1), where *mow* is *moue*, a grimace As it usu refers to a face it may be connected with obs *mop*, fool Ger *mops*, fool, pug-dog, of LG ori-

which Kluge regards as cogn. with MHG *mupf* muff grimace whence perh. *Γ* *moue* (v.s.)

mope *On* to stray aimlessly as still in dial. Cf. *Sw* dial. *mopa* to sulk archaic. Dan. *maabe* to mope? cogn. with *mop**

mopoke Owl (New Zeal.) nightjar (Tasm.) other birds (Austral.) Imat. of cry. Also *more porh* *mope* *laugh* etc.

moppet See *mop**

moquette Fabric. *F* for earlier *mojade* ident. with obs. *E* *mockado*. This is usu. associated with *mock* but prob. ident. with obs. *moquet* *mu* gut intestines of calf. Another name for it was *tripe* (q.v.) Cf. also *frill*

moira SAm. tree. *Tupa* (Brazil) *moira* *lu ga* tree white

moraine Débris deposited by glacier. *F* ModProv. *monrenne* of unknown origin

moral *Γ* *L* *moralis* coined by Cicero from *mos* *mōr* manner custom to represent *G* νόμος ethic. Adopted by Rom. & Teut. langs. with very wide range of meanings. Early sense of what is naturally right as opposed to law and trad. ceremony appears in *moral* victory (impossibility certainly). *Moral* course (19 cent.) contrasts with *physical* course. *F* distinguishes between *le moral* temperament spirit (cf. *le phisique*) and *le morale* morality and some *E* writers are beginning to realize this. From the former comes mil. sense of *dentalise*. With *moral* of a fable (whence *moralis*) cf. *morality*. *F* *moralité* early play with ethical tendency. The very *moral* of is a vulgarism for *model* (cf. *inference* for *impudence*)

He (Charles XII of Sweden) *ist a n u* at which the world grew p. 1

To point a moral and adorn a tale (Johns. 1. *ivy f H* man it shes)

morass Du. *morras* corrupted by association with *moor* *moor* from earlier *marasch* *maras* OF *maresc* (*marais*) marsh (q.v.) cf. Ger. *mora* earlier *morass* from Du.

moratorium [leg.] Neut. of *L* *moratorium* from *morari* to delay. Ah. ays in Italics before 1914

Moravian Protestant sect of emigrants from Moravia. MedL. for *Mähren* (in Austria) founded (early 18 cent.) in Saxony by Count Zinzendorf

morbid *L* *morbid* is from *morbus* disease from root of *mior* to die. For current fig. sense (from 18 cent.) cf. *Γ* *malad* *f*

morbleu *F* altered from *mort* *Dieu* sdeath

morceau *F* see *morse*

mordacious Coined after *audacious* *ra* *pacious* etc. from *L* *mordax* *mordac* from *mordere* to bite. Cf. *mordant* pres. part. of *F* *mordre* also *mordant* (mus.) Ger. It *mordente*

more AS *mar* Com. Teut. cf. Du. *meerder* (double compar. for earlier *meer*) Ger. *mehr* ON *meire* Goth. *na* a AS *mā* is itself a compar. ME *u* *u* (e.g. in Chauc.) has for number *mo* AS *na* compar. a *l* *more* being used rather of size extent as still in the *more* *s the pity* *the more* *fool you* The *Coventry Leet Book* has several references to the *more* *park* and the *little* *park*

Cathay that is a great *d* *more* than *Γ* *m* (M. 11. 11)

A *d* *moth* *memor* is a *p* *over* *the* *ake* (Gascoigne)

moreen Fabric. ? Trade word formed on *more*

morello *morella* Cherry. Also obs. *morel* OF *morelle* (Cotg.) App. altered from early It. *marelle* sphet. for It. *amarello* dim. from *amaro* bitter. *L* *amirus* Cf. *maraschino*

more-pork See *mopoke*

more-sque *F* It. *moreasco* Moorish

morganatic ModL. *morganaticus* from MedL. *matrimonium a l* *morgin* *ica* alluding to the *morganaticum* latinization of Ger. *mior* *en* *ab* morning gift *um* handed over to wife after consummation of left-handed marriage and dispensing *bu* *band* from any further pecuniary responsibilities for possible children. See *morn*

morgen Measure of land. Ger. Du. also SAfrDu. & US. Orig. what could be ploughed in a morning (v.s.) Cf. similar use of *die* *diurnal* in MedL.

morgue [US] Mortuary. *F* earlier room in prison in which new arr. al. were viewed by the staff (cf. *Pickwick* ch. 21.) Perh. ident. with *morgue* haughty air of unknown origin

moribund *L* *moribundus* from *mori* to die

monon [rust.] Brimmed helmet which (18 cent.) superseded the salade or salet. *Γ* Sp. *morron* or It. *monone* Origin unknown. Understood by early etym.ologists as Max. ash Morian helmet which may be right

monisco Sp. Moorish Cf. *resque*

Monson's pill Invented by James Morris n. (1830) Used ironically by Carlyle of the gen. remedy for abuses etc.

morley Borrow's spelling of *mauley* See *maul*

Mormon Sect founded (1830) at Manchester, New York, by Joseph Smith, who claimed to have discovered the *Book of Mormon*, which he explained as from E *more* and Egypt *mon*, good!

morn ME *moirwe(n)*, AS *morgen* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *morgen*, ON *morgunn*, Goth *maurgins*, ident with *morrow*, with which it is often synon in dial *Morning* is a ME formation, after *evening*

morocco Leather orig tanned in *Morocco*

morose L *morosus*, from *mos*, *mor-*, custom (see *moral*) For limitation of sense (in L) cf E *humorous*, *moody*

morphea Earlier *morphium*, coined from *Morpheus*, Ovid's name for god of sleep and dreams, from G *μορφή*, form

morphology [biol & ling] Study of form and structure, G *μορφή*

morris-dance From 15 cent Cf Flem *mooriske dans*, F *danse moresque* In E associated with Robin Hood characters, but perh orig danced by people with blackened faces (cf "nigger") Cf *morris-pike* (Com of Errors, iv. 3)

Morris tube Invented by *Richard Morris* (†1891)

morrow ME *moirwe*, from *moirwen*, *morn* (q v) The words are still interchangeable in dial Cf Ger *morgen*, morning, tomorrow

The Kyng, the Quene, and the Prynce remeven to morwen to Hertford (*Paston Let* 1 335).

morse Walrus F, orig *moirce marin* (16 cent), Lapp *moisa* or Finnish *mursu* *Sea-moise*, very common in Purch, was gradually pushed out again by the earlier *sea-horse* Cf obs perversion *mohorse* (passim in Purch)

This yere were take iij grete fisses bytwene Eerethe and London, that one was call'd mors marine (Croxton)

Morse code From name of US electrician (†1872).

morsel OF (*morceau*), dim of *mors*, bite, L *morsus*, from *mordere*, *mors-*, to bite, Cf L *bit* from *bite* Orig. sense in a dainty *morsel*

He sendeth his cristal as morselis [Vulg bucellas, lit. little mouths] (Wyc Ps. cxlviii 17).

mort¹ [archaic] Death (of the deer), as in to blow a *mort* App altered, after F *mort*,

death, from earlier *mole*, F *mol*, word note of horn

mol a motto, a word, also, the note winded by huntsman on his horn (Cotg)

mort² [dial] Large quantity ? Cf northern dial *murth*, *merth*, in same sense, ON *meirgth*, from *maigr*, many Perh affected by *mortal* in a *mortal deal*, etc, and by F *mort*, as in *boire d mort*, to drink excessively

"We have had a mort of talk, sir," said Mr Peggoty (*Copperfield*, ch xxxii)

mortal F *mortel*, L *mortalis*, from *mors* *mort-*, death With use as intcns, e.g. *mortal hurry*, *two mortal hours* (also in F cf awful, ghastly, etc Now differentiate in some senses from native *deadly*

Elye was a deedli man lyk us (Wyc James, v. 17)

mortar Vessel for pounding AS *moirere* cf F *mortier*, L *mortarium*, whence also Ger *mörser*, Sw Dan *morter* Hence mortar, piece of artillery, orig (16 cent) *mortier piece*, from shape (cf obs *pot-gun* in same sense) *Mortar*, for building, is the same word, "pounded material," and comes to us from F *mortier*, cf Du *mortel*, Ge *mörtel*, of later adoption than *mörser* (v s) It is curious that we have *mortar-board*, college cap, from this sense, while *mortier*, cap worn by some F judicial dignitaries, is from the first sense

mortgage OF (replaced by *hypothèque*), lit. dead pledge, because the pledge becomes dead to one or other of the contracting parties according as the money is, or is not forthcoming (Coke) See *gage¹*.

mortify F *mortifier*, L *mortificare*, to make dead Sense of causing humiliation (cf fig to wound) also from F

The Lord mortifieth, and quykeneth (Wyc 1 Kings, ii. 6)

mortise, mortice Cavity in wood to receive *tenon* F *mortaise*, Sp *mortaja*, ? Arab *munlazz*, fixed in

mortmain [hist] Inalienable tenure of land by ecel (and other) bodies OF *morte main*, dead hand, MedL *mortua manu* Prob extended use of *mortua manu* (feud), incapable of disposing of property *Amortize* is used in *Paston Let* of allotting money in perpetuity to a pious foundation

mortuary L *mortuarius*, from *mors*, *mort* death As noun euph for earlier *deadhouse*

and practically equivalent to *motley*. The sense has also been affected by *medley*, from which the early philologists derived it. The fool's dress, with which *motley* was later associated, was half and half, F *mi-pari* (12 cent), and this is also the earliest sense of Ger *halbirt*, which was likewise used of a knight's parti-coloured shield. I propose AF **moiteld*, formed from *moitié* (AF *moitié*), half, by analogy with *écartelé*, quartered. Chaucer's use of *motley* and *medley* (v 1) suggests that the former might orig. be worn with dignity, while the latter was a homely "pepper and salt."

A marehant was ther with a forked berd,
In mottelye, and hyc on horse he sat

(Chaucer A 270)

He [the sergeant of the lawe] rood but hoonly in
a medlee cote (ib 328)

polimitus ray [striped] or motlee or medlee (Voc)

Scharlachrot unde brun

War sin mantel gehalbiert (IVgamur, 4685)

A worthy fool motley's the only wear

(As You Like It, II 7).

motor L, from *movēre*, *mot-*, to move. Hence *motor-car* (NED 1895), shortened to *motor* (ib 1900), first allowed without red flag Nov 14, 1896.

mottle Back-formation from *motley* (q v)

motto It, "a word, a phrase, a saying, a posie or briefe in any shield, ring" (Flor), as F *mot* (see *molet*). In Shaks (*Per* II 2)

We pulled the Christmas crackers, each of which
contained a motto,

And she listened while I read them till her mother
told her not to (*Bab Ballads*)

mouch See *mooch*

moucharaby Latticed balcony in NAfr. F, Arab *mashrabah*, lit drinking place (see *sherbet*), from porous water-vessels kept in it to cool by evaporation.

moufflon Wild mountain sheep (Corsica, etc) F, Late L *musfrō-n-* (5 cent). Pliny's name is *musmo*.

moujik Russ *muzhik*, peasant, dim of *muzh*, man, husband, ult cogn with *male*. For occ. rather contemptuous sense of the Russ word cf F *bonhomme* as in *Jacques Bonhomme*, peasant, churl. Usu *mousik*, *mowsike* in Hakk.

Kuas [Kvass] whereby the musick lives (NED 1568)

mould¹ Humus AS *molde*. Com Tent, cf obs Du *moude*, Ger dial *molt*, ON. *mold*, Goth *mulda*, cogn with *meal²*, *mill*, L *molere*, to grind, etc.

mould² Form. With excrecent -d from *moule*, L *modulus*, dim of *modus*, meas. cf *model*.

The glass of fashion and the mould of form
(Hamlet II 2)

mould³ Spot. Only in iron-mould. See *iron-mole¹*

mould⁴. On cheese, etc. Back-formation from *mouldy* (q v)

moulder A late word (16 cent), usually associated with *mould¹*, but probably represented by Ger *moder*, decay. Kluge supposes that this word may be from Du *moder*, moist (q v), in fig sense. For intrusive -l- *moult*

vermodern to moulder, to moulder away, to decay to dust (Ludw.)

mouldy Extension of ME *moild*, pp of obs verb *moul*, to become mildewed, earliest form *muwle*, ON. *mygla*, cf. *mögla*, Norw *mugla*; cogn with *mügg*, to grow mild.

Lat us nat mowlen thus in ydelnesse

(Chaucer B 1000)

moult With intrusive -l- from ME *moilt*, AS *mūthan*, in *bemūthan*, L *mutare*, to change, whence also F *muer*, Du *muur*, Ger *mausen* (OHG *mūzōn*). See *mews*. *mowlyn*, as *fowlys plumeo*, *deplumeo*

(Prompt Par)

moulvee See *moolvee*

mound¹ [archaic] Orb or ball of gold or silver mounted by cross held in hand by figure of Christ or of royal personage. F. *monde*, L *mundus*, world.

mound² Hillock. App due to confusion between obs Du *mond*, protection, and *mount*, with which it is completely confused in mid lang of 16 cent. The word orig. *mil*, a rampart, is of late appearance (16 cent) and is used in dial in sense of boundary, hedge, etc. Du *mond* is cognate with Ger *mund*, AS *mund*, guardianship, protection, poet hand, and perhaps ult with L *manus*.

mount¹ AS *mund* and F *mont*, L *mont-*. In archaic *mil*, sense used in *mound²* (see quot). Cf *mountain*, F *montagne*, VL. **montanea* (sc *terra*), whence also It *montagna*, Sp *montaña*. In present sense used of the *montagnard* party, led by Danton and Robespierre, which occupied the highest seats in the assembly. *Mountain dew*, whisky, is in Scott (*Old Mortality* Introd.)

I will lay siege against thee with a mount [Vulgar] (*Is* xxix 3)

mount Verb F *monter* from *mont* (v s)
In some senses for *amount* (q v) Sense
of setting in order set going is found in F
hence to *mount a picture* to *mount guard*
orig to post sentinels With *mount horse*
cf F *monter*

Qui veut voyager l'in mèn ge sa monture
(R. Plandeu s 1 r)

mountain See *mount*

mountebank It *montebanco* mount (im-
per) on bench or obs F *monte banc*
mount bench Orig a quack juggler etc
appearing on a platform at a fair Cf F
saltimbanque acrobat It *saltimbanco*
jump on bench. The surname *Saltinstall* is
similarly formed from OF *salte en estal*
(*aule et d'il*) See my Surname (ch xii)
m lar' in ba co t pl i the m intib ke (Nor)
sa lu banca amo ntubanke (ib)

mourn AS *myrnan* Com Teut cf OSax
myrnon OHG *mornen* OV *morna* to
pine Goth *maurnan* to be anxious cogn
with G *muern* care

mouse AS *mus* Irjan cf Du *muus* Ger
maus OV *mus* L *mus* G *maus* Sanskrit
Pers *mus* See *muscle*

moussehne F see *muish*

moustache F It *mostaccio* or Sp *mostacho*
(cf earlier E *mustachio*) from G *muora*
muora ? cogn with *muora* jaw

mouth AS *muoth* Com Teut cf Du *mond*
Ger *mund* OV *muir* *muir* Goth
munna prob an old pres part (cf *tooth*)
For normal loss of Teut n before spirant
in F cf *tooth oth r fie* Down in the mouth
refers to the drooping of the corners of the
mouth as sign of dejection

move F *mouvoir* L *movere* The spirit
moves me was orig O tal et (v 1) Part use
(cf *motion*) is due to earlier sense of urging
Current use of *moves* (US) is curiously like
that of Tudor *motions* for a puppet play

The sayd p'tie mo ed this laque, te (w tress) to
take one of the sayd barckes Upon wh ch mocon
this said inq yste mo ed th same t th h t
comparative of the shype And they ll agreed
therunto (Voyage of the B bwa 34)

The power of the Lord God arose in me and I
was moved in it to (Georg Fe 1656)

now Corn stack AS *ruga muwa* cf ON
mu ; swath of corn crowd of people

now Verb AS *inawin* WGer cf Du
maaien Ger *maehen* cogn with *ead*
m adow G *apaw* to reap L *metere* S e
aftermath

now Grinace See *mop* Orig in to *mate*
the now F *faire la moue*

MP First MED record is from Byron

He tells me th t be tha ks God he r er k ew
what it was to be tempt d to be a kn e in his
ht till he did com into the House of Commons
(Pepys Oct 31 667)

mpret Title of ruler of Albania Alb
prince L *imperator* Cf *emperor*
The till whl h Prince William will bea in Alb a
is Mpret a corruption f Imper f r
(Times F b 23 1941)

Mr First MED record 1 from Cromwell's
letters (1535) Orig abbrev of *master*
weakened to *master* by unstressed position
Cf *Mrs* orig for married or unmarried
woman latter use surviving latest in case
of actresses (as *Madame* in ModF) and
within the writer's recollection of head
nurse in county family

This yeare (1542) w boyled n Smiths id e
M gret Da le wh ch h d poysoned h r Mrs
(Writheley Care)

One Mrs B lson n a n ent mayde referred to
take the title of m grant (Egerton F p 16)
Mrs Veal w s a mud gentl w man (Defoe)

much ME *much* for *muchel* (see *schle*)
cf ME *lit lute* little Orig like *more*
most of all e as still in place names e g
Much Hadham and surname *Much* (see
quot s v mischief) So also *much* of a
muchness i e size In 16-17 cents equi-
valent to *many* e g *much people* (thanks)
Thenn is h e moche foot that pour ey th not
to doo w R whill h e l be o lyvyn
(Ca ton Al r J World)

mucilage I viscous fluid Late L *mucilago*
mucous liquid from *mucus* Has replaced
gum (for sticking) in US

muck Uncleanliness Cf ON *myki* dung
Not related to *mirren*

muck Incorr for a *muck* (q v)

mucous Lsp in *mucous membrane* L *mucus*
from *mucos* cogn with *urere* to burn
the nose G *muosa* of (in compds only)

mud Cf LG *mod* mud Ger dial *moll* bog
peat (see *moat*) al o Du *modder* whence
Modder River (S Afr) With *clear as a ud*
cf Ger *klar wie dicke t nle* (thick ink)
Muddlers is a joc formation in *skyjark*

muddle Orig to wallow in mud to make
muddy esp in archaic to muddle tk water
(see *tonble*) cf obs Du *moedelen* fre-
quent of *modden* to dabble in mud Later
senses perh affected by *uddle*
The North m St tes will m nag soon bow to
m dle through (Bright, 1864)

mudir Governor Turk use of Arab *mudir*, pres. part of *adāra*, to administer, causative of *dāra*, to go round

muezzin Crier who proclaims hour of prayer from minaret, "clarke, sexton, priest, bell-ringer" (Purch) Arab *mu'adhdhin*, pres. part of *adhdhana*, frequent of *adhana*, to proclaim, from *udhn*, ear

The motor cars, the carts, the clogs and boots, and the stern muezzins calling the faithful to work
(Arnold Bennett, *Mr Coelishaw*).

muff Du *mof*, Ger *muff*, Walloon *mouffe*, shortened from F *moufle* (see *muffle*) Sense of duffer prob started with "muffling" a catch, as though through wearing mittens The first record is from the match at Muggleton (v 1) Connection with obs *muff*, contemptuous term for foreigner, Du *mof*, Westphalian, is unlikely, as this died out c 1650 But it may have survived in dial and have influenced the other word

And being 2000 mofes, had small courage, and seeing the enemy coming on with a new assault, ran away

(Letter from Antwerp, 1585, in *Cal State Papers*)

Such denunciations as—"Now butter-fingers"—"Muff"—and so forth (*Pickwick*, ch vii)

muffeteer Worstest cuff From *muff* Orig. (c 1700) a neck-wrap

muffin Orig dial Cf OF. *pain moifflet*, *moifflet*, soft bread

muffle First as vrb Aphet from F *em-moufler*, to swathe, from *moufle*, "a winter mittaine" (Cotg), MedL *muffula*, whence also Du *moffel* Perh of Teut origin, cf. Du *mouw*, MHG *mouwe*, sleeve F *manchon*, muff, is extended from *manche*, sleeve

mufti Arab *muftī*, Mohammedan expounder of law, pres part of *afī*, to give a leg decision From 16cent Current sense of civil dress (early 19 cent) may be due to a suggestion of the stage mufti in the flowered dressing-gown and tasselled smoking-cap worn off duty by the officer of the period

mug Cf LG *mokke*, *mucke*, Norw *mugga*, Norm dial *moque*, Guernsey *mogue* Origin unknown, but perh orig a pers name (cf *jug*) Hence perh *mug*, face, early mugs often representing grotesque faces With *mug*, muff, duffer, cf *clock*, and also F *cruche*, in same sense To *mug up* (for an examination) may be an obscure metaphor from theat to *mug up*, make up one's mug (face) with paint

mugger Broad-nosed Ind crocodile. Hind. *magar* Curiously confused in quot. below with *muzzer*, ceremonial present

Sir Salar Jung was presented to the Queen and offered his mugger as a token of allegiance, which her Majesty touched and restored
(Quoted from *Standard* by Pich, July 15, 1876).

muggins [*slarg*] Juggins (q v) Both are existing surnames, and their selection as common nouns is due to phonetic fitness (cf *Lushington*)

Muggletoman [*hist*] Of sect founded (c 1651) by *Lodowicke Muggleton* and John Reeve, who claimed to be the "two witnesses" of Rev xi. 3-6

muggy From dial *mug*, drizzle, mist, ON. *mugga*, cogn with L *micus* Verb to *mug*, drizzle, occurs in *Gawayne and the Greene Knight* (14 cent)

mugwort AS *mugwyrt*, midge wort

mugwump [US] Boss, also one who stands aloof from politics N Amer Ind. *mag-quomp*, great chief, used in Eliot's *Massachusetts Bible* (1663) to render E *duke*.

It was inevitable that one or other of our mugwumps would emerge from his shell for the purpose of "queering" the national pitch

(*Globe*, Nov 30, 1917).

mulatto Sp Port *mulato*, from *mulo*, mule (q v), in sense of hybrid, mongrel

mulberry From F *mûre*, mulberry, and E *berry*, the *l* being due to dissim, cf Ger *maulbeere*, OHG *mûlberi*, by dissim for earlier *mûrberi* Or perh AS *môrberie*, cf *môrbēam*, mulberry tree In any case first element is ult from L *morus*, mulberry (tree) See *sycamore*, which Wye renders *mulberry* (2 *Chiron* 1 15)

mulch [*gard*] Orig (16 cent) noun, wet straw, etc Perh from ME adj *molsh*, cogn with Ger dial *molsch*, beginning to decay

mulct L *mulctare*, from *mulcta*, multa, penalty, fine

mule OF *mul* (replaced by *mulet*, whence *muletter*), L *mulus*, cogn with G *μῦλος*, ass In most Europ langs Orig offspring of male ass and mare (see *hunny*) Hence a gen term for hybrid, e.g. Crompton's (spinning) *mule* (1779) was a compromise between the machines of Arkwright and Hargreaves

mulga Austral trec Native name

muliebrity, mulierosity [*pedantic*] - From L *mulier*, woman Both in Blount See *Cloister and Hearth*, ch xxxiii

mummen, to disguise oneself, put on a mask, because the mummiers wore vizards
? Ult cogn with *Momus*

mummy F *momie*, MedL *mumia*, Arab *mūmriyā*, embalmed body, from *mūm*, wax
Current sense from c 1600, but that of medicinal preparation from substance of mummy from c 1400 It is from this transferred sense, passing into that of glutinous mass, that we have to *beat to a mummy*, now usu misunderstood

It must be very thick and dry, and the rice not boiled to a mummy (Mrs Glasse)

mump [archaic] To beg, sponge Du *moupen*, to cheat, perh orig to mumble (cf *cant*?, *maunder*)

mumps From obs *mump*, grimace, cf *mum*?. Senses of neck-swelling and melancholy are equally old Cf Ger *mumps*

recchione a disease or swelling in the neck called the mumps (Flor)

mumpsimus Erron belief obstinately adhered to Allusion to story (c 1500) of illiterate priest who, on being corrected for reading, in the Mass, "quod in ore *mumpsimus*," replied, "I will not change my old *mumpsimus* for your new *sumpsimus*"

Some be too stiffe in their old *mumpsimus*, others be too busy and curious in their new *sumpsimus*
(Henry VIII, *Speech from the Throne*, 1545)

munch Imit, perh partly suggested by F *manger* and *crunch* (q v)

I manche, I eate gedylyc je brille (Palsg)

Munchausen Hero of narrative of impossible lies written (1785) in E by Raspe The Ger form would be *Munchhausen*

mundane L *mundanus*, from *mundus*, world, prob ident with *mundus*, clean, orderly (cf *cosmos*)

mungo Superior shoddy Perh from dial *mong*, *mung*, mixture, with humorous assim to name *Mungo*, often applied to a dog in Yorks The Yorks legend that the word came from the inventor's "it mungo," is, of course, apocryphal

mungoose See *mongoose*

municipal F, L *municipalis*, from *municipium*, city with Roman privileges, from *munus*, gift, office, *capere*, to take Cf common

municipicent After *magnificent*, from L *municipis*, from *munus* (v s), *faceo*, to make

muniment AF, L *munimentum*, defence,

from *munire*, to fortify, applied in MedL to a title-deed able to be used in defence of rights In ME often confused with *monument* (cf *præmunire*).

monymen te, or *charlars*, or *oder lyke monummen*
(*Prompt. Parv*)

munition F, L *munition*-n, from *munire* (v s) See *ammunition* Hence *munitioneer*, *munitionette*

All thit fight against her and her *munition*
(*Is xvix 7*)

Smoking big cigars and shouting for special Scotch as if he was a blinking *munitioneer*
(*Heard in the train*, 1917)

munnon Incorr for *mullion* (q v)

munshi See *moonshee*

muntjak Small deer (Java) Native *muncheh* (Sunda)

mural F, L *muralis*, from *murus*, wall Esp in *mural crown*, of embattled pattern, granted to soldier who first scaled hostile wall Cf hist *munage*, toll for upkeep of town walls

murder AS *morthor* Com. Teut, cf Du. *moord*, Ger *mord*, ON *morth*, Goth *manth* The lengthened form is only recorded in AS & Goth, but MedL *mordrum*, F *meurtre* point to its existence in other Teut langs Cogn with L *mors*, *mort*, G *βροτός* (**μωτός*), mortal, Sanskrit *mṛti*, death, Welsh *marw*, Ir. *marbh*, dead

Mordre wol out, that se we day by day
(Chauc B 4242)

mure [poet.] F *murir*, to wall up, Late L *murare*, from *murus*, wall Has influenced to *mew up* Prob as a rule aphet for *immure*
I mure up in stonewall jemmure (Palsg).

murex L, shell-fish producing (esp Tyrian) purple; cf. G *μῦαξ*, sea-mussel, and see *mussel*

Who fished the murex up?

What porridge had John Keats?

(*Browning, Popularity*)

muratic [chem] L *muraticus*, from *muria*, brine, pickle

muricated [biol] Spiny From *murex* (q v) *murk*, mirk ON *myrk*, darkness, cf AS. *myrce*

murmur F *murmurer*, L *murmurare* Imit redupl, cf Ger *murmeln*, G *μυρμύρεω*

murphy Potato Joeular use of familiar Ir. name The name, sea-warrior, is cogn with Sc *Murdoch*, Welsh *Meredith*

murrain *OF moraine* petulance (*morine* carcass) from *mourir* to die Not orig limited to cattle

In cel an [rɪ ɔ] f t graunt fāmlan qe poeple
saunz noub e mo erent d f m et f t aux it
gr unt m r e d aitre genta (Fr Ch o f Lo d)

Dyvert myshapper of w rres and mo yn

(As v i 345)

murrey [*archaic*] Mulberry-coloured *OF more* from L *morum* mulberry

murrhine Kind of glass L *murr(h)inus* from *murra* substance of which precious vases were made

muscat Wine grape *F Prov* It *moscato* having flavour of musk (q v) Hence dim *mus tel* also archaic *muscadine* in same sense Cf *muscatin* (hist) It musk comfit applied to Parisian sop esp thos of the moderate upper-class party (1794-6)

mo cal sweeten d or perfumed with muske Also the w e muscadine (flor)

muscle *F* L *musculus* dim of *mus* mouse In all Rom & Teut langs Cf *F souris* a mouse also the mureur brawn of the armee (Colg) Ger *maus* a muscle the pulp the fleshy part the brawn of the arm or other parts (Ludw) Du *mus* a mouse the muscle of the hand also G *mus* mouse muscle See also *muscle* *Muscular Christianity* (1858) is associated e p with Charles Kingsley

musculology From L *musculus* moss

moscovado Unrefined sugar Sp *moscavado* contracted p p of *menoscabar* to lessen depreciate ident in origin with *OF* *meschete* (see *meschiefs*)

Muscovy *Archaic* for Russia *F* *Moscovie* Russ *Moscou* *Muscovy duck* from tropical America is an alteration of *mush duck*

mus¹ Noun *F* L *mus* G *mu* on ult cogn with *mind* The names of the nine are first recorded in Hesiod

mus² Verb *Archaic* *F* *muser* to loiter loze one's time (see *amuse*) Cf *Prov musa* It *usare* in same sense Perh connected with *muscle* (q v) but higher senses prob associated with *musse*¹

m i e to m t th ke to unuse, also to
mule to m le to ock t jol t gape th
about to hould oes musl or su ut in the rre
(Flor)

musette *F* bagpipe dim of *OF* *musse* in same sense from *OF* *muser* to play music (q v)

museum L (*mu* v u set of the Muses

mush¹ Porridge etc *Orn* L S Ger *mus*

cogn with AS *mis* food Perh associated with *mash* Very common in Ger compd such as *apfelmus erbsenmus* pea e porridge (Ludw)

mush² [*slang*] Umbrella Short for *mussh* from

musha [*An lo Ir*] It *n discaid* lit it is so

mushroom *F* *monsseron* from *moisse* moss prop applied to v rretv whi b grows in moss For final m cf *gro am ellum* *odium*

mu h tooz hule bol t is (mugus
(P m f P r)

music *F* *musique* L *musica* L *mu* v r (c *rey*) art of the muses In all Rom & Teut langs To face the *mus* like a performer in front of the orchestra is first quoted by AED from t eci Rhodes

Musi h harms to sooth a ag breast
(Co gr M r g B d r t)

It tu e taste Shakspeare od the mu l
gl tes (f Wak f cl)

musk Scent obtained from gland of musk deer *F* *mus* Late L *muscus* Late G *μοσχος* lers *missh* Sanskrit *misshā* testicle Applied also to various plants with similar odour and to numerous musky smelling animals

musket In VI sparrow hawk *OF* *mouse* *quet* It *mos herto* dim of *mosca* fly L *musca* cf *mo gu* The hawk, as named from its small size Early fire arms were giv n the names of hawks (*falconet sake*) or of serpents and monsters (*chierin lagoon*) *F* *mousquet* now means only musket the hawk sens being replaced by *smoucket*

mo spect musket (hawk or pecc) (Colg)

Muslim See *Moslem*

muslin *F* *n* *musel ne* It *musso ma* from *Mosul* on the T; its near ruin of Nineveh **musquash** Musk rat Namer Ind (Al gonkio) Mod form has been altered c n m rsh from earlier *mus sascus* (Capt John Smith)

musset AS *musle* Late L *muscula* f r *musculus* little mouse *muscle* cf *Don* *moscal* Ger *mus hel* from L also L *musrex* (q v) from *F* *mu* e mouse

Mussulman *Musulman* Pers *musliman* adj from *mu* l n *Moslem* (q v) fr m Arab For ending cf Tu roman *Musid* r sw *Musson* from n (Dryden) are due to mistaken association with *F* *man*

must¹ New wine, etc AS *must*, L *mustum*.

(sc *vinum*), fresh wine See *not* 1

must² Verb AS *mōste*, past of *mōt* (see *mote*²) Com Teut preterito-present verb (cf *can*, *may*, etc) not found in ON.; cf Du *moet*, Gt *murs*, Goth *ga-mōt* Orig. idea was space, leisure, as in Ger. *murse*, idleness Now used as present (cf *ought*), orig. past sense surviving in literary use

It was necessary to make a choice The government must either submit to Rome, or must obtain the aid of the Protestants (Macaulay)

must³ Frenzy of elephant, etc. Urdu *rast*, intoxicated, from Pers

must⁴ Mildew, etc Back-formation from *musty* (q v)

mustachio [archaic] See *monstache*

mustang Orig. strayed horse of Sp conquistadors Sp *mestizo*, *mostrenco* both occur in the sense of strayed animal, the former from *mesta*, association of graziers, ² L *mista*, the latter perh. from *mostrar*, to show, L *monstrare*, the finder being expected to advertise a stray horse

mestengo y mostrenco a strayer, ovis errans (Pereyvall).

mestengo ou mostrenco. appartenent aux foires des bergers; c'est aussi une beste esgarée qui n'a point de maître, une espaye (Oudin).

mustard OF *moustarde* (*moutarde*), from *moist* (*moist*), must¹ (q v.), the condiment being orig. prepared by mixing the seeds with must The plant is thus named from the preparation In all Rom langs *Mustard-pot* is in Wyc The *mustard seed*, *kókkos siná-ews*, of *Mail* xii 31 is prob. the black mustard, which grows to a great height in Palestine

mustee, mestee Half-caste, or esp. offspring of white and quadroon False sing. from *mestese*, *mestizo* (q v) Cf *Chinee*, *Portugee*, etc

muster First as verb OF *mostrer*, *mouster* (replaced by *montrer*), L *monstrare*, to show, cf It *mostrare*, Sp *mostrar*; also Du *monster*, Ger *muster*, pattern, from F or It To *pass muster* was orig. of mil. or nav. inspection. With to *muster up* (e.g. courage) cf to *enlist* (e.g. the public sympathy).

Muster your wits, stand in your own defence (Love's Lab. Lost, v. 2).

musty For earlier *moisty*, in same sense See *moist* Perh. immediately from Gascon *moist*. The sense has been affected by

F *moist*, p.p. of *moisir*, L *mutare*, "to be filthy, vineyard, or hoarse" (Coop)

mutize as a vessel is or is not or any other vulgar mod. (Pals.)

Musulman See *Musulman*

mutable L *mutabilis*, from *mutare*, to change *mutch* [dialect] Cap. Du *mutch* (see *amute*)

mutchkin [Sc.] About three-quarters of pint Obv. Du *mutschen* (*mutche*), dim. of *mutch* (v s)

mutche a little cup, a quarter (Sewel)

mute Restored, on L *mutus*, from ME *mutet*, F *muet*, dim. of OF. *mu*, L. *mutus*, ult. cogn. with *num*¹ As noun used (17 cent) of actor playing dumb part. The funeral *mute* is 18 cent

A mute is a dumb speaker in the play —

Dumb speaker! that's a bull

(Brome, And. Podes, v. 4, 1635)

mutilate From L *mutilare*, from *mutilis*, maimed; cf G. *mißlos*, hornless

mutiny From obv. verb *mutine*, F *mutiner*, from *mutin*, rebellious, from OF *mutle*, rebellion (*mente*, pack of hounds), for *mutle*, Late L *morita*, from *morere*, to move Cf F. *émence*, insurrection.

mutograph, mutoscope Neologisms from L *mutare*, to change

mutter Frequent formation on imit. sound which appears also in F *mot* (see *mote*)

mutton F *moiton* (OF *molton*), sheep, of Celt. origin; cf. Gael. *muil*, Ir. *moll*, Welsh *mollt*, ram; perh. ult. cogn. with *mutilate*, in sense of castrate For limitation of sense cf *beef*, *port*, *veal* (see quot. s v *beef*)

mutton a mutton, a weather, also, mutton (Colz)

mutual F *mutuel*, from L *mutuus*, cogn. with *mutare*, to change Orig. of feelings, but now currently for common, as in Ovr. *Mutual Friend* *Mutual admiration society* was coined by O. W. Holmes

mutule [arch.] F, L *mutulus*, modillion

muzhik See *moughik*

muzzle OF *musel* (*muscau*), snout, dim. of OF *muse*, cf It *muso*, Osp *mus* derived by Diez from L *morisus*, bite (cf OF. *jus*, downwards, L *deorsum*) This etym. is supported by Prov. *murset*, Bret. *morzeel* (from F), and ME var *murset*, but is not now generally accepted Earliest E. sense (Chauc.) is that of contrivance to stop biting In connection with the etym. proposed by Diez it may be noted that Wyc. has *mussel* as var. of *morsel*

nacelle [aeron] Of aeroplane F, ear of balloon, lit skiff, L *navicella*, dim of *navis*, ship

The floor of the nacelle was burnt out
(*Royal Flying Corps in War*, 1918)

naere Mother of pearl F, It *nacchera*,
? from Arab *nakara*, to hollow out Orig
applied to the shell

nadir F Sp It, Arab. *nadīn*, opposite, esp
in *nadīr ez-zeml*, opposite the zenith (q.v.)

nag¹ Noun Cf Du *negge*, cf Ger *nickel*,
a dim of *Nikolaus*, Nicholas, applied to
an undersized man or horse

nagge, or *lytlyl beeste* bestula, equulus
(*Prompt Parv*)

nag² Verb Only dial till 19 cent Sw
Norw *nagga*, to peek, nibble, cogn with
Ger *nagen*, OHG *gnagan*, to gnaw (q.v.)
Cf Ger *necken*, to tease, nag, which is also
a dial word of recent adoption

nagaika Russ, whip of *Nogai Tatars* (S
Russ), perh named from a famous khan
Nogai (13 cent)

The Cossacks drove off the agitators with their
nagaikas (*Daily Chron* June 22, 1917)

nagor Senegal antelope Coined by Buffon
(1764)

naïad F *naïade*, L, G *naïas*, *naïadē*, cogn
with *naïw*, to flow

naik Now sepoy corporal, orig governor
Urdu *na'ik*, Hind *nāyāk*, leader, chief, etc.,
Sanskrit *nāyaka*, leader

nail AS *nagl*, in both senses Com Teut,
cf Du Ger *nagel*, ON *nagl*, Goth **nagls*
(in verb *naglian*), ult cogn with L
unguis, G *örv*, Sanskrit *nakha*, OIr
ingen Orig anat, but secondary sense of
pointed spike is developed early in Teut
langs Cf relation of L *ungula* and *unguis*
Also as measure and weight (cf *cloue*?)
Used in many fig phrases of obvious origin
On the nail refers to the nail of the hand,
and must orig have alluded to drinking
fair and square Cf F *payer rubis sur*
l'ongle, a variation on *bonne rubis sur l'ongle*,
to drink out so that the inverted tankard
leaves only one red drop of wine on the
thumb-nail (see *supernaculum*) The an-
tiquity of the phrase and its early asso-
ciation with the other nail are shown by
quot below To nail (a lie) to the counter
alludes to the old-fashioned treatment of
spurious coin in banks.

Pro quibus prisus et carnagus plena fiat solutio super
urgum (Robert Bruce, 1326).

nainsook Fabric Urdu *nainsukh*, from
nain, eye, *sukh*, pleasure

naïve F, fem of *naïf*, simple, L *nativus*

naked AS *nacod* Com Teut., cf Du
naakt, Ger *nacht*, ON *nokkvithr*, Goth
naquathis, all p p formations from a lost
verb the root of which appears in L *nudus*,
Sanskrit *nagna*, Russ *nagói*, OIr *nocht*
Many of the fig. senses occur in AS, e.g.
naked sword, *naked word*, the latter being
the origin of later *naked truth*. In *naked eye*
(cf It *occhio nudo*), which dates from the
telescope, the adj has the archaic sense of
unarmed (v 1)

Naked as I am I will assault thee (Oth. v 2)

naker [hist] Kettle-drum OF *nacaire*,
Arab *naqārah* Medieval crusading word
revived by Scott

namby-pamby Nickname of *Ambrose Philips*
(†1749), whose poetic addresses to infant
members of the nobility excited the de-
rision of Pope, Carey, and their friends

Namby-Pamby is your guide,
Albion's joy, Hibernia's pride
Namby-Pamby Pilly-pis,
Rhimey-pim'd on missy mis (Henry Carey, 1726)

name AS *nama* Aryan, cf Du *naam*, Ger
name, ON *nafn*, *namn*, Goth *namō*, L
nomen, G *öropa*, Sanskrit *nāman*, OIr
annm With *namely*, orig especially, cf.
Ger *namentlich*, L *nonnominum* *Namesake*
is for earlier *name's sake*, a person named
for the sake of someone

nankeen From *Nankin* (China), lit southern
capital

nanny-goat From *Nanny*, pet-form of *Anne*,
cf *billy-goat*

nantz [archaic]. Brandy from *Nantes* (Loire-
Inf.)

nap¹ To take a short sleep AS *hnappian*,
cogn with OHG *hnafizzan*, in same sense,
perh cogn with Norw Dan *nap*, *snap*,
with idea of quick closing of eyes, cf
colloq Norw *nappe*, to take a nap, i.e.
to nip the eyes to Orig in more dignified
sense

Tha se brydguma yldē, tha hnappudon hig calle
& slepun (AS. Gosp. Matt. xxv. 5)

nap² On cloth. Du *nop*, whence *noppen*, to
shear Orig the knotty matter removed
by the process; ? cogn with *knob* and dial
knab, *nap*, hillock No doubt introduced
by Flem cloth-workers Earlier is obs
nopsack, mattress stuffed with flock
rope of a cleth villus (*Prompt Parv.*).

natty Orig slang ? From *neat*²
 nature F, L *natura*, from *nasci*, *nat-*, to be
 born Has superseded native *kind* in many
 senses Orig sense of the inherent appears
 in *in the nature of things* Collect sense of
 natural phenomena and objects from 17
 cent *Natural*, imbecile, is for ME *natural*
fool (idiot) *Naturalism* in art and litera-
 ture, i.e. exaggerated realism, is adopted
 from F *naturalisme*, popularized in F by
 Zola's school *Naturalize*, in current sense,
 is 16 cent

naught, nought AS *nāwihht*, no whit See
ought, not Hence *naughty*, worthless, now
 limited to the nursery

The other basket had very naughty [Vulg. *malus*]
figs (Jer xxiv 3)

naumachia Sham sea-fight L, G *ναυμαχία*,
 from *ναῦς*, ship, *μάχη*, fight

nausea L, G *ναυσία*, sea-sickness, from
ναῦς (v s)

nautch Urdu, Hind *nāch*, Prakrit *nachcha*,
 Sanskrit *natya*, dancing, acting

nautical From F *nautique*, L, G *ναυτικός*,
 from *ναῦτης*, sailor, from *ναῦς*, ship

nautilus L, G *ναυτίλος*, sailor, from *ναῦτης*
 (v s)

naval F, L *navalis*, from *navis*, ship

nave¹ Of wheel AS *nafu* Aryan, cf Du
naaf, Ger *nabe*, ON *nōf*, Sanskrit *nābhī*,
 nave, navel See *auger*, *navel* The wide
 extension of this word, as of *wheel*, points
 to early invention of waggon

nave² Of church F *nef*, L *navis*, ship,
 cogn with G *ναῦς* Cf Ger *schiff*, in same
 sense ? From shape ? or from church
 being regarded poet as ship (see *anchorite*),
 ? or from early Christian confusion be-
 tween G *ναός*, temple, and *ναῦς*, ship

navel AS *nafela* Aryan, cf Du *navel*,
 Ger *nabel*, ON *nafle*, Sanskrit *nābhīla*,
 cogn with L *umbilicus*, G *ὀμφαλός* See
*nave*¹, the navel being the nave, or centre,
 of the body, or rather, the nave being the
 navel of the wheel

He unseam'd him from the nave to the chaps
 And fix'd his head upon our battlements

(Shak 1 2).

navew. Wild turnip F *navéau*, dim from
 L *napus* Cf F *navet*, turnip, once in
 common E use

navicular [biol & eccl] Boat-shaped Late
 L *navicularis*, from *navicula*, dim of
navis, ship

navigate. From L *navigare*, from *navis*,
 ship, *agere*, to drive Hence *navigator*, now

navy, applied in 18 cent to labourer em-
 ployed in canal construction for inland
 navigation

It was seldom indeed that the bargee or the navi-
 gator had much to boast of after a young blood
 had taken off his coat to him

(Doyle, *Rodney Stone*, ch 1)

navy See *navigate*

navy OF *navie* fleet, from *navis*, ship The
king's (royal) *navy* dates from 16 cent, the
 word being also used of any fleet or col-
 lection of ships, not necessarily of fighting
 character.

It is upon the Navy that, under the good Provi-
 dence of God, the wealth, prosperity and the peace
 of these Islands and of the Empire do mainly
 depend (*Articles of War*)

nawab Urdu form of *nabob* (q v)

nay ON *nei*, for *ne ei*, not ever (see *ay*)
 Orig differentiated in use from *no* (q v)
 Cf *yea*

Nazarite One who has taken certain vows of
 abstinence (*Numb* vi) From L *Nazariacus*,
 from Heb *nāzir*, from *nāzar*, to separate,
 consecrate, oneself Often confused, as by
 Shylock (v i), with *Nazarene*, inhabitant
 of *Nazareth*, follower of Jesus of Nazareth

Yes, to smell pork' to eat of the habitation which
 your prophet, the Nazarite, conjured the devil into
 (*Merch of Ven* 1. 3)

NB L *nota bene*, note well

Neanderthaloid [*ethn*] From prehistoric
 skull found (1857) at *Neanderthal* (Rhenish
 Prussia)

neap Of tide AS *nēp*, in *nēpflōd*. The
 simplex is recorded only once, app in sense
 of helpless, incapable, in phrase *forth-*
ganges nēp, without power of advancing.
 Origin obscure; ? cf Norw. dial *næpen*,
 hardly touching, *nōpen*, hardly enough

Neapolitan Of *Naples*, L, G *Nēapolis*, new
 city

near Orig adv AS *nēar*, compar. of *nīah*,
 nigh (q v), or cogn ON *nær*, compar. of *rā*
 Already often posit in ME, but compar
 sense is still common in 16-17 cents,
 esp in *never the near*, none the nearer. As
 adj has almost supplanted correct *nigh*
 For sense of stung and other fig uses cf
close As applied to animals (*near hind*
leg, etc) it means left, because they are
 led or mounted from that side Various
 adv senses are now usu replaced by *nearly*
 (16 cent)

Nearctic [*geog*]. Of arctic regions of N Amer.
 Lit new Arctic, from G *neos*, new.

neat¹ Noun Now chiefly in *neat cattle* and *neat's foot-oil* AS *neat* cattle Com Teut cf obs Du *neat* OHG *neaz* ON *neaut* whence S. *naut* From root of AS *neō* in to enjoy possess cogn with Ger *genießen* Cf hist of *se pecuniary cattle* I could a had as upon it a *flow as e'er trod on neat's leather* (W saga 43 iv 1 c 1310)

neat² Adj F *net* neat clean pure (Cotg) L *nitidus* from *nīl* to shine Cf *net*³ Sense of undiluted (spirit) from c 1800 is evolved from 16 cent sense of unadulterated (wine)

neath Aphet for obs *aneath* beneath (q v)

neb (n-rth & Sc) Beak bill AS *nebb* cogn with ON *nef* Du *neb* and ult with *snab* and Ger *schnabel* beak Cf *nib* and see quot s v *rid*

nebula L mist cogn with C *nebulā* Ger *nebel* ON *nifl* The *nebular hypothesis* (astron) was first propounded by Kant.

necessary F *n* *esaire* L *necessarius* from *necessus* (neut. adj) needful from *ne* and *cedere* res to give way With *necessitas* knows no law Cf Ger *not kennt kein gebot* (Bethmann Hollweg Aug 1914) Thann is it *nydum*, as I *nydeth me*, To makeen v t of necessities (Chauc 4 304)

neck AS *aneca* nape of the neck Com Teut cf Du *nek* Ger *nacken* genick ON *anatt* all meaning nape *Neck* or *nothing* implies risking nothing less than one's neck For *ne klace* see *lace* *Nack* terse (hist) usu first verse of *P's* h by reading which in black letter criminal could claim benefit of clergy is recorded for 15 cent Mod to *get it in the neck* appears to allude to where the chicken got the axe A further playful variation is where Maggie wore the beads

We beel fks all and can oir neck verse
(H *discerner* c 1500)

Away went Giltin neck or nought (Cowper)

With your admirable command of foreign domes
we very possibly know o r east land n phrase
"Wh re li ge were th beads. Well find dear
that is wher you ar going to get it
(Globe May 24 1915)

neurology Obituary From C *nos* dead person cogn with L *neuro* to kill Cf *neuroman* orig divination by raiing the dead corrupted into MedL *ne gromia* lia F & E *neigromantie* and translated as *black a t neropolis cemetery* *ne resis* mortification esp of bones G *ne poveris* *ne poveris* or *neigromantie* con) ting the blacke art (Cotg)

nectar L G *néktar* drink of the Gods Hence *nectarine* orig adj as in *nectarine peach* Cf *ne lary* honey secreting organ of plant

neddy Donkey From pet form of *Edna* d Cf *e ddy* In slang also a life preserver

need AS *neod* Com T ot cf Du *neod* Ger *n* t ON *neaut* Goth *neaut* Cround sense is constraint necessity In adv *needs* the *s* is by analogy with other adv genitives *need must* is elipt for some such phrase as *needs mus who need shall* The curious use of *he need* for *he need* (*needeth*) is due to analogy with the preterite present verbs (*may dare* etc) followed by infin without *to* With the *needful* cf G *opjua* (in pl) mon v cogn. with *neyn ofas* to need

Needs m t he no that th de vll dryeth
(Shelton)

We've been most of us ta ght in th course of our
hees

That "Needs must when the Eld fly Gentl man
drives (I *gildeth*)

needle AS *nadl* Com Teut cf Du *naald* (as F *naal* *naal*) Ger *nael* ON *nael* Goth *n ala* cogn with Du *naaien* Ger *naiden* to sew is to get the needle quite mod slang due to some association with *nette* used in similar sense in 18 cent

ne er-do well Ong Sc hence often written
ner-do-well

nefarious From L *ne farius* from *ne* at wrong from *fas* right lit (divinely) poken from *fari* to peak

negative F *ne gatif* Late L *ne gatus* from *negare* to say no deny from *ne* (as in *ne otum*) cf Ger *vern* taken from *rain* Scient enses (math photogr etc) as contrast to *positive*

neglect From L *negl ere* *negl* s not to pick up *ere* Older is *negl ence* through F *negl* is restored from 18 cent *negl* see 100 e gown

negotiate From L *ne gō* *lia* s from *ne* of unbusiness lit not leisure *chum*

negrito Dwarf negro Sp dim of *negro* (q v) Cf *negro* also Sp dim applied to dwarfish negro race of Polynesia

negro Sp L *ni er* *ni er* *bla k*

Negus Ruler of Abyssinia Native free king

Identified by Purch with *F ste John*
negus First compounded by Co *F* *negus*
ne us (1 3)

neigh AS *neah* *ne* of mist orig n Similar forms are found in other Teut. langs

neighbour AS *nēah-gebūn*, lit nigh boor, cf obs Du *nageboer*, Ger *nachbar*, ON. *nābūe* Orig sense of *neighbourhood* was neighbourly conduct, friendliness See *bond*² and cf EAngl *bor*, as used by Mr Peggotty, from Du

neither Altered, on *either* (q v), from *nauther*, *nouthē*, conti of AS *nāhwæther*, not whether (q v)

nek [geog] Between hills (SAfr) Du, neck Cf F *col*, in same sense

nelly Largest kind of petrel. From name *Nelly* (*Helen* or *Eleanora*) Cf *robin*, *magpie*, etc

nelumbium Water-bean Coined by Jussieu (1789) from Singhalese *nelumbu*

nem con L, *nemine contradicente*, no one contradicting

Nemean Of *Nēmea*, near Argos, abode of lion killed by Hercules

nemesis G *νέμεσις*, from *νέμειν*, to apportion one's due Personified as goddess of retribution

nemoral Of a grove, L *nemus*, *nemori-*

nenuphar Water-lily MedL, Arab Pers *nūnūfar*, *nīlūfar*, Sanskrit *nīlōtpala*, from *nīl*, blue, *utpala*, lotus Cf F *nénufar*, It Sp *nenufar*

neolithic [geol] Of later stone age From G *νέος*, new, *λίθος*, stone Cf *neologism*, F *néologisme*, from G *λόγος*, word, *neophyte*, F *néophyte*, Church L, G *νεόφυτος* (1 Tim iii 6), new-planted, from *φύτεύειν*, to plant, *neoteric*, recent, up-to-date, G *νεωτερίκός*, from *νέωτερος*, compar of *νέος*, *neotropical*, of tropical America (cf *neartic*)

nepenthe For earlier *nepenthes*, L, G *νη-πειθής* (se *φάρμακον*, *Odys* iv 221), neut of *νηπειθής*, from *νη-*, neg, *πένθος*, grief

nephew F *neveu*, L *nepos*, *nepot-*, grandson, nephew, also prodigal Used in ME and up to 17 cent in L senses and also of descendant in gen Replaced cogn AS *nefa*, which survives as surname *Neve*, *Neave*, cf Du *neef*, Ger *neffe*, ON *nefi*, Sanskrit *napāt*, classical Pers *nabīrah*, colloq Pers *navādah* Perh ult helpless, thus *nepos* for *ne potis*

nephritis [med] G *νεφρίτις*, from *νεφρός*, kidney

ne plus ultra Trad inscription on Pillars of Hercules

nepotism F *népotisme*, It *nepotismo*, from *nepote*, nephew (q v), Orig in allusion to favours conferred by the Pope on his

nephews, often euph for illegitimate sons. E use of the word dates from the transl of *II Nepotismo di Roma* (1667)

Got my wife to read me in the *Nepotisme*, which is very pleasant (Pepys, Apr 27, 1669)

Neptunian [geol] Of action of water From L *Neptunus*, god of the sea Planet was discovered (1846) by Galle

neroid L *nercis*, *nercid-*, G *Νηρηΐς*, daughter of sea-god *Νηρεΐς*, ? cogn with L *nare*, to swim

neroli Oil from flower of bitter orange F *néroli*, from name (*Neroli*) of It princess to whom its discovery is attributed. Cf *frangipane*

nerve L *nervus*, sinew Mod sense appears in Late G use of cogn *νεῦρον* (see *neurotic*) The meaning which our hardier ancestors attached to the word survives in to strain every nerve Nervous is once used in orig sense A nervous (nervy) individual is illogically one who has no nerve *nerveur* sinewie, full of sinewes; also, strong, stiffl, pithie, forcible (Cotg).

nescient From pres part of L *nescire*, from *ne*, not, *scire*, to know

nesh [dial] Soft, timid, delicate, etc AS *hnesce*, cf archaic Du *nesch*, soft, damp, Goth *hnasqus*, tender Very common in ME and still used occ by writers of the north and Midlands, e.g. in *Festus* by P. J. Bailey, to whom it would have been an every-day word

A neshie answer be brith wrahte (Wyc Prov av. 1)

ness Promontory AS *nass* or ON *nes*, cogn with AS *nasi*, nose Cf Grs *Nes*, of which second element is more prob ON *nes* than F *nez*. See *nose*.

-ness AS *-nes(s)*, *-ms(s)*; cf Du Ger *-ms*, Goth *-nassus*, in which *-n-* is orig. part of stem, real Teut suffix being *-assus* from weak verbs in *-atan* Much used in mod jocular formations, e.g. *Why this thusness?*

nest AS *nest*, cf Du Ger *nist*, cogn with L *nidus*, Sanskrit *nīda*, Ir *nead*, Welsh *nyth* Supposed to be ult cogn with *nelher* and *sit* Hence *nestle*, to snuggle into a nest

Nestor G *Νέστωρ*, aged and wise, Homeric hero

Nestorian [theol] Adherent of *Nestorius*, patriarch of Constantinople (5 cent)

net¹ Noun AS *nett* Com Teut, cf Du *net*, Ger *netz*, ON *net*, Goth *nati*; ? cogn with L *massa*, wicker net

also for jocular *his nibe*, his lordship, we find earlier *his nabs*

nibble Frequent of *nip* (q v), cf *Dn knubbelen*

niblick Recorded 1862 Origin unknown As golf is prob of Du origin, I suggest Du *knueppel*, from *knueppel*, "a club, truncheon" (Sewel) Cf Ger *knobel*, "a knubble or truncheon, a short club" (Ludw)

nice OF, foolish, weak, simple, etc., L *nescius*, ignorant, cf It *nescio*, "a fool, an idiot, a natural, a dolt" (Flor), Sp *netcio* Earliest sense, foolish, suggests influence of F *naïf*, for which see *cyas*, while some later senses show confusion with *neesh* The sense-development has been extraordinary, even for an adj (cf *quant*), and the interpretation of 16-17 cent examples is often dubious Current sense (from 18 cent) has perh been evolved from that of fastidious, as in *not to be too nice about*, to which is allied the idea of delicate, as in *a nice point (distinction)* and *to a nicety* In *nice* and it is an adv, now felt as mere intens, e.g. *we must start nice and early*, which orig meant punctually and early

Nicene Of *Nicaea* in Bithynia, where eccl. council (325) dealt with *Arian* (q v) controversy and produced the *Nicene Creed*

niche F, It *nicchia*, ? from *nicchio*, mussel shell, L *mitulus* For change of init cf F *neffe*, modlar, It *nepola*, L *mespilum* ? Or rather from VL **nidiculare*, to nestle, cf F *nicher*, VL **nidicare*

nicchio the shell of any shellfish, a nook or corner Also such little cubboards in churches as they put images in (Flor)

nick App cogn with *nock* (q v), of which it may in some senses be a thinned form

God have mercy for that good dice, yet that came i' th' nick (*Misogonus*, ii. 4, c. 1550)

Nick, Old From 17 cent For *Nicholas* The choice of the name may have been suggested by Ger *Nichel*, goblin, etc (v 1)

nickel Sw abbrev of Ger *kupfernickel*, copper nickel, in which the second element is Ger *Nichel*, goblin, pet-form of *Niklaus*, a name given to the deceptive ore (1751) by the Sw mineralogist Cronstedt Cf *cobalt*

nicknack For *knick-knack*

nickname For *eke-name* (sec *eke*), an *eke-*

name having become a *reke-name* Cf ON *aukanafn* and see *neut*.

As moche than he ys to blame

That geveth a man a vyle ekename
(*Handlyng Synne*, l. 1531)

neckname, or *eke name* agnomen (*Prompt Parre*)

nicolo Kind of onyx It, for **onricolo*, dim from L *onyx*.

nicotine F, from *Jacques Nicot*, F ambassador at Lisbon, who sent (c. 1560) some tobacco plants to Catherine de Médicis His name is a dim of *Nicolas*

nicitute From MedL *nictulare*, frequent of *nictare* to wink

niddering [*pseudo-archaic*] Taken by Scott (*Itankoe*, ch. xlii) from an error in early printed edition of William of Malmesbury Correct form is *nithing*, ON. *nithingr*, from *nith*, envy, cogn with Ger *neid* This was obs from c. 1300, but has been revived by lust writers

nide Brood or nest of pheasants F. *nid* or L *nidus*

nidification From L *nidificare*, to build a nest, *nidus*

nid-nod Redupl. on *nod*

niece F *nièce*, VL *neptia*, for *neptis*, cogn with AS *nist*, Du *nicht*, Ger *nichte*, etc See *nephew*, with which it may also be compared for vagueness of meaning

niello Black alloy in metal-work It, L *ingellus*, dim of *niger*, black

nessen See *nissen*

Nietzscheism Doctrine (superman, blond beast, etc) of *Friedrich Nietzsche* (†1900)

Mr Weckley has also adopted the foolish idea that Nietzsche gave Germany war-madness, if he had taken the trouble to read Nietzsche and to acquaint himself with the limited spread of Nietzscheism in Germany, he would not have fallen into this popular error (*To day*, Nov. 11, 1916)

niigella Plant L, from *niger*, black Cf F *nille*, "the herb niigella" (Cotg)

niggard First in Chauc, for earlier *ng*, *ngon*, which are app of Scand origin, cf Norw dial *gnikka*, *gnigga*, to be stingy, Ger *knicker*, "one that would shave an egg or flea a louse for covetousness" (Ludw) Ground-idea is app that of rubbing, squeezing

nigger Earlier *neger*, F *negre*, Sp *negro*, L *niger*, *ngi-*, black

niggle Norw dial *niigla*, *nigla*, cogn with *niggard*

nigh Orig adv AS *nēah* Com Teut; cf Du *na*, Ger *nah*, *nach*, ON. *nā-* in compds

Niobe Emblem of grief G Νιόβη, daughter of Tantalus, changed into stone while weeping for her children

nip Earlier also *gnip*, *ῖnip*, cf Ger *kneifen*, *kneipen* (from LG), also Sw *knipa*, Dan *kuibe*, to pinch A *nip* (of gin) is short for *nipperkin*, a small measure, app of Du origin, cf Du Ger *nippen*, to sip, also Ger *kneipe*, tavern, *kneipen*, to booze *Nipperkin* occurs in the transl of Schouten in Purch Perh orig idea is as in Ger *sehnaps* (q v), for which *knips* is used in dial *Nipper*, small boy, was orig a thief or pickpocket, one who "pinched" other people's property All these words belong to a Teut root containing the idea of pinching

And divers dying give good gifts,
But their executors nip them

(*Coblers Prophesie*, 1594)

nypper a cut-purse so called by one Wotton, who in the year 1585 kept an academy for the education and perfection of pickpockets and cut-purses He that could take out a counter, without noise of any of the bells, was adjudged a judicial *nypper*

(Grosce)

nipple Earlier *neble* (Palsg) App dim of *neb* *nirvana* Buddhist name for extinction of individual and absorption into the divine Sanskrit *nirvāna*, blowing out, extinction, from *vā*, to blow

nisi [leg] L, unless, lit if not (other cause, as is shown) Cf *nisi prius* (*justitiam ad assisas capiendas venerint*)

nissen [neol] Army hut ? From inventor's name

In a nissen hut or a pill-box

(*Purch*, Apr 17, 1918).

nit Egg of louse AS *hnutu* Com Teut, cf Du *neet*, Ger *niss*, ON *gnit*, cogn with G *kovis*, *kovid-*, Czech *knida*, Russ *gnida*, Welsh *nedd*

nothing [obs] See *niddering*

nitid L *nitidus*, from *nitēre*, to shine

nitre F, L *nitrum*, G *νίτρον*, prob of Oriental origin, cf Heb *nether*, rendered *νίτρον* by LXX and *nitrum* in *Vulg* (Jer 11 22) Hence *nitrogen*, generating nitre (cf *oxygen*, *hydrogen*.)

nix [slang] Colloq Du & Ger, for *nichts*, nothing

Nizam Urdu *nizām*, Arab *nizam*, order, arrangement As title of ruler of Hyderabad it is short for *nizām-al-mulk*, governor of the empire Also adopted in Turk as name for "regular" troops

no The adj, as in *nobody*, *no room*, is for earlier *none* (q v), the -n being orig.

dropped before consonant and kept before vowel (e g *none other gods*, of *none effect*). Here belongs *whether or no*, earlier or *non*, a noun being understood The adv represents ME *nō*, for *ne ō*, southern form of *nā*, for *ne ā*, not ever (see *ay*, *nay*) In ME it is a stronger negation than *nay*, as *yes* is a stronger affirmation than *yea* The neg *ne* is Aryan

n^o Abbrev of It *numero* (see *number*)

Noachian Of Noah *Noah's ark*, in toy sense, is first quoted by NED from *Cricket on the Hearth*

nob. Head, etc Later spelling of *knob* In sense of swell, "tuft," it is the same word, the suggestion that it is short for *nobleman* being contradicted by Sc *nab*, in same sense, earlier than our *nob* So also Sc has *knabbie*, for *nobby*, smart, etc

nobble [slang] To "get at" (e g a race-horse, the electorate, etc) App a mod frequent of *nab*

Nobel prize Established by will of *Alfred Nobel* See *dynamite*

noble F, L *nobilis*, from root (g)*nose-*, to know, cf *notable* The coin called a *noble* was first minted temp Ed III Among arts esp applied to fencing and boxing

Richard Tarlton, master of the noble syence of defence (NED c. 1588)

nock Orig (14 cent) horn end of a longbow, also *noteh* of an arrow Perh ident with Du *noh*, Ger *noek*, tip, point But the Rom langs use derivatives of L *nux*, nut, both for the *noek* of the longbow and the *noteh* of the cross-bow, and in the latter sense we find also Du *noot*, Ger *nusz*, and even E *nut* Unsolved

nocturnal Late L *nocturnalis*, from *nocturnus*, from *nox*, *noct-*, night

nod Prob an E word, but not found before Chauc Of obscure origin With sense of dozing, from nodding of the head which accompanies sleepiness, cf F *niquet*, mid-day nap, from *niquer*, to nod, Ger *nicken* The *land of Nod* is a punning allusion to Gen 14 16

Indignor, quandoque bonus dormitat Homerus

(*Hor De Art Poet* 359)

noddle First in late ME, and not orig jocular (cf *pate*) ? Evolved from earlier *noll*, AS *hnöll*, crown of the head, by analogy with such pairs of words as *pool*, *puddle*

nod, or *nodle* of the head, or *nolle* occupat

(*Prompt Parv*)

nones [eccl] F, L *nonae*, ninth day before Ides, from *nonus*, ninth Also Church service at ninth hour, about 3 p m See *noon*

nonesuch For *none such* Now usu *nonsuch*
Therefore did Plato from his None Such banish
Base poetasters (Sylv. *Urania*)

nonjuror [hist] Clergyman deprived of benefice for refusing to take oath of allegiance to William and Mary (1689) See *jury*

nonpareil F, for *non pareil*, VL **paniculus*, dim of *par*, equal

nonplus L *non plus*, not more From scholastic disputation

il y perdit son latin he was there gravelled, plunged, or at a Non plus (Cotg)

non plus ultra For *ne plus ultia*

nonsense Cf F *non-sens*, not sense

nonsuch See *nonesuch*

nonsuit Orig cessation of suit by withdrawal of plaintiff (cf *nolle prosequi*), now by action of judge

noodle From 18 cent ? Variation on *noddy*
nook Orig corner Chiefly north & Sc.
Cf Norw dial *noh*, hook, bent figure,
? cogn with *neck*

noon AS *nōn*, L *nona* (sc *hora*), orig about 3 p m, but early shifted back to midday
Also in other Teut langs., and, in sense of Church service, in Rom langs (see *nones*)

noose App from pl of OF *no*, *nou* (*nauud*), knot, L *nodus*

nopal Sp, Mex *nopalitl*, cactus

nor Contr of ME *nother* (see *neither*) Cf *o'er*, *e'er*, etc

nordenfiet Obs machine-gun From name (*Nordenfeld*) of Sw inventor. Cf *gatlug*, *maxim*

Nordic [etlm] ModL *Nordicus*, of the north

Norfolk AS *Northfolc* Fuller records the fact that the inhabitants are called "dumplings" from their favourite dish *Norfolk Howard*, bug, dates from an advertisement in the *Times* (June 26, 1862) announcing assumption of this name by one *Joshua Bug* *Norfolk jacket* is late 19 cent
normal L *normalis*, from *norma*, carpenter's square *Normal school* (college) is after F *école normale*, a Republican foundation (1794).

Norman Orig in pl, OF. *Normanz*, pl of *Normand*, Teut *north man* Application to a style of architecture, called *roman* in F, is not much earlier than 1800 *Norman*, F dial of Normandy, should be dis-

tinguished from *Anglo-Norman*, its further development in this country

norm One of three Fates in Scand. myth
ON *norm*, app cogn with Sw dial. *norm*, *nyina*, to warn secretly (cf hist of *fate*)
First E occurrence in Bishop Percy (18 cent)

Norroy Third King of Arms, whose jurisdiction is north of the Trent. AF *nor-ro-ry*, north king

Norse Du, *noorsch*, for *noordsch*, from *noord*
north Old Norse is chiefly represented by Old Icelandic, which preserves the most archaic form of the Scand langs Owing to isolation, Mod Icelandic has not greatly changed from it *Norseman* appears to be due to Scott

north AS *north* Com Teut, cf Du *noord*
Ger. *nord*, ON *northr* Also borrowed with other points of compass, by Rom langs, e.g F *nord*, It Sp *norte*.

The voyage to the North West by Martyn Furbush (Privy Council Acts, 1577)

Northumbrian [img] AS dial. spoken north of the *Humber*

Norwegian Earlier *Norwegian* (from MedL *Norvegia*), altered on *Norway*, lit north way, a name from the viking period; cf ON *sulhrvegar*, Germany, *austrvegr*, the Baltic countries

nose AS *nosu*, cogn with Du *neus* The more usual Teut form is represented by AS *nasu*, cf obs Du *nase*, Ger *nase*, ON *nās*, L *nasus*, Sanskrit *nās* (dual), nostrils To *pay through the nose* seems to be a playful variation on to *bleed*, in money sense, in which the metaphor was orig surgical *Nosegay* is from obs *gay*, bright object, pretty ornament, a substantival use of adj *gay*

And (as it chaunst) the selfe same tyme she was a sorting gayes

To make a poisse (Golding's *Ovid*, 1565)

He may be led by the nose as quietly as the tameest beare in the Garden

(Glapthorne, *Hollander*, 1, 1, 1640).

The King is pleased enough with her; which, I fear, will put Madam Castlemaine's nose out of joint (Pepys, May 31, 1662)

he cut off his nose to be revenged of his face said of one who, to be revenged on his neighbour, had maternally injured himself (Grose)

nosology. Science of disease, G. *νόσος*

nostalgia Home-sickness From G *νόστος*, return home, *ἄλγος*, pain Cf *neuralgia*

nostoe [bot] Genus of algae Name invented by Paracelsus

Nostradamus Soothsayer Latinized name of *Michel de Nostredame* F physician and prophet (1566)

Nostra damus cum falsa damus, nam fallere nostrum est

Et cum falsa damus nil nisi nostra damus (Jodel)

nostril AS *nostril* nose-hole. Cf *thrill* and dial *thril* to pierce

His nozeth riles blake were and wyde (Chc c A 55)

nostrum L. neut of *nosker* our (unfailing remedy) From the patter of the quack doctor

not Unstressed form of *naught* *naught* S v *an* *it*

notable F L. *notabilis* from *notare* to note For sense of prominent man (F hist) cf *noble*

notary F *notaire* L. *notarius* clerk secretary from *no* *ire* to note Cf *notation* L. *notatio* n

notch App for *okh* F *hocke* earlier *ocke* *ocke* Prov *ocke* whence VL *ocken* to cut dent The *n* may be the indef art as in *new* *nich* name or may be due to association with *not* Formerly used of a run at cricket, scored on a stick e.g. at Muggleton (see *muff*)

ocke a back, nock or notch the cut of a rib (Cotg)

note F L. *nota* mark ? cogn with *nomen* name Earliest sense is *mus* as in to *shame* one's *note* Very common in 16-17 cents for characteristic distinctive quality and now much overworked (with *alt* a *sphere technique* etc.) in intellectual jargon Sense of small document arises from that of memorandum jotted down briefly

nothing On_o written as *t o* words With *nothingarian* cf *anythingarian*

notice F L. *notitia* from *notus* from (g) *noscere* to know Cf *notify* F *notifier* L. *notificare*

notion. L. *notio-n* (vs) Esp common in neg construction with of US en of miscellaneous articles springs from that of clever intention

Machines for flying in the air and other wonderful notions (L. elyn)

notorious From MedL. *notorius* from *notus* known (vs) cf F *notoire* It Sp *notorio*

notwithstanding From *not* and *stand* to oppose the word now app. got used by the prep being really the subj. of the verb e.g. *notwithstanding this is this not*

opposing (J archaic F *nonobstant* L. *non ob stare* (abl. absolut.)

Not th t with standing be answered in this man (AED 1500)

nougat F Prov VL *nucatus* from *nu* *nuc* nut cf Sp Port *nogada*

nought AS *noht* var of *nauht* Now usu represented by *naught* n t See *ought* *noumenon* G *noomenon* neut. of pres part *pa-* of *noeu* to apprehend Introduced by *hant* in contrast to *phenomenon*

noun AF form of OF *non* (nom) L. *nomen* name (q v)

nourish F *nourrir* *nourrire* L. *nut* *ire* to feed See *nurse* For fig senses cf *cherish* *foster*

nous G *vous* mind Curiously common in dial

novel OF (*nouveau*) L. *novellus* dim of *novus* new In sense of fiction orig applied to short tales F *nouvelles* such as those of Boccaccio and in 1-18 cents still contrasted with the *romance* or long novel

A novel is a kind of abbreviation of a romance (Lord Chesterfield)

November L. *november* or *novembris* sc *mensis* from *novem* nine Replaced native *blot monath* sacrificial (blood) month

novenary L. *novem* *us* from *novem* nine

novereal L. *novocalis* of a step-mother *noverca* ? from *novus* new

novice F L. *novitius* from *nov* s new Orig of probationer in rel order

now AS *nu* Aryan cf Du OHG *on* Goth Sanskrit *nu* G *nu* L *nunc* Loc of *now* (then) to introduce command goes back to AS For *now* *adnu* see a

Hough Beaumont is d d whether I would ye had bys roomen we or n e (Paston Let 15)

Nowel (archaic) F Noël Christmas L. *na* *alis* (sc, dies) cf It *natale* Sp Port *natal* whence *natal* (S Mr) discovered on Chri tmas Day

nowhere See *no* *where* and cf obs *no* *whithre* (2 *kin* s v 75)

noxious From L *noxius* from *noxa* harm from *nocere* to hurt.

noyade (A st) Wholesale drowning of royalists by Carrier at Nantes (1794) F from *noyer* to drown L. *necte* to kill. For restriction of sense cf *E share*

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nurse ME *nurice* *norice* F *nourrice* foster mother I *nuriv* *nutric* from *nutrire* to nourish Orig what is now called a wet nurse Older form survives in name *Norris* The verb ME *nursh* *norsh* contr of *nourish* has been assimilated to the noun For fig senses cf *cherish* *nourish*

And he c m to Nazareth where he was nursed (Wye n rischid) (Tynd Luk iv 16)

nurix a n uric a nurse or place where in a plant and gr the trees or herb to the end of the ward to remove them and set them in a garden or orchard (Coop)

nurture F *nourriture* nourishment also in OF training education which is earliest E sense

nut AS *anuth* Com Teut cf Du *noot* Ger *nuss* O\ *Anot* cogn with OIr *enu* Gael *enu* *enu* but not with L *nux* To be (dead) nuts on (Grose) seems to be evolved from earlier to be nuts (i.e. an enticement) so recorded in a letter from Sir Edward Stafford to Burghley (1587) with which we may cf US as good as pie Current slang use of *nut* seems to have arisen from earlier contemptuous sense an old nut where nut prob means head cf a silly chump In AustralE a nut meant (1882) a long lank lantern-jawed whiskerless youth (NED) Nuthatch ME *notelach* means nut-backer the bird having a special gift for breaking nuts *Nutmer* is ME *noletm* egg of which second element is OF *musque* usu *muscat* (now *noir muscade*) musk nut cf Ger *muscat* *nuss* The phon relation of *musque* to *nut* is obscure It has a mod F festive *nu* i.e. hilly of the valley In a nutshell is allusive to the copy of the Iliad which according to Pliny was minute enough to be thus contained

He [Cicero] wroote ile the gestes of Troye sotell che a it myghte be closed in a note sch l

(Tre iv 14)

couplet de bois a wood-le sol or n t for a screw (Cotg)

nutation Slight oscillation of earth's axis L *nulatio* n from *nula* s to nod frequent of *nuere* cogn with G *nuere*

nutriment L *nutrimentum* from *nutrire* to nourish Cf *nutrition* *nutritious*

nux vomica MedL. *urveg* from *vomere* to vomit

nuzzle Frequent formation from *nose* but in sense of nestling cuddling up to associated with *nursle* frequent of *nurse*

nyctalopia Late L from G *νυκταλωπ* used by Galen for blind by night G *νυξ* *nyx* night *αλωπ* blind *ωπ* eye Misunderstood as seeing by night

nylgau *nilga* Pers *nil* blue (cf *ani*) *gau* ox cow (q v)

nymph F *nymphe* L *νυμφη* bride nymph From first sense comes med *nympomania* Cf *nymphelepsi* enthusiasm after epilepsy

o oh Not found in AS Partly a natural interj partly adopted from L

o [prep] Represents both of (o'clock) and o the wisp) and on (o night)

O Ir *o* descendant grandson of Gael *ogha* whence Sc or oy grandchild

oaf Earlier also *auph* *oipha* ars of elf (q v) Orig of a changeling

Tb *pannell* d fool t the wicket

Tb *roudd* d oafs at the goal (Hirling)

oak AS *ac* Com Teut cf Du *eik* Ger *eiche* O\ *eik* With Oakapple Day (May 29) day of Restoration of Charles II cf Royal Oak allusive to tree in which he hid (Sep 6 1651) after Worcester The Oaks race founded in 1779 is named from an estate near Epsom

t sport oak t about the outward door of student's room at college (Grose)

oakum AS *acumbe* *acumbe* off combing of OHG *achamb* Orig coarse refuse of flax First element is a *de* privative prefix See comb t *nheimpt* For formation of *offat*

oar AS & ON *ar* A Viking word With *oarsman* for earlier *oarman* cf *huntsman* *steersman* etc To rest upon one's oars is mod for to let one's oars

fiction a little boat medley Jacks-sh kler one that hath a oar in e one man's boat (Cotg)

oasis L G *oasis* of Egypt origin of Copt *ouake* dwelling place from *enakh* to dwell

oast [local] AS *a* cogn with Du *ees* and ult with L *aestas* summer Ir *aedh* heat Ong *kla* in gen now for malt or hops

oat A grain which in England is generally given to horses but in Scotland supports the people (Johns) AS *de* with no known cognate The fact that it is usu pl while all other cereals are sing suggests that orig sense was the whole grain and not the plant The Com Teut name for the cereal is represented by *Se*

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- obstacle F. L. *obstacleum* from *obstare* to stand in the way *Obstacle race* was coined (1869) by the Hon. Secretary of the London Athletic Club
- obstetric [med.] From L. *obstetricus* from *obstetrice* *obstetric* midwife from *obstetere* *obstit* to stand by Cf. *midwife*
- obstinate L. *obstinatus* p.p. of *obstinare* to persist from *obstare* cf. *obstacle*
- obstreperous From L. *obstreperus* from *obstreperare* to make a noise *streptitus* against
- I heard him very obstropal in his sleep
(*Rodrick Ra d m th viii*)
- obstruct From L. *obstruere* *obstruct* to build up against Parliamentary *obstruction* was invented (c. 1830) by the Irish party
- obtain F. *obtenere* VL. *obtenire* for *obtinere* from *tenere* to hold For intrans sense (*custom obtains*) cf. similar use of *to hold*
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- obtrude L. *obtrudere* from *trudere* to thrust
- obturate From L. *oblurare* to stop up
- obtus F. *obtus* I. *obtus* p.p. of *oblundere* to beat against blunt from *tundere* to beat strike For fig. sense cf. *acute*
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- obverse L. *obversus* p.p. of *obvertere* to turn towards
- obviate From Late L. *obviare* to meet, from *via* way For current sense cf. *to meet a difficulty* Cf. *obvious* from L. *obviuus* what meets one in the way
- ocasina Mus instrument of terra cotta From It. *oca* goose L. *avica* (**avica* from *avis* bird) in allusion to shape
- occasion F. L. *occasio*-m falling towards *jancture* from *occidere* *occas* to fall from *ob* and *cadere* to fall
- occident F. from pres. part of L. *occidere* to fall set (v.s.) Cf. *opernit*
- occiput L. back of the head from *ob* and *caput*
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- occult I. *occultus* p.p. of *occulere* to conceal from *ob* and an unrecorded verb cogn. with *celare* to conceal
- occupy From F. *occuper* L. *occupare* to take possession of from *ob* and *capere* to seize with vowel change as in *nuncupate* For

-y cf. *bandy* *levy* *parry* Etym. sense survives in mil. lang. Acquired gross sense in 16 cent. and hence though occurring in 15 almost fell out of use between c. 1600 and Cowper

Like heretics we occupy other men's wives

(*H. K. Co. ne. c. 1300*)

A captain God light these villain's will in the word as do's the word occupy while was an excellent good word before it was ill sorted

(*2 Hen. IV. ii. 4*)

occur L. *occurrere* to run against from *ob* and *currere* to run Occurrence incident was orig. pl. of *occurrent* (cf. *accidence*)

ocean F. *océan* L. *oceanus* a *ōs* stream supposed to encompass the world Earlier the *ocean sea* or *sea of ocean* as opposed to the Mediterranean and other inland seas

ocellus [biol.] Use in pl. L. *dum* of *oculus* eye

ocelot Tiger-cat F. abridged by Buffon from Mex. *tlaloceletl* from *tlalli* field *ocelotl* jaguar

och Interj. Ir. Gael. cf. *ochone* *ohone* Gael. *ochón* Ir. *ochón* alas

ochlocracy Rule by the mob G. *oxlos*

ochre Earl or other F. *ocre* L. G. *oxyra* from *oxy* pale yellow

ocracy See *cracy* -o is from first element of compounds

octad Eight L. G. *oktas* *ō* *ta* *ō* Cf. *octagon* from *γωνία* angle *octahedron* from *opa* seat

octant Late L. *oceanus* *ocean* cf. *quadrant* *sextant* With *octarchy* cf. *heptarchy* With *octatena*, a first eight books of OT cf. *pentateuch* *hexateuch* Oldest sense of *octave* L. *octavus* eighth from *octo* eight is the eighth day or period of eight days after a Church festival *Octavo* is for *in octavo* the sheet being folded so as to make eight leaves cf. *folio quatuor* to *Octette* (mus.) is after *duet* *quartette*

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octopus G. *oktupus* from *ō* *tw* eight *pus* foot

- haver* (see *haversack*) With *wild oats*, typical, from 16 cent, of crop that one will regret sowing, cf fig use of F *folle avoine*
- oath** AS *āth* Com Teut, cf Du *eed*, Ger *eid*, ON *eithr*, Goth *aiths*, cogn with OIr. *oeth* For later sense cf *swear*
- ob-** L prep *ob*, with gen sense of towards, against Also *oc-*, *of-*, *op-*
- obligato** [nus] It, obliged, i.e. indispensable accompaniment
- obdurate** L *obduratus*, pp of *obdurare*, to make hard, *durus*
- obeah**, obi A Waf word, with senses of *juru*
- obedient** OF., from pres part of L *oboedire*, to obey (q v)
- obesance** F *obéissance*, obedience, from *obéir*, to obey With usual E sense, found in Chauc., cf. *reverence*, but this meaning is not found in F and is due to confusion with archaic *abaisance* (q v)
- obelisk** F *obélisque*, L, G *ὀβελίσκος*, dim of *ὀβελός*, spit, pointed pillar, also used of a critical mark (— or —) placed against a passage of doubtful authenticity, as E *obelisk* is of a reference mark (†)
- obese** L *obesus*, pp of *obedere*, to eat all over For transposition of sense cf *drunk(en)*
- obey** F *obéir*, L *oboedire*, from *audire*, to hearken (cf Ger *gehörchen*, to obey, from *hörchen*, to hearken)
- obfuscate** From L *obfuscare*, *offuscare*, to darken, from *fuscus*, dark Cf F *offusquer*
- obi** See *obeah*
- obit** OF, L *obitus*, departure, decease, lit a going to meet, from *obire* Obs exc in (abbrev) *post-obit(um)*
- obiter** L, by the way, *ob iter*. Hence *obiter dictum*, orig in law, expression of opinion not regarded as binding or decisive.
- obituary** MedL *obituaris* See *obit*
- object** First as noun MedL *objectum*, thrown in the way, from *obicere*, *object-*, from *jacere*, to throw Cf synon Ger *gegenstand* Used, as early as Shaks, with of *ply* (*derision*, etc) understood *Objective*, contrasted with *subjective*, in philosophy, etc, is MedL *objectivus*, but its currency is from Ger Mil sense, short for *objective point*, is from F.
- It lacks what the Anglo German jargon calls objectivity (J S. Philimore).
- objurgate** From L *objurgare*, from *jurgare*, to scold, quarrel, from *jus*, *jur-*, law, *agere*, to do, etc
- oblate**¹. Person devoted to religious work.
- L *oblatus*, used as pp of *offerre*, to offer
- Cf *oblation*
- oblate**² Flattened at poles, as earth MedL
- oblatus*, formed on its opposite *prolate*
- oblation** L *oblatio-n-*, from *offerre*, *oblat-*, to offer
- oblige** F *obliger*, L *obligare*, from *ligare*, to bind Pronounced *obleege* by old-fashioned people within living memory.
- oblique**. F, L *obliquus*, slanting, indirect Cf L *hincus*, bent
- obliterate** From L *obliti(ſ)erare*, to blot out, efface, from *lit(ſ)era*, letter, script
- oblivion**. OF, L *oblivio-n-*, from *oblivisci*, to forget, ? cogn with *levis*, light, smooth
- oblong**. L *oblongus*, from *longus*, long
- obloquy**. Late L *obloquium*, speaking against, from *loqui*, to speak
- obmutescence** From L *obmutescere*, from *mutescere*, to become dumb, *mutus*
- obnoxious** L *obnoxiosus*, from *obnoxius*, exposed to harm, *nox* Still occ in orig. passive sense
- obnubilate** To dim, etc From L *obnubilare*, from *nubes*, cloud
- oboe** It, F *hautbois*, hautboy (q v.)
- obol**, **obolus** Coin F *obole*, L, G *ὀβολός*
- obscene** F *obscène*, L *obscaenus*, ? from *caenum*, mud
- obscure** F *obscur*, L *obscurus*, from root *scu-*, Sanskrit *sku*, to cover, cf L *scutum*, shield, G *σκαυή*, dress *Obscurant* was introduced (c 1800) from Ger, the name being applied to the opponents of *aufklärung*, enlightenment
- obsecrate** From L *obsecrare*, to entreat in the name of something holy, *sacer*
- obsequies** F *obseques*, MedL *obsequiæ*, due to confusion between L *exequiæ*, *exequies* (q v), and *obsequium*, service (v.)
- obsequious** F *obsequieux*, L *obsequiosus*, from *sequi*, to follow. For degeneration of sense cf *officious*
- observe** F *observer*, L *observare*, from *servare*, to guard, keep Orig to attend to a law, custom, religious practice, etc For sense of mention cf *remark*
- The new observatory in Greenwich Park (Evelyn, 1676).
- obsess** From L *obsidère*, *obsess-*, to sit down (*sedere*) before, besiege. Cf *beset* In current use a 19 cent revival
- obsidian** Volcanic glass L *obsidianus*, misprint in early editions of Pliny for *obidianus*, named from resemblance to stone found in Ethiopia by one *Obsius*

obsolete L. *obsoletus* p.p. of *obsolescere* to grow out of use from *solere* to be accustomed

obstacle F. L. *obstacleum* from *obstare* to stand in the way *Obstacle race* was coined (1869) by the Hon. Secretary of the London Athletic Club

obstetric [met.] From L. *obstetricus* from *obstetrice* midwife from *obstistere* *obstet* to stand by Cf. *midwife*

obstinate L. *obstinatus* p.p. of *obstinare* to persist from *obstare* cf. *obstacle*

obstreperous From L. *obstreperus* from *obstreperare* to make a noise *obstreperus* against

I heard him very obstupulous in his sleep (Redebeck Ra dom ch vill)

obstruct From L. *obstruere* obstruct to build up against Parliamentary obstruction was invented (c. 1830) by the Irish party obtain F. *obtenir* VL. *obtenire* for *obtinere* from *tenere* to hold For intrans sense (custom obtains) cf. similar use of to hold

obtest From L. *obtestari* to call to witness testis

obtrude L. *obtrudere* from *trudere* to thrust

obturate From L. *obturare* to stop up

obtus F. *obtus* L. *obtusius* p.p. of *obtrudere* to beat against blunt from *tundere* to beat strike For fig senses cf. *acute*

obumbrate From L. *obumbrare* to overshadow from *umbra* shade

obverse L. *obversus* p.p. of *obvertere* to turn towards

obviate From Late L. *obviare* to meet from *via* way For current sense cf. to meet a difficulty Cf. *obvious* from *obviare* what meets one in the way

ocarina Mus instrument of terra cotta From It. *oca* goose L. *avca* (avica from *avis* bird) in allusion to shape

occasion F. L. *occasio* n falling towards juncture from *occidere* *occas* to fall from *ob* and *cadere* to fall

occident F. from pres. part of L. *occidere* to fall set (v.s.) Cf. *orient*

occiput L. back of the head from *ob* and *caput*

occlude From L. *occludere* from *ob* and *cludere* to close

occult L. *occultus* p.p. of *occludere* to conceal from *ob* and an unrecorded verb cogn. with *celare* to conceal

occupy From F. *occuper* L. *occupare* to take possession of from *ob* and *capere* to seize with vowel change as in *nuncupate* For

y of *bandy* Levy parry Etym sense survives in mil lang Acquired gro s sense in 16 cent and hence though occurring in 17 almost fell out of use between c. 1600 and Cowper

Lik. heret. es w occupy other men's wives (Hucklescorner c. 1500)

A captain! God sight th se vill ins will; ake the w rd a odious s th wo d occupy which was an excellent good word b f re it was ill sort d (a Hen 13 ii 4)

occur L. *occurrere* to run against from *ob* and *currere* to run Occurrence incident was orig pl of *occurrent* (cf. *accidence*)

ocean F. *océan* L. G. w. *avos* stream supposed to encompass the world Earlier the *ocean sea* or *sea of ocean* as opposed to the Mediterranean and other inland seas

ocellus [biol.] Usual in pl L. dim of *oculus* eye

ocelot Tiger-cat F. abridged by Buffon from Mex. *Ualocelotl* from *Halli* field *ocelotl* jaguar

och Interj. Ir. Gael. cf. *ochona* *ohone* Gael. *ochón* Ir. *ochón* alas

ochlocracy Rule by the mob G. *οχλος*

ochre Earlier *oker* F. *ocre* L. G. *oxyra* from *oxyros* pale yellow

ocracy See -cracy -o is from first element of compds

octad L. ht L. G. *oktas* *oktaō* Cf. *octagon* from *ywria* angle *octahedron* from *ōpa* seat

octant Late L. *oclans* *occlant* cf. *quadrant sextant* With *octarchy* cf. *heptarchy* With *octateuch* first eight books of OT cf. *pentateuch* *hexateuch* Oldest sense of *octave* F. L. *octavus* eighth from *octo* eight is the eighth day or period of eight days after a Church festival *Octavo* is for in *octavo* the sheet being folded so as to make eight leaves cf. *folio qua* to *Octelle* (mus.) is after *duet quartette*

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octopus G. *oktwpous* from *oktw* eight, *pous* foot

in kind office For each sense of *service*
Sense of place for transaction of business
is in Chauc (D 1577) Current sense of
officer in ME any public servant is from
16 cent *Officious* *Officieux* *L. officiosus*
friendly serviceable (cf *obsequious*) pre-
serves its orig good sense in diplomacy
being used for informally friendly as op-
posed to *official*

official Of herbs drugs From *L. officina*
workshop laboratory for *opificina* from
opifex *opific* workman from *ops* work
facere to do

officious See *office*

offing [na it] From *off*

offspring AS *ofspring* from *of* and *spring*
cf *off* *hoot*

obfuscate See *obfuscate*

oft *often* AS *oft* Com Teut. cf obs Du
ofte Ger *oft* ON *oft* Goth *uſta*
Lengthened in ME to *ofte* before con-
sonant *of en* before vowel *Oft* survives
poet and in compds (*oft-times* *oft told*)
also in many *o time* and *oft*

ogdoad Set of eight Late L G *dyōdoas*
dyōdoas from *ontw* eight

ogee Curve (-) From F *oive* (qv) "an
ogive or ogee in architecture (Cotg)

ogham *ogam* Ancient Ir alphabet Ir
ogham from myth inventor *Ogma*

ogiva [arch] F earlier also *augee* ? From
Sp *auge* highest point Arab *auy* *apogee*
G *δρόμω* ? or ult from L *aliens*
channel trough (whence F *auge* trough)
? from grooving

ogle Late 17 cent cant word LC *oegeln*
frequent of *oegen* to look at from *oeye*
eye (qv) Cf Ger *ludaueln* to ogle
to smicker to look amorously to cast
sheep's-eyes to cast amorous looks
(Ludw)

ogre F first used and prob invented by
Perrault in his *Contes de Fées* (1697) It
occurs in OF in sen e of pagan (? orig
Hungarian) but this is not likely to have
been known to Perrault

oh See *o*

ohm Unit of electrical resistance From Ger
physicist G S *Ohm* (1854) Cf *ampère*
oid G *-ooids* from *loos* form
oidium Fungus attacking vine Modl dim
from G *vor* egg

oil OF *oile* (Auv) L *oleum* orig oil of
olive (qv) Also as early Church word
(consecrated oil) in the Teut *ingra* *og*
AS *ele* (see *ancle*) Du *olie* Ger *öl* Often

allusive to night study as in *william* *at oil*
(17 cent) also to aggravation or appease-
ment in *oil on flame* (*touché* *quers*) To
strike oil (US) is to bore successfully for
petroleum *Oulshin* 19 cent

ointment ME *oynement* OF *oynement*
from *oindre* *oign* to anoint, L *ungere*

Altered on obs *oin* to anoint, from pp
of above verb

ok For *or* *horrest* US since 1790

okapi Central Afr animal resembling zebra
and giraffe discovered (1900) by Sir H
H Johnston Native name

-ol [chem] Extended use of ending of
alcohol

old AS *eald* (Merc *ald*) Com Teut. cf Du
oud Ger *alt* ON *ellr* (compar) Goth
d derivative *alikeis* Ong *a pp* *ergru* with
L *alere* to nourish whence *allus* high
ong nourished grown Prob sense of
measurement as in *ten years old* preceded
the absolute use Intens and endearing
senses occur early (v l.) and Satan is called
se ealdra in AS AS noun only in *of old*
whence adj *olden* in *olden time*

God *oldes hyghing w s there* (MED c 1440)

oleaginous F *oleagineux* from L *oleaginus*
from *olea* olive tree

oleander MedL. whence F *olandre* It
oleandro OSp *oleandro* Late L *lorandrū*
explained by Isidore as a corrupt in-
flected by *laurus* laurel of *rhododendron*
cf F *laurier rose* *oleander* Further
affected by assim to L *olea* olive tree

oleaster L from *olea* olive tree

olefant Only in *olefant gas* choke damp
Coined (1795) by Du chemists to mean
oil producing

olent From pres part of L *olere* to smell
oleograph Printed unit of oil painting
From L *oleum* oil

oleomargarine Earlier name of *margarine*
(v s)

olfactory From L *olfacere* to cause to smell
olens from *olor* smell with *Sabine* f for
-d (cf *lingua lacrima*)

olibanum Aromatic gum MedL. whence
F *oliban* It. Sp *olíbano* Corrupt ? by
association with L *oleum* oil of Late I
libanus frankincense G *λίβανος*

oligarchy F *oligarchie* Late L G *ὀλιγαρχία*
few *oligarchia* few *archia* to rule

olio [cock] Altered from Sp *olla* or Port *olha*
hotch potch L *olla* pot jar Cf *olla*
pod uia

only First as adj AS *ānī* one like
onomasticon Vocabulary of names G
ὀνομαστικόν (sc β βλίου) from *onoma* name
onomatopoeia G *ὀνοματωτός* a from *onō* to
to make (v s) Used by E poet theorists
of 16 cent

onslaught Du *aansla* or Ger *anschlag*
enterprise from *slagen schlagen* to strike
slay Form and sense have been influenced
by obs *slaught* slaughter slaying cogn
with Ger *schlacht* battle A 17 cent word
from the Low Countries Cf obs mil
slau ht beam barrier Ger *schlt baum*

anschlag enterprise wurd sond rh h im kri ge
gebrauchet wenn etwas g gen lue festung oder
sonsten g gen den l had unt rüchmen wurd
(Fisch h t Le seo 1735)

onto For *on to* indicating motion Cf *into*
ontology Study of being From *on*
pres part neut of *ēnai* to be

onus L burden

onward From *on* and *weard* (q v)

onymous Having a name Coined (18 cent)
on its opposite anonymous

onyx L G *ὄνυξ* finger nail onyx stone

oof [slang] Short for Yiddish *oof tish* for
Ger *auf (dem) tisch(e)* on the table Cf to
plank down Hence oof bird with allusion
to "golden eggs"

oolite [geol] Concretionary limestone Γ

oolithe from G *ὄον* egg *λίθος* stone

oology Study of birds eggs (v s)

oorn Du uncle as in *Oorn Paul* President
Kroger Cf Ger *ohorn* E dial *eme* AS
þinn and see *uncle*

oomiak Eskimo woman's boat Cf *kajak*

The ca oe is called *karak o m u s* boat to
distinguish it from *umi k t h* woman's boat
(Fal)

coral One of the many forms of *curare* (q v)

Oordoo [lin] See *Urdu*

ooze The noun represents (1) AS *æos* juice
sap now only of tan vat whence verb to
ooze (2) AS *wase* mud cogn with ON
veisa stagnant pool whence Norw dial
veisa mud bank For loss of *w* cf dial
ooman The second word has been confused
with AS *geuase* alluvium (the *Wash*)
Richard alle Wase of Norfolk is mentioned
in *Patent Polls* (13 cent)

Rght as weedas w en in wose and in donge
(Piers Plowm C. xii 229)

OP [theat] Side of stage opposite *prompter*
opah Fish Prob native name of Guinea
coast

opal L G *ὀπάλιος* cf Sanskrit *upala* gem
opaque ME *opake* L *opacus* now spelt
after Γ *opaque*

ope open Ope is shortened (cf *awake*) from
AS *open* (adj) Com Teut cf Du *open*
Ger *offen* ON *opinn* prob cogn with *up*
With *open handed* cf *close fist* Naut to
open (lurch) come in view of is evolved
from adj in naut sense of unobstructedly
visible

Our economic rise has been i a ery real sense d
to the Brit h policy of the open door
(Zimmermann Mitteleurop)

opera It L cogn with *opus* *oper* work
A 17 cent borrowing First in Evelyn

They sometime eertaine the people [of Si n]
with operas they call th m (L elyn)

Strang to see this house that used to b so
thronged now empty sic the p ra begun
(Pepys July 4 1661)

operation F *opération* L *opera* io n from
operari from *opus* *oper* work In Chauc
Surgical sense from 16 cent Later is
operative (c 1600) *Operative* workman is
19 cent (cf F *ouvrier* L *operarius*)

operculum [biol] L lid from *operire* to
cover

opereose L *operosus* laborious from *opus*
oper work

ophicleide Γ *ophicleide* coined (early 19
cent) from G *ὄψ* serpent κλ s κλ s
key the instrument being a development of
the earlier serpent

ophidian Of snakes From G *ὄφις* dim
of *ὄψ* (v s) Cf *oph opha n s* snake
ecate scient name of hamadryad (snake)
ophite serpentine rock also name of early
Christian sect reverencing serpent as em
bodiment of wisdom

ophthalmia Late L G *ὀφθαλμία* from
ὀφθαλμ eye From 14 cent

opiate MedL *opiatius* from *opium*

opinion Γ L *opinio* n from *opinari* to be
of opinion cf *inopinus* unexpected With
current sense of *opinionated* orig holding
a spec opinion cf F *opiniâtre* obstinate

opisthograph Manuscript written on back
as well as front From G *ὀπισθεν* behind

opium L G *ὀπ* poppy juice dim of
δρo vegetable juice

opodeldoc Medical plaster Coined by Para
celsus (16 cent) perh from above Cf
no loc

opoponax Gum resin. L G *ὀπoν* aē from
δρo vegetable juice *παράκ* all healing
Cf *panacea*

opossum N Amer Ind name, variously spelt from c 1600 With *possum* cf *coon*

oppidan L *oppidanus*, from *oppidum*, town Now chiefly of Eton boys lodged in town as opposed to "collegers"

opilate [med] To obstruct From L *opplare*, from *ob* and *plare*, to rain

opponent From pres part of L *opponere*, to place against, from *ob* and *ponere*

opportune F *opportun*, L *opporturus*, from *ob* and *-porturus* as in *importune* (q v)

Opportunists F *opportunists*, coined (1876) by Rochefort in ref to Gambetta and his followers

oppose F *opposer*, compd of *posci*, see *pose* *Opposite* is immediately from L *oppositus*, p p of *opponere* *Opposition* in pol sense is 18 cent (Burke)

oppress F *oppresser*, MedL *oppressare*, from L *opprimere*, *oppress-*, from *ob* and *premere*, to press

opprobrium L, from *ob* and *probrium*, infamy

oppugn From L *oppugnare*, from *ob* and *pugnare*, to fight

opsmathy Learning late in life G *ὀψμαθία*, from *ὀψέ*, late, *μαθάνειν*, to learn

opt F *opter*, L *optare*, to choose, cf *adopt*, *co-opt* Hence *optative* (gram.), mood of wishing, *option*

optic F *optique*, MedL, G *ὀπτικός*, from *ὀπτός*, visible, from stem *ō-*, as in *ὠψ*, eye, *ὀψομαι*, I shall see

optime L, best (adv), esp in *Senior* (*Junior*) *Optime*, 2nd (3rd) class in math tripos, Camb

optimism F *optimisme*, coined (1737) by the Jesuit editors of the *Mémoires de Trévoux*, from use by Leibnitz of L *optimum* (cf *maximum*, *minimum*) in connection with his theory that this is the "best of all possible worlds" The vogue of the word is due to Voltaire's satire *Candide ou l'optimisme* (1759) Cf *pessimism*

option See *opt* and *local*

opulent F, L *opulentus*, from *ops*, *op-*, resources, wealth, cf Sanskrit *apnas*, wealth

or¹ Conj Contr of ME *other*, replacing AS *oðthe*, cogn with OHG *edo*, *odo* (*oder*), Goth *aththau* The contr took place in the second term of an alternative, cf *vor*, and see *either*

Other in the world other in religion, other clerk other lewed (*Avonbe of Inwite*, 1340)

or² [archaic] Sooner Northern form of *ere* (q v), with which it forms an app pleon

in *or ere*, altered from *or ever* by confusion between *ere* and *e'er*

or³ [her.]. Gold, yellow, F, L *aurum*

orache Plant ME also *orage*, *arache*, etc, F *arroche*, L *atriplex*, *atriplex*, G *ἀτρί-φάξ*, cf It *altripice*.

oracle F, L *oraculum*, divine pronouncement, from *orare*, to speak, pray, from *os*, *or-*, mouth Hence to *work the oracle*, allusive to tricks by which response was produced

oral From L *os*, *or-*, mouth

orange F, Sp *naranja* (Port *laranja*), Arab *nāranj*, Pers *nārang*; cf It, *arancia*, earlier *narancia*, Hind *nārangī*, Sanskrit *nāraṅga*; also MedL *aranga*, *arantia*, altered to *aurantia* by association with *aurum*, gold, which perh also explains F *orange* for **arange* Loss of *n-* is due to confusion with indef art, cf *adder*, *apron*, etc Pers has also *turunj*, whence Catalan *laronge*

Orange French town (Vaucluse), formerly capital of small principality, which passed (1530) to House of Nassau, whence came William III of England Hence *Orangerien*, Ir secret society founded (1795) by the *Orange Lodge* of Freemasons at Belfast, with *orange* colours as punning allusion

orang-outang Malay *orang utan*, man of the woods In most Europ langs

Javan nomen ei induunt orang outang, quod hominem silvae significat (NED. 1631)

orator ME *orateur* (Chauc, Wyc.), OF. (*orateur*), L *orator-em*, from *orare*, to speak, from *os*, *or-*, mouth

oratorio It. Orig (16 cent) semi-dramatic mus service in the *oratory*, chapel for prayer, of St Philip Neri at Rome, to which belonged also the earliest *oratory*, brotherhood of priests Church L *oratorium*, from *orare*, to speak, pray (v s).

orb F *orbe*, L *orbis*, circle, disk, etc Hence *orbit*, *orbicular* Poet sense of eye springs from that of eyeball, perh influenced by that of star, planet

orc, ork F. *orke*, L *orca*, cetacean Vaguely used, by association with L *Orcus*, hell, of myth monsters in gen

Orcadian From L *Orcaades*, the Orkneys orchard AS *orþgeard*, ? pleon formation from VL *ortus*, for *hortus*, garden, and cogn AS *geard*, yard, garth, cf Goth *awrigards* ? Or first element from Tent by-form of *uort* (q v); cf AS. *uorþgeard* orchestra L, G. *ὀρχήστρα*, space where chorus danced, from *ὀρχήσθαι*, to dance

orchid Coined (1845) by Lindley from ModL *orchideae* (Linnaeus) incorr formed from L. G *opax* testicle from shape of tuber
orchil See *archil*

ordain From tonic stem (*ordain*) of OF *ordener* (replaced by *ordonner*) L *ordinare* from *ordo ordin* order Earliest (13 cent) in eccl sense Cf *ordination*

ordeal Revived by 16 cent antiquaries from AS *ordal ordil* judicial test with artificial spelling and pronunc (v s) Second element is ident with *deaf* *dole* first is only F survival of prefix *or* out cogn with Du *oor* Cer 17 Goth *us* cf Du *oordeel* Ger *urteil* judgment decision not in the restricted sense which is alone found in AS

Where's you li t by ordal r by oth

(Chauc. *Troil* 11 46)

order F *ordre* L *ordo o din* from *ordini* to begin (to weave) For ending cf *coff r* Earliest E sense (13 cent) is eccl as in *holy ord rs* to take *orders* *order of the Temple* springing from the old belief in the nine *orders* of angels This is extended to the *order of the Garter Bath* etc Etym sense of sequence arrangement appears in *in order to* (*that*) with which cf archaic to take *order*

ordinal Late L *ordinalis* from *ordo ordin* (v s) In spec sense of book of rules represents ModL *ordinale*

ordnance OF *ordenan s* (replaced by *or donnance*) from *ordener* to ordain

ordinary OF *ordinarie* (*ordinaire*) L *ordinarius* from *ordo ordin* (v s) Eccl sense of churchman exercising independent authority descended to that of chaplain of Newgate Naut sense now chiefly in *laid up in ordinary* was orig regular reserve staff in charge of vessel in harbour *Farmers ordinary* is evolved from F sense of regular allowance For depreciatory meaning as in *ordina y* (not able) *seama s* cf F *tau ordinaire*

ord s an o d un a bishop for his chaunc lo &c within bi docesse also an ordinar tabi dyet fare (Cotg)

ordination See *ordain*

ordnance Contr of *ordnance* in spec sense of mil supplies in gen now un restricted to artillery The *Boa d of Ordnance* first established temp Hen VIII is responsible for maps

ordure F from OF *orl* disgusting etc L *horridus*

ore Sense from AS *ora* ore cogn with Du *oor* form from AS *ar* brass bronze cogn with obs Du *eer* MHC *er* O\ *eer* Goth *ai* cf L *aes aer* brass

oread L G *op ias optuad* mountain nymph from *opos* mountain

orectic Appetitive G *δρεκτι* *or* from *δρεκν* *v* to stretch out

orifray See *orphrey*

organ F *organe* L *organa* neut pl from G *πυρον* instrument cogn with *spy r* work Earliest E sense is mus the word being found in L form in AS Wider sense in *organic* *organ s* etc

Ci nli doli pe dimes or organes

(Oxf P 1 1 1)

organdie Muslim F *or and* ? connected with *organ s* *ne*

organzine Silk thread F *organzin* It *organzino* ? from U *gandisch* Chin ilk market

orgasm F *orgasme* an extreme fit or expression of anger (Cotg) from C *δρῶ* *v* to swell be excited

orgeat F *sirup* from *orge* barley L *hordeum* A Pro word

orgies F L G *δρῶ* *orgia* secret rites esp of Dionysos

orgulous [archaic] F *orgueilleux* from *orueil* pride of Teut origin cf It *orgoglio* Revived by South y and Scott

oriel OF *orioi* ModL *auriculum* by dissim for Late L *atlaeolum* from *aulaeus* curtain but used rather as dim of *aula* hall The *oriel* was orig a side chapel or little *anctum* (v s)

s t of m acellum b s la eccles 2 (D c)

Al is [entrance] de la ch mbre ou un oriel s mē Droit d vers l chardin [garden]

(1 de S Thoma 12 ent.)

orient F from pres part of L *oriri* to rise cf *occident* *Orient* *pea l* is for earlier *pearl of orient* F *perle d orient* *ie* from the East *Orientation* now much overworked is adapted from F *s orienter* *t* take one's bearings prop to face the east whence also Cer *orienting*

It (th Russ *r* of *u*) h s changed the fa of th earth a d the *riat* in of *hum* society

(D dy Verc Ap 9 7)

orifice F Late L *orific ium* from *os* *or* mouth *facere* to make

oriflamme [hist] F OF *or e flama* L *aurea flamma* golden flame name of sacred banner of St Den s

Gef iz d Anjou s port tlet flambe (Rol 3093)

origan-um Wild marjoram F *origan*, L *origanum*, G *ὀρίγανον*, ? from *ὄρος*, mountain, γάμος, brightness

Origenist [theol] Follower of *Origen* of Alexandria, Christian Father (3 cent)

origin F *origine*, L *origo*, *origin-*, from *oriri*, to rise *Original* occurs first (c 1300) in *original sin*

oriole Bird OF *oriole* (replaced by *loriot*, for *l'oriole*), L *aureolus*, golden

Orion G *Ὠρίων*, giant of G myth slain by Artemis

orison AF *orison*, F *oraison*, as *oration* (see *orator*) Revived (c 1800) by romantics

ork See *orc*

Orleanist [hist] F *orléaniste*, partisan of *Duke of Orleans*, younger brother of Louis XIV, and his descendants

orlop [naut] Orig deck covering whole of hold Earlier (15 cent) *overlop*, Du *overloop*, from *overloopen*, to run over (see *leap*) See also quot s v *blige*

ormer Mollusc, sea-ear Channel Isl F, L *auris maris* Also called *oreille de mer*

ormolu F or *moulu*, lit ground gold, from pp of *moudre*, OF *moldre*, L *molere*

ornament Restored from ME *ournement*, F *ornement*, L *ornamentum*, from *ornare*, to adorn, ? contr of *ordinare* Has absorbed also ME *aornement*, OF, from *aorner*, L *ad-ornare* Application to persons (*ornament of the bar*, etc) is 16 cent

The synue of *aornement*, or of *appareil* (Chauc. I 432)

ornithology From G *ὄρνις*, *ὄρνιθ-*, bird Cf *ornithorhynchus*, duck-billed platypus (Austral), from G *ὄνυχος*, bill

orography, orology. From G *ὄρος*, mountain.

oronoco, oronooko Tobacco, from Virginia, and prob not connected with river Orinoco

orotund Playful counage from L *ore rotundo* (v.1), one syllable being lost by dissim. (cf *heroi-comic*)

Graus ingentium, Graus dedit ore rotundo
Musa loqui (Hor *Ars Poet* 323)

orphan Late L *orphanus* (Vulg), G *ὀρφανός*, from **ὀρφός*, bereft, cogn. with L *orbis*

Orphic G *Ὀρφικός*, from *Ὀρφέας*, myth musician of Thrace, later regarded as philosophical adept.

orphrey, orfray [archaic] Rich embroidery False sing from ME & OF *orfrais* (*orfois*), from L *aurum* and an obscure second element The older form app survives in

orris, trade-name for various kinds of embroidery, etc

orpi-ment Yellow arsenic F, L *auripigmentum*, pigment of gold.

orpin Plant F, app shortened from *orpi-ment*, with which it is synon in OF

orpington Breed of fowls from village in Kent Cf *dorking*.

orra [Se] Odd, as in *orra man* Var of ME. *odde*, cf dial *imperence* and see *moral* *Orra woman* as offic designation for single woman is found in 16 cent Sc

orrery Invented (c 1700) by George Graham and named after Charles Boyle, *Earl of Orrery* (Cork)

orris Esp in *orris-root* Ident with *iris*, form having perh been affected by association with *liquorice*, *licoris*, both plants having sweet root The It is *irios*, app from G *ἴριος ῥίζα*, where *ἴριος* is a var genitive of *ἴρις*.

The nature of the orrice is almost singular for there are but few odoriferous roots

(Bacon, *Sylva*)

ort [archaic] Fragment of food Usu in pl Cf archaic Du *orete*, *ooracte*, LG *ort*, Sw dial *oåle*, in which first element is cogn with *or-* of *ordeal* and second with *eat*

oor-ate, *oor-de* reliquiae, fastidium pabuli sive cibi, esca superflua (Kil)

orthodox F *orthodoxe*, L, G *ὀρθόδοξος*, from *ὀρθός*, straight, right, *δόξα*, opinion, from *δοκέω*, to seem Spec epithet of Eastern (Greek) Church Cf *orthoepey*, G *ἔπος*, *ἔπε-*, word, *orthography*, G *γράφειν*, to write, *orthopaedy*, G *παίδιον*, child, *ταείδιον*, rearing, *orthopterous*, G *τερόν*, wing.

ortolan Γ, Prov., It *ortolano*, lit gardener, L *hortulanus*, from *hortus*, garden

orto'ano a gardner, an orchard keeper. Also a kinde of dantie birde in Itale (Flor)

orvietan [hist] Antidote, "Venice treacle" F *orviétan*, It *orvietano*, from *Orvieta* (It), where inventor lived

oryx Scient name of gemsbok. G *ὄρυξ*, pick-axe, earlier applied to NAfr antelope with pointed horns, vaguely used by LXX and Vulg (*Deut* xiv 5) and hence by Wyc and Coverd

Oscan [ling] Ancient It. dial akin to L.

oscillate From L *oscillare*, to swing
oscitant. Drowsy From pres part of L *oscitare*, to yawn, from *os*, mouth *citare*, to put in motion frequent of *citare*, to stir.

osculate From L *osculari* from *osculum*
kiss lit little mouth (v s)

osier F of unknown origin Cf Late L
(8 cent) *ausaria osaria* bed of willows

Osmanli Of Osman Turk pronunc of Arab
Othmān See Ottoman

osmium [chem] From G *ωσμή* odour
osmosis Intermixture diffusion From G
ωσμος thrust push

osmund Fern F *osmonda* (17 cent) of
unknown origin

osnaburgh [archaic] Fabric from *Osnabruck*
(Westphalia) Cf *holland arras* etc

Four hundred ellcs of osenbruges very fine
(Hall xi. 18)

osprey Ult L *ossifraga* lit bone breaker
(cf *sarifraga*) whence also F *orfraie* for
osfraie Neither the late appearance (15
cent) in L & F nor the forms are at pre-
sent explained

The e le a d the osnifrage and the osprey
(Lee xi. 13)

osram [neol] Electric lamp with filament
of osmium and wolfram

osseous From L *osseus* from *os* bone
Ossianic Of *Ossian* anglicized by Mac
Pherson from Gael *Oisín* name of bard
whose works he claimed to have collected
and translated (1760-3)

ossifrage See *osprey*

ossuary After *moruary* from L *os* bone
cf F *ossuaire*

ostensible F MedL *ostensibilis* from *osten-
dere* *ostens* to show, compd of *tendere* to
stretch With *ostensory* monstrence cf
F *ostensor* MedL *ostensorium*

osteology From G *οστ* *ov* bone

ostuary [eccl] Doorkeeper L *ostiarus* from
ostium door cf *usher*

ostler Ident with *hostler* OF *hosteler* from
hostel (qv) Orig inn keeper but early
associated with *osses*

Osses soon will all b in th carcuses
And if you want an ostler try the work uses
(E V Lucas)

ostracize G *οστρακίζω* from *οστρακον*
earthen vessel potsherd because name of
person whose banishment was voted was
written on piece of pottery Perh orig
shell (see *oyster*)

ostriculture See *oyster*

ostrich OF *austruce austruche* (*austruche*)
VL *avis struthio* from Late G *στροθω*
ostrich cf Sp *acetrus* The simplex ap-
pears in It *strutho* Ger *strauss* AS

struthia whence name *Strutt* In class G
usu *ο μύγας στροπιδος* lit the big sparrow
Often used allusively to supposed habit
of the bird of hiding its head in the sand
when cornered

How long the German Austrian and Turkish
peoples will be content to bury their h d in this
fiscal sand (H *etm* Ger O t 3 918)

Ostrogoths Late L *Ostrogothi* East Goths
who ruled in Italy 493-555 See *Easter*
G th

other AS *other* An Aryan compar forma-
tion cf Du Ger *ander* ON *annar* Goth
anþar Sanskrit *a itara* and prob L
after *ali* is G *allos* Loss of Teut n
before spirant is reg in F (cf *tooth fire*)
Formerly used like OF *autre* for second
Dial *tother* is due to wrong separation of
ME *that* (that) *other* so also we find
commonly *the lone* and *a nother* For
otherguess see *guess*

If b had not been in dri k, b w uld ha tickled
you otherw tes than b did (The Ista N i v)

otiose L *otiosus* from *otium* ease cf F
oisier

otology Study of the ear G *ο τ ο λ ο γ ι α*

ottava rima [metr] It eight lined stanza
lit eighth rime

otter AS *otter* Aryan cf Du Ger
otter ON *ottr* G *öper* water *öpa* hydra
water snake OPers *udra* otter ult cogn
with *water* Also used in the Great War
of paravane fitted to merchant ship

otto Obs bicycle From inventor's name
(1877)

Ottoman From Arab *Othmān* founder (c
1300) of Turk dynasty which took over
(1517) the Cal phate from the last Aba side
Caliph of Cairo Cf *Osmanli* Hence *otto-
man* (c 1800) suggesting an oriental couch

The moonl land rds of pr ud Ottoman
(Cyliv 2)

otto of roses See *attar*

oubhette [Aust] Secret dungeon F (14
cent) from *oublier* to forget VL *oblivio*
from *oblivisci* *obl i* to forget App an
troduced by Scott

ouch [obs] Brooch clasp etc For *nouch*
(cf *auer apron*) OF *nouche* OHG
nuscha Of Celt origin cf OIr *nasc* ring

And th y w re set as thikke of nouchis

Full of the fynest stones f re
(Chauc H i f F m i 60)

Thou shalt m ke them to be set in ouches of gold
(E s u. 11)

- ought¹ [dial] For *nought*, as in *oughts and crosses*. An *ought* is for a *nought* (v s), helped by the suggestion of O
- ought² Verb Past tense of *owe* (q v) As auxil verb it represents the past subjunctive Use of p p survives in vulg *you hadn't ought to* (= F *vous n'auriez pas dû*) Cf similar use of F *devoir*, lit to owe Cicero ought all he had unto learning (Florio's *Montaigne*, II 12)
- ounce¹ Weight F *once*, L *uncia*, twelfth of pound or foot, cf *inch*¹
- ounce² Animal F *once*, for OF *lonce* (taken as *l'once*), VL **lunce*, for *lyncea*, from *lynx*, cf It *lonza*, "a beast called an ounce, a panther or cat of mountaine" (Flor), Sp *onza*
- our AS *ūre*, for *ūscre* (cf *us*), genitive of *wē* Com Teut, cf OSax *ūser*, Ger *unser*, Goth *unsara* For reg formation of possess pronouns from genitive of pers pronouns cf F *leur*, L *illorum* *Ours* is a double possess of ME formation. For dial *own* (due to *mine*, etc) cf *hūn*, *hēn* His conversacioun is in hevене, as ouren shulden be (Wic)
- ourah See *curari*
- ousel See *ouzel*
- oust AF *ouster*, OF *oster* (*ōter*), ? VL **haustare*, from *haurire*, *haust-*, to drain Cf *exhausted*, "to pille, robbe, or take from one all that he hath" (Coop) L *obstare*, to hinder, has also been suggested, but sense-relation is difficult
- out AS *ūt* Com Teut, cf Du *uit*, Ger. *aus*, ON Goth *ūt* *Outer* is a ME formation differentiated in sense from orig *uttes* Verb to *out*, expel, now slangy, is in AS With *out and out*, *out and away*, cf *far and away* With ellipsis of verb *out* acquired interj force which survives in *out upon* *Outing* is used by Barbour for an expedition
- Normant escient "dens ale" La gent engles he "ut it" escient (Wice, describing Battle of Hastings)
- ow', oz' interjection (Prompt Parv)
- outcaste From *caste* (q v) Formation influenced by *outcast*
- outfit Used in US for anything, from a pocket-knife to a railway.
- out-Herod To exaggerate a part, *Herod* being stock-braggart and bully of early red drama
- I could have such a fellow whipped for o'er doing Termagant, it o'it herods Herod (Sham II 2)
- outland AS *ūtland*, out land, foreign country Hence *outlandish*, orig foreign, with sense-development as in *strange, uncouth* *Outlander* (c 1600) is adapted from Du *uillander*
- Most excellent outlandish linnen cloth (Purch).
- outlaw ON *ūtlagr*, from *ūtlagr*, outlawed, banished
- output Till c 1880 techn term in iron and coal trades
- outrage F, from *oultre*, beyond, L *ultra*, cf It *oltraggio*, E *going too far* Occ misused as though compd of *rage*
- outrance F, only in *à outrance*, from *outrier*, to go beyond (v s) Altered in E to *utterance* (*Macb* III 1), still in use as archaism.
- outré F, exaggerated (v s)
- outrecuidance [archaic] Arrogance Archaic F, from *outrecuider*, L *ultra cogitare* (cf *overweening*) Revived by Scott (*Ivanhoe*, ch. ix)
- outtrigger [naut.] Altered, on *rig*¹, from earlier *outligger* (15 cent), which is prob Du. *uitlegger*, lit outlyer, though this is not recorded so early
- On each side of them [canoes] lye out two pieces of timber (Drake)
- These are generally called by the Dutch, and by the English from them, out lagers (Dampier)
- outsider In disparaging sense (not in *NED*) from early application to horse "outside the favourites"
- outskirt Now only in pl From 16 cent See *skirt*
- outspan [S Afr] Du. *uitspannen*, to out span, unharness team.
- outstrip. From 16 cent See *strip*²
- outward See *-ward*.
- ouzel, ousel AS *ōslc*, blackbird, cogn with Ger *amsel*, with very numerous dial forms, OHG *amsala*, of which first element may be cogn with (*yellow*-)hammer (q v)
- oval F, from L *ovum*, egg, cogn with G. *qōi* Cf *ovate*, L *ovatus*, *ovary*, F *ovaire*
- ovation L *ovatio-n-*, triumph on smaller scale, from *ovare*, to exult, rejoice, prob. imit of shout
- oven AS *ofn* Com Teut, cf Du *oven*, Ger *ofen*, ON *ofn*, Goth *aufn*; cogn with G *īrōs*, oven, furnace, Sanskrit *ulha*, cooking-pot, which was no doubt orig meaning
- over AS *ofer* Com Teut; cf Dn *over*, Ger. *ober*, *uber*, ON *yfer*, Goth *ufar*; cogn with G *ērip*, L *super*, Sanskrit *upari*. These

oxide F, coined (1787) by Morveau and Lavoisier from G *ὀξύς*, sour, with ending of *acide*

oxlip For *oxslip*, AS *oxanslyppe* See *cowslip*

Oxon Signature of bishop of Oxford (v 1)

Oxonian From MedL *Oxonia*, from *Oxenford*, Oxford Cf *Cantab*

Then he asked me and I were cantibrygion I sayd no, I was an oxonian (NED 1540)

oxter [Sc & north] Armpit From AS *ōxta*, *ōhsta*, cf Du *ohsel*, Ger *achsel*, OIr *oxal*, L *avilla*

oxygen F *oxygène* (Lavoisier), from G *ὀξύς*, sour, *-γεν-*, producing

oxymoron [phet] Association of incongruous terms, as in *pet aversion*, *splendide mendax*. Neut of G *ὀξύμωπος*, pointedly foolish, from *ὀξύς*, sharp, *μωπός*, foolish

His honour rooted in dishonour stood,
And faith unfaithful kept him falsely true
(Tennyson).

oxytone [gram] Accented on last syllable G *ὀξύτονος*, with acute (v s) accent See *fore*

oyer and terminer [leg] Commission of judges, to hear and decide AF *oyer*, OF *oir* (*ouir*), L *audire* Hence also the crier's *oyez* or *o yes!*

oyster OF *oistre*, *ustre* (*huitre*), L, G, *ὀστρεον*, cogn with *ὀστέον*, bone, shell

ozokerit. Fossil resin, "native paraffin" Ger, coined (1833) by Glocker, from G *ὀζειν*, to smell, *κνός*, bees-wax

ozone Γ, from G *ὀζειν*, to smell

Ps and Qs, to mind one's App from confusion betw een *p* and *q* of children learning to write

pa Cf *papir*

pauw Bustard (S Afr) Du., peacock (q v).

pabulum L, cogn with *pasci*, to feed

paca S Amer rodent Sp, from Tupi (Brazil)

pace ME *pas*, F, L *passus*, from *pandere*, *pass*, to stretch To *put through one's paces* is to show the qualities of a horse With suggestion of speed in to *go the pace*. orig. in hunting, cf *apace*

pace Abl of L *pax*, *pax*, peace, as in *pace* *has* with all deference to you Hence *pace* Mr *Cruzan*, etc

pacha See *pasha*

pachus Board-game in India From Hind.

pachichli, twenty five

pachyderm G, *παχύρρετος*, from *παχύς*, thick,

ἔρμα, skin Adopted as biol. term (1797) by Cuvier

pacific F *pacifique*, L *pacificus*, peace-making, from *pax*, *pac-*, peace, *facere*, to make. The ocean was named (c. 1500) by Magellan

pacifist A clumsily formed word, perh first in F *pacifiste* The correct form would be *pacifiser*

As quarrelsome as a pacifist (*Windsor Mag*)

pack Early (13 cent.) loan from Du, due to the wool-trade with Flanders, cf. Du LG *pak*, whence also Ger *pack*; ? cogn with *bag* Also borrowed by Rom langs (v 1), in which, as in Teut langs, it is commonly associated with hurried departure, e.g. F *faire son paquet* = *trousser baggage* Used of cards from 16 cent., of hounds from 17 cent. In to *pack a jury* there has been contact with obs *pack*, to make secret arrangements, prob a vulgar pronunc. of *pack* (cf *feckless*)

package Orig the act of packing

packet AF dim of *pack* Hence F *paquet*, It *pacchetto*, Sp *paquete* Packet-boat was orig (17 cent) for carrying mails (cf F *paquebot*, from E) It was earlier called *post-bark*, *post-boat*

pack. OF (*pacete*), L *pactum*, from *paciscere*, *pac-*, to covenant, cogn with *pargere*, *pac-*, to fasten

Pactolian. Of *Pactolus*, G *Πακτωλός*, river of Lydia with golden sands

Apostles of super-indemnities preaching blue ruin for the enemy combined with Pactolian payments (Obs June 1, 1910).

pad¹ Cushion, etc. In 16 cent. sense of elastic cushion of foot (of camel, etc) is app cogn. with obs Du. *pad*, *palle*, "palmar pedis, planta pedis" (Kil), LG *pad*, and perh with Ger *pfote* (see *paw*) F *palle*, Prov *panta* are of Tent origin. This sense is late in E and can hardly have given the gen meaning With *padding* in literary sense cf *bombast*

pad². In *footpad* (q v) Cant word from 16 cent Du *pad*, road, path (q v) Obs *pal*, highwayman, later *padder*, is for *gerleman of the pad* With *pad*, horse, cf. *roadster* See also *hoof*.

pad, the high way, and a robber thereon; a *pad* an easy pacing horse (Dict Cant. Crew).

pad³ Basket Var of dial. *pad* (see *pedlar*)
paddle¹. Noun Orig (c. 1500) *spade* like implement, e.g. *Dial* xxiii. 13, where it

renders *bul parihus* First n d in current sense by Capt John Smith? Corrupted from *F pale pelle* shovel *L. fana* used of blade of oar or of paddle wheel. A tract on Florida (1563) describes the native oars as "made after the fashion of a peele (see *peel*)". To *paddle one's own canoe* is attributed to Al raham Lincoln.

paddle Verl. App from *pitt* in sense of foot *paw*. Cf *L. paddeln* to tramp and synon *F. patouler patuiger* from *patis* paw (q v).

patouler to slubber to paddle or dabl in with the feet (Colg).

paddock Alteration (from 17 cent) of earlier *farrock* AS *feorroc* See *park* For change of consonant cf *pediment*.

paddock or *parrock* a small inclosure (Wordsg).

paddy Malay *padi* rice in the straw prob cogn with *ballis* (q v).

Paddy Irishman Short for *Padraig Patrick* patron saint of Ireland. Also *Paddy whack* explained (1821) as a stout brawny Irishman. This is also used of (presumably Irish) frenzy of rage and often reduced to *paddy*.

paddymelon Small kangaroo Corrupt of Austral native name.

padishah Pers *padishāh* (in Turk *padishāh*) of which first element is Sanskrit *pāti* lord ruler. Title of Shah of Persia also given to Sultan of Turkey and other Eastern potentates. See *shah*.

padlock From 15 cent. First element is of unknown origin. The only *pad* which is old enough is dial *pad* frog tird AS *padde* and the application of animal names to mech devices is very common but it is hard to see connection. ?From orig shape.

padre It Sp Port L *pater* Till of regular clergy. Its use in E for army or navy chaplain comes from Port via Anglo-Ind. Cf *tant*. In Purch *padre* occurs passim for Jesuit missionary.

padrone Master of Mediterranean trading ship employer of child musicians etc. It MedL *patron* for L *patronus* Cf *F patron* the guv nor.

paduasoy (archaic) Alteration of earlier (17 cent) *poudesoy* F *pou-de-soie* *pout de soie* with first element of unknown origin. The alteration is due to confusion with obs *Padua* say from Ols *say* serge manufactured at Padua. For a similar corrupt cf *mantua*.

paean L G *paian* hymn chant from *Paian* init words of invocation to Apollo under name *Il* v Homeric name of physician of gods.

paederast Sodomite G *paiderastēs* from *paies* *paids* boy *paiderastēs* lover.

paean [metr.] Foot with one long and three short syllables Attic G *paian* *paian* (q v).

pagan L *paganus* rustic from *pagus* civi-
ton distr. The trad view that the rel-
sense is as due to the lingering of paganism
in the rural districts is shown by mod
research to be incorrect as *paganus* non-
Christian occurs at a date when paganism
was still the recognized religion of the
Empire. The Roman soldier used *paganus*
yokel as contemptuous name to a
civilian or for an incompetent soldier (v i)
and when the early Church adopted *miles*
(Christ) in the fig sense of soldier (of
Christ) *paganus* was also taken over from
coll. L as its natural opposite to con-
note one who was not a good soldier of
Christ. Thus the sense has developed from
that of the hiplinger to lousy civilian
or the moro mod d—d conchy. See
NED vii 2 *Addenda* and Gibbon ch
xii Note q.

Mox i. *lensua pra to his on qui nri
fecit pagani qui alius imperator qua castra
alia ex ip nri* (Tac Hist iii 4).

Apud bane (sc. Christ m) tam mile est paganus
et alius q am paganus et miles infid lis (Tertull an).

page Lud etc I cf It *pagella* Sp *paga*
MedL *pagus* r Origin obscure Prob L
patricus C *pagus* boy kept for an
natural vice lit sufferer Cf *Canymede*
which besides being used allusively for
page has given obs *catamite* synon with
patricus. The word has varied in dignity
according to its senses but was app at
first contemptuous.

page Of a book F L *pagina* from root
pag of *pangere* to fasten.

pageant ML *pagina* (Wyc) AL *pagina* It
is uncertain whether the earlier sense was
scene tableau or the wooden structure
(often on wheels like the pageants of Lord
Mayor's Show) on which popular drama
was enacted. If the latter the sense cor-
responds exactly with that of L *pagina*
G *pagina* movable scaffold for theatrical
use which is cogn with L *pagina* page
(roots *pa* *pag* to make fast) The
form represents L *pagina* which however

is not found in the required sense etc in AL (v s)

pegma a stage or frame whereon pageantes be set and caried (Coop)

pagination F, from *paginer*, to number pages, from L *pagina*, page²

pagne Loin-cloth, etc F, Sp *pañó*, L *pannus*, cloth

pagoda Earlier (16 cent) *pagod*, Port *pagode*, prob corrupted from Pers *but-kadah*, idol house It was also applied to an idol and to a coin, app from design stamped on it, whence Anglo-Ind allusions to *shaking the pagoda-tree*, i.e. getting rich quick in India

They are Indian and heathenish money, with the picture of a divell upon them, and therefore are called pagodes (NLD. 1598)

pagurian Hermit crab. From L, G *πάγουρος*, lit hard tail

pah¹ Interj Natural exclamation of disgust (Haml v 1)

pah², pa Native fort in New Zealand Maori, from *pā*, to block up

Pahlavi, Pehlevi [ling] Archaic Persian Pers *Pahlavi*, Parthian, name given by followers of Zoroaster to lang of their sacred books
pail AS *pægel*, small measure, would give mod form, but OF *paele* (*poële*), frying-pan, etc, L *patella*, dim of *patina*, dish, would explain final -e always found in ME Neither etymon will account for sense

pailleasse, pallasse F *pailleasse*, from *paille*, straw, L *palea* Cf *pallet¹*

paillette Spangle F, dim of *paille*, straw (v s)

pain F *paine*, L *poena*, penalty Orig sense in *pains and penalties, under pain of* With to *take pains, for one's pains*, etc, cf similar use of *trouble* See *pine²*

The honourable knight, Sir Walter Raleigh, returning from his painful and hapless discovery of Guiana (Hakl)

paint F *peint*, p p of *peindre*, L *pingere*, cf *faint, taint*, etc To *paint the town red* is US

painter [vaut] ME *peyntour* (13 cent), rope or chain by which anchor is held to ship's side, now called *shank-painter* Current sense from c 1700 OF *peintour*, *peintoir*, *peinture*, etc, used in naut lang of various suspensory tackle, ult from *pendre*, to hang L *pendere* Cutting the painter, allusive to separation of colonies from Empire, is late 19 cent, but the phrase is much older (c. 1700) in sense of sending off unceremoniously.

pair F *paire*, L *paria*, neut pl of *par*, equal, peer In ME used also for a set, as still in *pair of steps (stairs)*, whence the *two-pair front (back)* of lodging-houses Verb to *pair*, mate, is first in Shaks (*Wint Tale*, iv 4)

pal E Gipsy, cf Turk Gipsy *bral*, *plal*, brother, ult cogn with Sanskrit *bhātā*, brother

palace F *palais*, L *palatium*, cf It *palazzo*, Sp *palacio* Orig applied to imperial residences on *Mons Palatinus* at Rome, prob. from stake (*palus*) enclosure With mod *picture-palace* cf *gin-palace*, recorded 1835 ("Boz")

paladin F, It *paladino*, L *palatinus*, of a palace Orig applied to Charlemagne's twelve peers The substitution of the It word for OF *palaism* was due to the popularity of the It poets of the Renaissance

paleography, paleography. From G *παλαιός*, ancient Cf *paleolithic*, from *λίθος*, stone, *paleontology*, from G *ὄντα*, neut pl of *ὄν*, being, *paleozoic*, from *ζωή*, life

palaestra L, G *παλαίστρα*, from *παλαίω*, to wrestle

palafitte Lake-dwelling F, It *palafitta*, from *palo*, stake, pale¹, *fitta*, fixed

palanquin Port (c 1500), supposed to be nasalized from Hind *pālki* (whence E *palkee*), Sanskrit *paryākha*, *palyanka*, bed The Port form is app due to association with Sp *palanea*, pole for carrying weights, cowstafi, VL *palanga*, G. **παλάγγη* (pl only), whence also F *palan*, lifting tackle, etc Some authorities regard the latter source as the true origin of the word and its resemblance to Hind *pālki* as accidental Sir T. Roe has *palanke*, a compromise between the two words

palate Restored spelling of OF. & ME *palat*, *palet*, L *palatum*, cogn. with *palear*, dew-lap

palatial From L *palatium*, palace (q v.).

palatine [hist] F, *palatin*, L *palatinus*, from *palatium*, palace Orig. of the imperial palace of the Caesars. In E hist (*earl, court*) it indicates quasi-royal authority. In Ger hist of the *Palatinate* of the Rhine (see *palsgrave*) In sense of fur tippet, F. *palatine*, from the Princess *Palatine*, wife of Duke of Orleans (17 cent).

palaver Port *palavra*, word, speech, L *parabola*, parable (q v.), whence also Sp *palabra*, F *parole*. Used by Port travellers

of parleys with natives in WAfr and brought thence by L sailors Cf *fetish*
pale¹ Noun F *pai* L *palius* stake ult
 cogn with *pangere* to fix Hence *pallings*
 In sense of limit boundary esp in *within*
 (*outside*) the *pale* and often with ref to
 the English *Pale* in Ireland Also (her)
 vertical band

Tithe was p i f the first time with th pale
 iter th synod of Cash

(Vagoe Sp ech on D establishment of
 i sh Ch b 1369)

pale² Adj I *pale* from L *pallidus* from
pallere to be pale

paleography See *paleography*

Palestine soup See *artichoke*

paleot F OF *pallot* *pallot* whence ME

pallot cf Sp *paletoque* Origin obscure

First element is app OF *palle* cloak L

palla

palette I dun of *pale* shovel oar blade
 L *pala*

palfrey OF *palefrei* (*palefrei*) Late L *pala*
fredus by dissim from Late L *parafredus*
parateridus from G *papa* beside L *tere*
dus light horse of Celt origin and cogn
 with Vel h *gorwydd* horse Cf It *pala*
freno Sp *palafrén* both corrupted by asso
 ciation with L *frenum* bridle also Du
paard Ger *pfard* (OIG *pharisfrad*) For
 dissim of *rr* to *lr* in Rom forms cf *pil*
grim

Pali [ling] Early literary form of Sanskrit.
 Short for Sanskrit *pali* *blāṣha* lang of
 canonical texts lit line language

palikar [hist] Greek or Albanian mil chief
 esp in War of Independence ModG
palikari lad from G *wallaß* youth First
 in Byron

palmpest Parchment twice written on
 G *palimpsestos* from *palin* again *psyn*
 to rub smooth

palindrome Word or phrase spelt alike
 backward or forward eg *Roma* *hīs*
subito molibus illi amor G *palindromos*
 from *wali* again *drames* to run Cf
palin *esis* rebirth *palinode* recanta
 tion

paling See *pale*¹

palisade F *palissade* formed by analogy
 with other mil words in *ade* (qv) from
palisser to fence from *pais* pale from
pai stake See *pale*¹

palkee See *palanquin*

pall Noun AS *pall* cloak pall L *pallium*
 Earlier gen sense survives in poet. and

hist use only Used in connection with
 funerals from 15 cent but not necessarily
 of mourning colour

pall² Verb Aphet form of *appeal* (qv) in
 etym sense of losing colour and hence
 flavour Cf *peal* for *appeal* Now only
 fig

this d inkle wyll p n f u sta d covered all
 nyght e holre s appallyra etc (P 1 g)

Palladian [arch] Of Andrea Palladio Roman
 architect (1550)

palladium L G *πυλλάδιον* image of Palla
 Athene supposed to protect citadel of
 Troy Hence national safeguard

They hadde a relik beel Palladion

That was hir trust shoven e rychon

(Chaucer *Troil* i 113)

palladium² [chem] Metal Named (1803) by
 discoverer Wollaston in honour of re
 cently discovered asteroid *Pallas* Cf
cerium

pallet¹ Straw mattress AF *paille* dim
 of F *paille* straw L *palea* Cf *pailasse*

pallet² In various techs uses ident with
pallote

palliasse See *pallasse*

palliate From Late L *palliare* to disguise
 from *pallium* cloak

Surmyse set fourth and pall led with th vesture
 of a professed critice (Hall Ch)

pallid L *pallidus* See *pale*²

pallium L cloak etc See *pall*¹

pall mall [hist] OF *palema* It *palla*
maglio lit ball mallet (from a Lombard
 form of Teut. *ball*) name of game popular
 in 16-17 cents in England esp after
 Restoration also applied to path or walk
 where it was played Evelyns Idom speaks
 of a French town without some descrip
 tion of its mall (qv) or *pallmall* Hobys
 (1751) calls the game *palla walls*

So I sat St James a Park where I saw the Duke
 of York play at pale-male th first time that
 e or I saw th sport (Peppys Apr 2 1651)

I walked in th Park discoursing with the keeper
 of th Pall Mall who was a repl g of it

(b May 16, 1653)

pallor L See *pale*²

palm Tree AS *palm* L *palm* a trans
 ferred use of *palm* palm of the hand (v1)
 from the spreading fronds An early
 Christian introduction In most Europ
 ings and usa applied also to the willow
 branches used as substitute for the Eastern
 tree In early use as emblem of victory
 eg to bear (carry off) the *palm* With *Palm*

Sunday, found in AS, cf F *Pâques fleuries*, lit flowery Easter *Palm-oil* is recorded punningly in sense of bribe in 17 cent (see *palm*²)

In the most high and palmy state of Rome

(*Hamlet* 1.1)

*palm*² Of hand Restored from ME *paume*, F, L *palma* (vs), cogn with G *παλάμη* and AS *folm* (see *fumble*) F differentiates in spelling *palme*, of tree, *paume*, of hand, the former being a learned word In E often used in connection with bribery (v.1), esp in to *grease one's palm* To *palm* (off) is from juggling, cheating at cards, etc *Palmistry* is in Lydgate (*paumestry*)

Let me tell you Cassius, you yourself

Are much condemned to have an itching palm

(*Jul Caesar* 1.3)

palma Christi Castor-oil plant From shape of leaves See *palm*¹

God prepared a gourd [*marg. palmerst*]

(*Jonah*, 1v. 6).

palmate [*biol*] Web-footed, etc L. *pal-matus*, from *palma*, *palm*²

palmer [*hist*] OF *palmer*, *paumier*, MedL *palmarius*, from *palma*, *palm*¹, cf It *pal-miere*, Sp *palmero* Orig pilgrim returning with palm-branch gathered in Holy Land The *palmer-worm* (*Joel*, 1.4) is nicknamed from wandering habits

palmetto Altered, as though It, from Sp *palmito*, dwarf fan-palm (see *palm*¹)

palmiped [*biol*] L *palmpes*, -*ped*-, palm-footed Cf *palmate*

palmyra Kind of palm-tree Port *palmeyra* or Sp *palmera*, from L *palma*, with mod spelling error associated with *Palmyra* (Syria)

palpable F, Late L *palpabilis*, from *palpare*, to feel, handle gently. For sense-development cf *tangible*

A hit, a very palpable hit (*Hamlet* v.2)

palpebral [*anat*] Late L *palpebralis*, from *palpebra*, eyelid, cogn with *palpitare*

palpitate L *palpitare*, frequent of *palpare*. See *palpable*

palsgrave [*hist*]. Count palatine Archaic Du *palsgrave* (*palsgraaf*), MHG *pfalz-grave* (*pfalzgraf*), lit palace count Ger *pfalz*, hist palace, now usu Palatinate, is OIIG *phalanza*, VL **palantium*, for *palatium*, palace. Cf *landgrave*, *margrave*

palstave [*antiq*] Kind of celt ON *pālstafr*, lit spade stave, but this may be folk-etym for AS. *palstr*, spike.

palsy Contr. of OF & ME *paralysie*, VL **paralysisia*, for *paralysis* (q.v.), cf It *paralisiia*, Sp *perlesta*

A man was crippled in parlesie [*vars* parless, palsey palsy] (*Cursor Mundi*).

palter From 16 cent App frequent of an unrecorded verb to **palt* Both this word and *paltry* belong to a word *palt*, rag, app of LG origin, and occurring in Fris, Dan, Sw, etc, traces of which are also found in the Rom langs (see quot 2, s.v. *paltry*) Cf dial E. *palt*, rubbish For a semantic parallel of the F series below

chappe an old clout, rag, or patch (Cotg)

chipoter to dodge, miche, pauter, trifle, &c (ib)

chipoterie doging, micing, paultering, trifling, fiddling, foolish meddling (ib)

paltry Orig noun, rubbish, etc For adj use and sense-development cf *trumpetry* See *palter*

[They] cloute up with stable straw, and such paltry, the reuynes, breaches, and decayes (*NED* 1566)

paltone a paltry knave, a dodging varlet, a wrangling companion (Torr).

paludal [*med*] Of a marsh, L *palus*, *palud-*

Cf *palustral*, from L *palustris*

paly [*her*] F *palé*, from *pal*, *pale*¹

pam [*archaic*] Short for F. *pamphile*, card-game, knave of clubs, cf. Sc *pamphie*, *paumie*, in same sense Synon Norw Dan *fil* preserves the second syllable L *Pamphilus* is G *Πάμφιλος*, beloved of all Cf. *pamphlet* *Pam* was also used as nickname of Lord Palmerston (1865)

pampa Sp, Peruv *bamba*, *pampa*, steppe, flat Usu in pl, e.g. *pampas-grass*

pamper. Orig to cram with food Frequent of obs *pamp*, *pomp*, cf Ger dial *pampen*, Bav *pampfen*, to gorge WFlem *pamperer* has same meaning Ult cogn with *pap* I was not to be what Mrs Joc called "Pompeyed" (*Great Exp.* ch vii).

pampero S Amer wind Sp, from *pampa* (q.v.)

pamphlet. AL *panfletus* (14 cent); from OF *Pamphilet*, name of MedL amatory poem *Pamphilus, seu de Amore* (12 cent), taken as type of small book With this title cf OF & ME *Catonet*, distichs of pseudo-Cato, *Esopet*, Aesop's Fables Spec sense of small polemical brochure is later and has been adopted in F The above etym is confirmed by the surname *Pamphilet*, which also represents the medieval dim. of *Pamphilus*, e.g. *John Panfletot* (Pat R 13 cent) See also *pam*

pan AS *panne* WGer cf Du *pan* Ger *pfanne* Borrowed from Teut by most Europ langs Some authorities consider it a very early loan from VL *panna* for L *patina* In early fire arms applied to the part that held the priming whence *flash* in the *pan* ignition not accompanied by discharge Also used esp in SAfr of depression in ground Verb to *pan out* (US) is from the washing out of gold bearing gravel in a *pan* *Pancake* occurs as symbol of flatness from c 1600 See also *panicle*

pan G π ν neut of π σ all also *panis* *panto* *Ian* is common in mod pol formations esp *Pan-German* *Pan-Slavonic* The association of this word with the name of the Arcadian god *Pan* has led to his being later regarded as personification of nature

panacea L G π α ν α from *pana* π s all healing from *laos* to heal

panache [archaic] Plume F It *pennacchio* from *penna* feather

panada Pulped food Sp *panada* or It *panada* from L *panis* bread

panama Mi nomen for hat made in SAmer not at *Panama*

pancratium Athletic contest L G π α ν π α ρ ο ν from *pan* all *paros* strength

pancreas Sweetbread G lit all flesh *spreas*

panda Racoon-like animal from Nepal Native name

pandanus Tree Latinized from *pandang* (18 cent) Malay *pandan*
The word *pandanus* 1 sees, st d g on th is high wooden stilts (B stiles Chin b w)

Pandean In *Pandean pipes* Irreg from *Pan* See *pan*

pandect F *pandecte* L G π α ν δ ε κ τ η all receiver from *decebas* to receive Ong the compendium of Roman law compiled under Justinian (6 cent)

pandemic Universal esp of disease Cf *endemic epidemic* and see *pan*

pandemonium Colloq by Milton (*Par L* 1. 756) See *pan demon*

pander G Π α ν δ α ρ ο s prince who trafficked as amatory agent between his niece Chryseis (Cressida) and the Trojan Troilus Chaucer took the story from Boccaccio Now usu as verb to *pander to*

pandit See *pundit*

pandora [archaic] It L *pandura* C π α ν δ ο ρ α mus instrument ascribed to the god *Pan* but prob a perversion of some Eastern word See *pango mand lin*

Pandora First mortal woman made by Vulcan and endowed with gifts by all the gods and goddesses The gift of Zeus was a box containing according to the early version all human ills according to the later all blessings of which only hope was saved at the opening of the box by Epimetheus G Π α ν δ ο ρ α all gifted

pandour [hist] Brutal (Croatian soldier Serbo-Croat *pandur* earlier *bandur* found in most Slav langs and ult from MedL *banderius* one under a banner (q v) Orig a local force raised (141) by Baron Trenck and afterwards incorporated in the Austrian army For the word's travels cf *kussar*

pandy [chiefly Sc] Stroke on hand with cane etc Short for L *pande palmam* (man i) hold out your hand Cf *querv*

Pandy [hist] Rebel sepoy (Indian Mutiny 1857) *Pande* a Brahmin name very common among high-caste epoys one of the name being the first to kill an officer at Barrackpur (March 20 1857) Cf *Frisa Digo* etc

In front of the line 1 th 34th swaggers to and fro a sepoy named M ngul Pa dy
(Fitch It G at New 3)

pane F *pan* L *pannus* cloth rag Used in ME like F *pan* of any flat section or surface whence current ens Cf *pan* 1
F a pane piece or pann 11 f a w 11 f r a n s c o t of a glasse window & also th sh 1 f a gown the pan of a box of cl ak & (Loig)

panegyric F *panegyrique* L G π α ν η γ γ ρ ι κ ο s from *pannype* general as embassy from π ν all *eyapa* assembly

panel OF (*panneau*) dim of *pan* (see *pane*) Ong sense survives in *panel* (lining) of a saddle In ME esp used of strip of parchment containing names of jurors (*Piers Plowm* B xl 315) whence verb to *empanel* Hence mod application to list of doctors accepting government conditions With commonest current sense cf that of *pane*

pang Altered (15 cent) from *fran* for earlier *frong* (q v) with π lost as in *Didis* (*Brid* cf *Iann*) (*Frans*) Used esp of *pan* s of death (*sch idvirk*) For ground sense of constriction of an *unst argina*
As show th pangs of d th d d t r e n here hem root (VED 1447)

pangeneis Coined (1869) by Darwin to express his hypothesis of hereditary cells

pangolin Scaly ant-eater Malay *peng giling* roller 1 lit ref to habit of rolling itself into a ball

panic¹ Kind of grass F *panicum* or L *panicum*.

panic² Terror, etc Orig adj, as in *panic terror* F *panique*, L, G. *παικός*, of *Pan* (see *pan*-) From belief that mysterious sounds causing groundless fear were due to *Pan*

panic³ [bot] Cluster. L *panicula*, dim of *panus*, swelling, ear of millet

panification F, from *panifier*, to make into bread, L *panis*

panjandrum Burlesque title coined (1775) by Foote in the nonsense story, "She went into the garden to cut a cabbage-leaf, etc." extemporized to test Macklin's memory

The great panjandrum himself, with the little round button at top (Foote)

It becomes immaterial to us whether the Germans democratize their institutions or lay themselves at the feet of a Teutonic Panjandrum

(Westm Gaz Sep 29, 1917)

panlogism Ger *panlogismus*, coined (1853) by Erdmann to express Hegel's philosophy

pannage [hist] Right of pasturing swine AF *panage*, OF *pasnage*, Latc L *pastionaticum*, from *pastio-n-*, from *pascere*, *past-*, to feed

pannier F. *panier*, L *panarium*, bread-basket, from *panis*, bread Also applied in F & E to basket-like contrivances for enlarging the hips With *pannier*, waiter in Inner Temple, cf "boots," "buttons," etc

pannikin Coined (19 cent) from *pan* after *mannikin*, or, as it is app a Suff. word, it may have been borrowed from Du Cf *canikin*

panoply G *πανοπλία*, complete suit of armour of the *δολιχης*, heavily-armed soldier, from *δολα*, arms

Διὰ τοῦτο ἀναλάβετε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ Θεοῦ
(Eph vi 13)

panopticon Coined (1791) by Bentham as name for ideal circular prison in which captives could be always watched See *pan-*, *optice*

panorama Coined (c 1789) by patentee, R Barker, from G *δράμα*, view, from *δρᾶν*, to see

pan-pipe See *pan-*, *Pandean*

pansophy Universal knowledge From G *πάνσοφος*, all wise

pansy F *pensée*, "a thought," also, the flower paunsie" (Cotg), from *penser*, L *pensare*, frequent of *pendere*, to weigh Cf *forget-me-not*

pant App shortened from OF *pantaisier*,

later also *pantiser*, ? VI. **phantasiare*, to have the nightmare Cf synon F *pan teler*, also of obscene formation.

pant- See *pan-*

Pantagrueian From *Pantagruel*, hero of Rabelais' burlesque romance (16 cent.)

pantalottes Dim formation from *pantaloon*. Chiefly US.

pantaloon F. *pantalon*, It. *pantalone*, name of comic old Venetian in the stock It comedy, from *Pantaleone*, popular saint in Venice and favourite Venet name, Cf *harlequin*, *columbre*, *scaramouch*. Hence *pantaloons*, from costume of character (cf *knickerbockers*) In US of trousers in gen and often shortened to *pants*, the latter adopted in shop-E as euph for men's drawers

The lean and slipper'd pantaloons

(As You Like It, ii 7)

The thing named "pants" in certain documents, A word not made for gentlemen, but "gen's" (O W. Holmes).

pantechnicon Coined (1830) from G *παν* and *τεχνικός*, relating to the arts, as name of bazaar in Motcomb St, Belgrave Sq, which was later converted into a storehouse for furniture Now usu. short for *pantechnicon van*

pantheist Coined (1705) by Toland from G *παν*, all, *θεός*, god. Hence F *panthéiste*, *panthéisme* (c 1712), the latter being re-adopted by E

pantheon G *ἱεῖον*, temple dedicated to all the gods (vs) Esp that at Rojne, orig built (c 25 B C) by Agrippa and later made into a Christian church Later sense of memorial to national heroes began at the Church of St Geneviève, Paris

panther F. *panthère*, L *panthera*, G *πάνθηρ*, pop explained as all-animal, but prob of Oriental origin

pantile Prop tile curved in such a way that the roof presents alternately ridges and channels, or "pans" Cf Ger *pfannen-ziegel* Also incorr. for Flem paving-tiles, eg the orig *Pantiles* at Tunbridge Wells In 18 cent applied to country dissenting chapels, roofed like cottages Hence to *pantile*, build chapels

Some of these [dissenters] had pantiled [ie built chapels] at Preston

(Macfarlane, *Reminiscences*, p 258)

pantisocracy Community of universal equality App coined by Southey See *pan-*, *isos(celes)*, -cracy

pantler [arc/aic] Altered on *butler* from ME *panterer* for *panier* OF *panetier* See *pantry*

panto See *pan*

pantofle [*a chaic*] F *pantoufle* whence also
Du Ger *pantoffel* cf It *pantofola* Sp
pantufa In 17 cent often *pantable* On
gill unknown

pantograph Copying machine F *panto*
graph (early 18 cent) all writing Al o
incorr *pentagraph* as though from G
penta five

pantomime 1 actor in dumb show L. G. *παρόμοιος* all mimic The F Christmas pantomime from 19th Cent is evolved from the conventional It. comedy with its stock actors harlequin pantaloon etc

phantom *m* an actor of many parts in on play
one that can r present th gesturo and count f t
the speech of any man (Blount)

pantoun Malay verse form imitated by
mod F & L poets Malay *pantun*

pantry OF paneterie MedL panetaria from
panis bread cogn with pases to feed
1 or extension of sense of larder

pants see pantzoon

pap In both senses breast nipple child's food from baby lang Numerous parallels are found in other langs Though not recorded early it belongs of course to the most remote ages of speech Cf *papa*

papa / of It *fappa* and borrow d forms
in other langs eg US *fappa*. Orig a
baby word regarded as courtly in 17 cent
later relegated again to the nursery Cf
Turk *baba* father and see *pip* pope
p ppa papir e chldre Also the first word of ldr
use i wth u and d rd ll or bab (flor)

papacy MedL. *papalia* Cf *papal* F
Church L. *papalis* *papist* F *papiste*
MedL. *papista* See *pope*

papaverous Of the poppy L. *papaver*

papaw Wind fruit Sp Fort *papaw*
whence also *P. papaw* of Carib origin
Now found also in Malay archipelago
whether the plant was taken in 16 cent

paper F paper L G newspaper Nile rush
from which paper is made Of Egypt on
gun In most Europe kings C1 book end
library Bible For newspaper from 17 cent
The title of the paper hanger is a reminder
of the fact that wall papers were preceded
by hangings

I have heard the farm of paper he gave, and he'd
some thought of sending for a set.
(Lady M. Montagu 249)

paper mâché Lit F for chewed paper from *mâcher* L. *musicare* An E trade word unknown in F and prob intended to mean mashed paper Cf *equestrienne sacotte*

papilionaceous Of the butterfly *L. papilion*
papilla [an it] Nipple etc I dim of *papula*
 blister etc of imit origin (cf *bubble*)

papist See *papacy* Always in hostile sense
papoose Red Ind baby Native (Algonkin)

or 1 From 17 cent

papoosh var of *bibouche* (q v)

pappus [*bat*] Downy appendage G παππος

papyrus *Sec. p per*

part L equal L p in on a par with below
par the latter a Stock Exchange figure of
speech

par Journalist for par graph Cf ad for
advertisement

par F L per through Now usu altered
back to per og p fect replaces M
p fect

para Coin Turk *parah* piece portion
Pará Brazil port on Amazon whence
rubber etc

para¹ G *para* from *para* by the side of
cogn with E *par*

para. 7 It is a imper of *parars* to ward
off parry. L. *pa are* to make ready.

parabasis C παραβασίς digression from
παραβάσειν to step aside

parable Cf *παραβολή* L & *παραβολή* com
parison putting beside application from
παραβάλλω to throw beside Cf *παίτερ*
parole has outed AS *blispeal* at first
usc! as trans!

parabola [math] See *parabole* The use of *parabola* in application in this sense is due to Apollonius of Perga c. 210 B.C. and with him referred to the fact that a rectangle on the abscissa having an area equal to the square on the ordinate can be applied to the latus rectum without either excess (as in the hyperbola) or deficiency (as in the ellipse) (*VED*)

Paracelsian Of Paracelsus name assumed by P A T von Hohenheim Swiss physician etc (1493-1541) as a kind of translation (L. celsus high) of his own name

parachute F See para chute Coined by
Blanchard F aeronaut Recorded in F
1785

Paraclete I *paraclet* Church L. G *wapa*
lyr intercessor lit one called to help
 from *wapa* al v to call in. Cf *advocate*
See comforter

parade F, It *parata*, "a warding or defending, aighting or garish setting forth" (Flor 1611), from L *parare*, to prepare, etc Cf Sp *parada*, "a staying or stopping, also a standing or staying place" (Minsh.), which has suppld some of the senses First in Blount (v 1)

parade an appearance or shew, a bravado or vaunting offer, it is also a term of war, and commonly used for that appearance of souldiers in a garrison about two or three of the clock in the afternoon, etc (Blount)

paradigm F *paradigme*, L, G παράδειγμα, pattern, from παραδεικνύειν, to show side by side

paradise F *paradis*, L, G παράδεισος OPers *pairidaēza*, from *pairi*, around, *diz*, to form, whence ModPers *firdaus*, garden The G word, first in Xenophon, is used of a Pers enclosed park, and was adopted by LXX in OT for Garden of Eden, and in NT for abode of the blessed, which is the oldest E sense (AS) Cf Late Heb *pardēs* (Neh 11 8) The two elements are cogn with G περί, around, and E *dough*

I wold not be in a folis paradyce

(Past Let 11 109)

The Moores are of the opinion that these birds come from the heavenly Paradise (Purch).

parados[*fort*] Rear parapet. F, from *para-* and *dos*, back

paradox F. *paradoxe*, L, G παράδοξος, contrary to opinion, δόξα

paradoxure Palm cat From its incredible (v s) tail, οὐρά

paraffin Discovered and named (1830) by Reichenbach from L *parum*, too little, *affinis*, related, because of its little affinity with other bodies

paragoge [*gram*] Addition to word of letter or syllable G παραγωγή, leading past, from ἄγειν, to lead

paragon OF (*parangon*), It *para(n)gone*, "a paragon, a match, an equall, a prooffe, a triall, an experience, an equality, a comparison Also a conferring together, a touch stone to tne gold or good from bad Also a like as good as one brings" (Flor) Of obscure origin Oldest sense (14 cent It) appears to be touchstone Perh ult from G παρακονᾶν, to sharpen one thing against another, from ἀκόνη, whetstone

paragraph F. *paragraphe*, Late L, G παράγραφος, written beside Orig the mark or stroke indicating a new section

parakeet, paroquet F *perroquet* (OF *parouquet*), It. *parrocchetto*, is explained as a dim of *parroco*, parson, VL **pariochus* (see *parish*), cf F *moineau*, sparrow, from *moine*, monk Sp *periquito* is a dim of earlier *perico*, ident with *Perico*, familiar for *Pedro*, Peter; cf *parrol* Prob both are of one origin, but, as it is not known which is the older, it is impossible to say in which of the two langs folk-etym. has been at work See also *peruke*

parakite [æron] Coined (1875) by Simmons from *parachute*, *kite*

paralipomena Supplementary matter, in ME also title of *Chronicles*, so called by LXX as containing matter omitted in *Kings* G, from παραλείπειν, to leave aside parallex [*ashon*] Apparent displacement of object caused by change in view-point F *parallaxe*, from G παραλλάσσειν, to alter, from ἄλλος, other

parallel F *parallèle*, L, G παράλληλος, beside one another, *ἄλληλος (pl only) Hence *parallelepiped*, from ἐπί, upon, ἔδον, ground, *parallclogram*, from γραμμή, line

paralogism Bad logic, fallacy F *paralogisme*, Late L, G παραλογισμός, from παραλογίζεσθαι, to reason beside

paralysis L, G παράλυσις, from παραλύειν, to loose from beside See *palsy*

paramatta Fabric ?From *Parramatta* (New South Wales), but perh only fancy trade-name

paramo[*geog.*] SAmr plateau Sp *paramo*, of native origin

paramount F *par amont*, upwards, lit by uphill, L *per ad montem* Orig an adv in OF & AF, now adj, esp in lord (*lady*) *paramount* Cf obs *paravail*, F. *aval*, downhill, L *ad vallem*

Le seigneur paramount destreigne le tenant paravale (NED 1532)

paramour F. *par amour*, by love, L *per amorem* In ME esp in to love *par amour*, i e sexually, as a lover, as compared with other types of affection As noun, and with suggestion of clandestine love, already in Chauc, but also applied to the Holy Virgin (by men) and to the Saviour (by women)

parang Sheath-knife Malay *paiang* paranoia Insanity, esp megalomania. G παράνοια, beside mind, νόος, νοῦς

paranymph G παράνομφος, (m) best man, (f) bridesmaid, from νύμφη, bride

parapet F, It. *parapetto*, guard breast, *petto*, L *pectus* See *para-* Cf *parados*

- paraph Flouri h after signature F *paraphe*
It *parafo* contracted from L *para*
graphus
paraphernalia MedL neut. pl of *para*
phernalis from G *παραφερνα* from *φερν*
dowry Orig articles belonging to wife in
addition to her dowry hence personal be-
longings Current sense from 18 cent
paraphrase F L G *παραφρασις* lit beside
phrase
parasang Pers measure of length G
παράσαγγος (Herodotus Xenophon) from
OPers Cf ModPers *farson*
parasite F L G *παράσιτος* from *σιτος*
food. Scient sense from 18 cent
parasol F It *parasole* ward off sun *sole*
Cf F *parapluie* umbrella *paratonnerre*
lightning conductor See *para*³
paravane [naut] Device against mines in-
vented (and named) by Lieut Dennis
Burney RN

The first paravane was fitted on H.M.S. Melampus
in Nov 1913 (*Venue* *Gaz* 4 Jan 1919)

- parboil OF *parboillir* to boil thoroughly
Late L *perbullire* In ModF usu to boil
incompletely the prefix being understood
as *parti*

The 14 quarters and hed (of S r T Wy tt) was put
into a bask it to be parboyled
(Machyn's *Diary* 1650-63)

- parbuckle [naut] To hoist or lower as
brewers draymen do casks Earlier also
parbuncle (Capt John Smith) ? Connected
with *buckle*

- parcel F *parcelle* small part VL *paris*
cella from *pars parti* part Orig sense
survives in *part* and *parcel* *parcel of ground*
(John iv 5) *parcel gilt* Current sense
now esp associated with brown paper
from 17 cent *Parcel post* was at first (1883)
parcels post a typical example of offic.
lang

- parcener [le] Archaic for *partner* (q v)
parch ME *perch* contr of *perish* (q v)
which is in ME often *persch persch* Though
now referring esp to effects of heat it is
used in dial of effects of cold (cf *perished*
with cold) For contr cf ME *norsh*
nourish *churche* cherish OF *perir* is
common in requ red sense See also *perce*
A la second herbe de cest plante s'y e adrent
d petites chenilles nol es, ppell es barbotes, qui
la perissent la f i ent dessec r (C'od I)

Th parch *per* u
Burn froze d cold perform th effect f fire
(P L II 596)

- parchment MF *parchemin* F ult from
Pergami m city of Mysia in Asia Minor
(now *Ber amo*) where it was first adopted
(2 cent BC) as substitute for papyrus
In most Europ langs eg It *pergamena*
Sp *pergamino* Du *perkam ni* Ger *perga-*
ment the F form being difficult of expla-
nation

- pard¹ [poet] Leopard OF I G *rapdos*
of Eastern origin cf Per *pars* panther
Full of stra go oaths a d bea ded hke th *pari*
(*A Ye L k li* 7)

- pard² [US] Supposed to be short for
partner partner But perh suggested by
Du *paard* horse cf US *old hoss* as term
of endearment

- pardon First (13 cent) as noun earliest in
sense of papal indulgence F from *par-*
donner Carolingian L *perdonare* transl
of OHG *forgeben* (vergeben) to forgive
pare F *parer* to make ready L *parare*
cogn with *parere* to bring forth Early
limited to cutting away in thin layers eg
chess-paring pa ing one's nails etc

- paregoric Late L G *παρηγορη* s encourag-
ing comforting from *παρηγο* v to exhort
(in the *dyopa* public as embly)

- parenchyma [biol] Fundamental tissue esp
in bot G *παραχμα* something poured
in beside from *εχει* v to pour in

- parent F from pres part of I *parere* to
beget bring forth Replaced *elder* from
c 1500

- parenthesis MedL G *παρενθεσις* from
παρενθεσις to put in beside
parget [archa c] To plaster daub etc OF
parjeter from *jeter* to throw (see *jett*) Cf
synon Ger *bewerfen* from *werfen* to throw
and similar use of east in rough-cast Also
pa e back formation

- e e ma e* oder *u u d bewerffen* to rough ca t,
par to pl ater a wall (L dw)

- parhelion Mock sun etc G *παρηλιον* from
para beside *ηλ* s sun

- pariah Tamil *paraiyar* pl of *para* Jan name
of largest of lower castes of Southern India
The exaggerated sense of utter outcaste
attached to the word by Europeans is esp
doc says Yule to Bernardin de Saint
Pierre's preposterous though once popu-
lar tale *La Chaumière indienne* (1791)
Hence *pariah* do

- Parian Marble from *Paros* one of the
Cyclades

- parietal [anat] F *pari étal* Late L *parietalis*
from *paries* *pariet* wall

parish F *paroisse*, Late L *parochia*, from Church L *parocchia*, G *παροικία*, from *oikos*, house, equivalent to *diocese* (q v) In E a township having its own church, the administrative division of the country being thus based on the eccl (cf *vestry*) *Parishioner* is lengthened from earlier *parishen*, F *paroissien* *Parochial*, a learned word, is equally old In sense of provincial, narrow-minded, *NED* 's first quot is from Emerson

His parishshens devoutly wolde he teche

(Chauc A 482)

parisyllabic From L *par*, *pari-*, equal See *syllable*

parity F *parité*, Late L *paritas*, from *pari* park F *parc*, of Teut origin and ult ident with E dial *parrock*, AS *pearroc* (see *paddock*), cf Du *park*, pen, Ger *pferch*, sheepfold Borrowed by all Rom langs Oldest E sense is tract held by royal grant for keeping game, distinguished from a chase or forest by being enclosed In mil sense, *artillery park*, from 17 cent F

To desolve the parkes of Manbone and Hyde, and having bestowe the dere and pale of the same to their Majesties use (*Privy Council Acts*, 1554)

A policeman "parked" eight or ten perambulators and mounted guard while the mothers made their purchases (*Times*, Feb 1, 1918)

parkin [north] Kind of ginger-bread ? From surname *Parkin*

parlance OF, from *parler*, to speak (v 1) Now always with adj (*common*, *legal*, etc)

parle [poet] Parley From obs verb *parle*, F *parler*, VL *parabolare* Cf *parable*, *parole*, *palaver*

parlementaire [mil] F, see *parley*, *parliament*

parley OF *parlée*, pp fem of *parler*, to speak (v s) Or it may be directly from the verb, with ending as in *bandy*¹, *levy*, etc

parleyvoo F *parlez-vous?* do you speak? For sense of Frenchman cf F *goddam*, Englishman

parliament F *parlement*, from *parler*, to speak Sense has gradually changed from that of speech, discussion, with the evolution of the institution According to a 16 cent F etymologist "parce qu'on y parle et ment" The form is due to MedL A *parliamentary train* carried passengers at rate of one penny a mile (7 and 8 Vict) The adj is applied to "language" from 19 cent only *Parliament*, kind of ginger-

bread, is for earlier *parliament-cake* (? Sc), reason for name being unknown

And now [1642] came up the names of parties, Royalists and Parliamentarians, Cavaliers and Roundheads (*Whitlocke's Memoirs*)

parlour OF (replaced by *parlor*), from *parler*, to speak, cf MedL *parlatorium*, It *parlatorio* Orig room for reception of visitors to monastery, as still in F See *parle* Something of orig sense survives in *Mayor's parlour*, *banker's parlour*

parlous Contr of *perilous* Still common in dial, and in *parlous state*, echo of *As You Like It*, iii 2

parmesan F, It *parmegiano*, of Parma The cheese was known in E from early 16 cent

Parnassian Of *Parnassus*, mountain of central Greece, sacred to Apollo and Muses Cf *Olympian*

I sleepe never on the Mount of Pernaso,
Ne lerned Marcus Tullius Scithero (*Chauc F* 721)

Parnellite [hist] Follower of C S Parnell, Ir politician (†1891)

parochial See *parish*

parody F *parodie*, L, G *παρωδία*, from *παρὰ*, beside, *ὥδή*, ode (q v) First in Ben Jonson

parole F, in sense of *parole d'honneur*, word of honour, from 17 cent mil lang., Late L *paraula*, *parabola*, G *παράβολή* Cf *palaver*, *parable*

paronomasia Word-play L, G *παρονομασία*, from *παρὰ*, beside, *ὀνομασία*, naming, from *ὄνομα*, name

paronymous Cognate G *παρώνυμος* (v s)

paroquet See *parakeet*

-parous From L *-parus*, from *parere*, to produce, bring forth

paroxysm F *paroxysme*, MedL, G *παροξυσμός*, from *παροξύειν*, from *ἀξύειν*, to sharpen, goad, from *ἀξύς*, sharp

parquet F, orig small compartment, dim of *pare*, park (q v)

parr Young salmon Origin unknown, app Se

parrieide F, L *paricida*, for earlier *paricida*, the first element of which is an Aryan word for kin cogn with *pater*, *patr-*, father, but not ident with it

parrot From *Perrot*, *Parrot*, a common ME. dim of F *Pierre*, Peter Cf F *pirot*, sparrow See also *parakeet* Replaced (c 1500) earlier *þopþingay*

My name is Parrot, a byrd of paradise (*Skelton*)

parry From *parer* It *pa are* to ward or defend a blow (Flk r) spec sen e of *parare* to prepare I orn is explained as from imper *pare* defend yourself (cf *reviv*) But I often adds y to I verbs e.g. *bandy*! *levy occupy*

parse I *pa s* in school question *Q uide pars oral onis?* What part of speech?

Parsee Descendant of Zoroastrians who fled to India after Maccabean conquest of Persia (7-8 cents) OPers *parsi* Ieruan.

parsimony F *parci onie* L *par t omia* *parsi* from *parcere* *pa s* to spare Not orig with suggestion of stinginess

parsonie thriftness the good husbandry (Cockeram's *Dict.* 1643)

parsley AS *pelersl's* Late I *petroselinum* for *petroselinum* C *πετροσέλινον* rock parsley (see *celery*) In most Europ langs cf I *pe sil* whence ME *pe sil* *parsil* which has contributed to mod form

I have por ties and petrel (as *petrall* *persely*) (Piers Plowm A. vii 23)

parsnip ME *pasnep* altered on turnep turnip from OE *pastenagur* L *pastinaca* from *pastinare* to dig up from *pastinam* 'spud' (q.v.) Cf Du Ger *pastinak* It *pa linac* F *panais*

Fair word butter no parsnip (J Clarke *Etymol.* 1639)

parson ME also *persone* Ident with *person* (q.v.) Sense of holder of parochial benefice appears from 11 cent but its origin is obscure According to one theory the *parson* was the non resident holder of the benefice often a corporate body whose work was done by the vicar (q.v.)

Clid quos personas vocant (MFD 1090)

part Noun F L *pars* *pa t* Has replaced in most senses native *dealt* Sense of share now most usual F meaning appears in *part or lot* (q.v.) *art* (q.v.) or *pa t* L has theat sense of rôle an actor's share in the performance cf sense of gift talent in *man of parts* In *take one's part* it represents rather the sense of F *partis* (see *party*) *Part of speech* renders L *pars orationis* (see *pa se*) With in good *part* cf L in bonam *partem*

part Verl F *parti* which in OF meant to divide separate from L *pa tiri* from *pars* *pa t* part Some obs or archaic senses (e.g. *knell of pa ting day*) are now usu represented by *depart* (q.v.) With fig sense of *parting of the ways* cf *crusad*

partake Back formation from *partaker* earlier *part taker* a hybrid compd Cf L *particeps* Ger *teilnehmer* a *part taker* *particeps* (Calk 1 st)

partee I for *par terre* on the ground L *per terram*

parthenogenesis Lit birth from a virgin G *παρθενος* Cf *Irithanon* temple of virgin goddess Pallas Athene

Parthian Chiefly in *Parthian shaft* (shot) from skill of horsemen of Parthia (W Asia) in shooting backwards while retreating Or like the Parthian I shall fly! fight

(Cymb i 6)

partial F *partial* prejudiced *partial* incomplete both representing Late L *pa tialis* from *pars* *pa t* part

participate From L *participare* from *pars* *pa t* and *capere* to take Cf *partish*

participle ME also *participo* F L *participium* sharing (v s) as *partaking* cf nature both of verb and adj For intrusi e t cf *sillible* In Wyc

particle F *particule* L *particula* dim of *pa s* *part* part

parti-coloured Earlier simply *party* divided pp of *partir* to divide part as still in her Cf F m *part* lit half divided

She g-teth it res p-it whit dred (Ch c A. 133)

particular Restored from ME *pa ticular* OF (*particuler*) I *particularis* concerning a *pa ticle* Orig sense survives in *particular* small details London *particular* orig a spec kind of madeira was used by Dickens of a fog (*Bleak House* ch iii) *Particula* is a (pol) is adapted from Ger *partikularismus* a 19 cent coinage

Partington Mrs *Partington* trad attempted to keep out an Atlantic high tide with a mop The story comes from Devon (early 19 cent)

partisan Adherent F It *partigiano* from *pa te part* Cf *corte as* Sense of irregular combatant commander of a party appears in 17 cent

The fight g[u]n Finlan I of p[ar]tisan h[ar]ter (T m s Feb 2 193)

partisan [hist] Weapon OF *partisane* It *pa legiana* Prob connected with OHG *parta ba t* halberd (q.v.) In ModF corrupted to *partisane* as though from *peris* hole Obs from c. 1700 but revived by Scott

On b[ar]tlemest and b[ar]tuz n (q. 1)
Gleam d are and pear and p[ar]t an (La v 20)

partition F, L *partitio-n-*, from *partiri*, to divide, from *pars*, *part-*, part Cf *partitive* (gram), F *partitif*, L **partitivus*

Partlet OF *Perteleic*, female personal name, wife of Chanticleer in *Roman de Renard*. This has affected archaic *partlet*, woman's ruff, earlier *pallet*, OF *pateleic*, dim of *patle*, paw, in OF also a band of stuff

partner Appears in 13 cent as var of *parcener* (still in leg use), OF *parconier*, MedL *partitionarius*, for **partitionarius*, from *partitio-n-*, division. Usu explained as alteration of *parcener* due to influence of *part* or to common scribal confusion between *-e-* and *-i-*. But the words are of equal age, and AF *partencer* (*Liber Albus*, pp 570-1) may represent an OF *part tenour*, part holder, cf *partaker* and such native compds as *share-holder*. Cf OProv *partender*, of similar formation

parsonnier a partener, or coparcener (Cotg)

partridge ME *pertrich*, *partrich*, F *perdrix*, L *perdix*, *perdic-*, G *πέρδιξ*, whence also OIt *perdiee*, Sp *perdiz*. For intrusive *-i-* of F word cf *treasure*. For change of vowel sound in E cf *clerk*

parturent From pres part of L *parturire*, desiderative of *parere*, to bring forth Cf *esurient*

party Represents both F *partie*, pp fem of *partir*, to divide, and *parti*, pp masc. Usual F senses are *partie*, part, *parti*, party, faction, but they have become much mixed in E. Sense of friendly gathering is partly due to F *partie*, game, excursion, etc. Slang sense of individual, e.g. *nice old party*, arises from earlier leg sense as in *guilty party*, i.e. side, to be a party to, etc., cf *part*. Party (her) is F *parti*, divided. See also *parti-coloured*. With *party-wall* cf *partition wall*

The party [a shipwrecked sailor] had made him for want of apparell two sute of goats skinnes

(Habl x 197).

parvenu F, pp of *parvenir*, to arrive, L *pervenire*. Cf ModF slang *arriviste*

parvis [archaic] Enclosed area in front of cathedral, etc F, OF *parvis*, for *parvis*, L *paradisus*, medieval name for court in front of St Peter's at Rome. The *parvis* of St Paul's was a great resort of lawyers

A sergeant of the lawe, war and wys,
That often hadde been at the Parvyss

(Chauc A 309)

pas F, step, L *passus*, from *pandere*, *pass-*, to stretch

paschal. F *pascal*, Late L *paschalis*, from L *pascha*, G *πάσχα*, Heb *pesakh*, from *pāsakh*, to pass over. In most Europ langs, with appellation to various Church festivals and holidays, showing a leaning on *pascere*, to feed

pash [dial] Prob imit.; cf *bash*, *smash*

pasha, pacha Turk *pāshā*, also *bāshā*, from *bāsh*, head Cf obs *bashaw*, via It *bassa*, see also *Bashī-Bazouk*, *bimbashī*. Hence *pashalik*, jurisdiction of pasha, formed with *-lik*, suffix of condition

pasquil [archaic] As *pasquinade* (v1)

pasquinade F, It *pasquinata*, from *Pasquino* or *Pasquillo*, nickname of a mutilated statue disinterred at Rome (1501), to which it was usual to attach lampoons and satirical compositions. The statue is said to have been named from a schoolmaster, or, according to some, a caustic-tongued tailor, shoe-maker, or barber, who lived near. The name is derived from L *pascha*, Easter (cf F *Pascal*, *Pasquin*, etc)

Pasquino a statue in Rome on whom all libels, railings, detractions, and satirical invectives are fastened (Flor)

I pass'd by the stumps of old Pasquin at the corner of a streete call'd Strada Pontificia here they still paste up their drolling lampoons and scurrilous papers (Evelyn)

pass¹ Noun In sense of mountain passage from F *pas*, whence also *pace* (q v). Hence to *sell the pass*, open a passage to the enemy. But in most senses from F *passé*, back-formation from *passer*, to pass² (q v). Hence to *come (bring) to pass*, to *such a pass*, - a *pass* in fencing, conjuring, football, etc

pass² Verb F *passer*, VL **passare*, from *passus*, step, pace, cf It *passare*, Sp *pasar*. Trans sense, equivalent to *surpass*, survives in *passeth all understanding* and in adv *passing*, very, e.g. *passing rich on forty pounds a year*. In some senses it is possible that VL **passare* is rather from *pāi*, *pass-*, to suffer. A *pass-book* is appo-called because passing between bank and depositor

passage F, orig act of passing, as in *bird of passage*, *rough passage*. With *passage* of arms of F *passé d'armes*, orig of a tournament

passé. F, pp of *passer*, to pass Cf mod *back number*

passementerie F., from *passement*, braid, etc., from *passer*, to pass, from the passing or interlacing of the thread

words mean rag, shred *Not a patch on* is 19 cent Obs *patch*, fool, booby, is It *pazzo*, fool, associated with *patch*, with suggestion of parti-coloured garments It is earliest recorded as name of Wolsey's jester, and survives in *crosspatch*

Eseroele, drapel, ne pieche (Godef).

rapiecer to pecece, patch, botch, clowt, mend (Cotg)

The power of this Republic is spread over a region of an extent in comparison with which the possessions of the House of Hapsburg are but as a patch on the earth's surface

(Dan Webster to Austrian Charge d'Affaires, Dec 21, 1850)

patchouli Perfume from EInd plant, so called in Madras, and said to come from Tamil *pach*, green, *ilai*, leaf

pate Orig in dignified sense Origin unknown

His wickedness shall fall upon his owne pate
(Coverd Ps vii 16).

pâte F, see *pasty*, *patty* *Pâté de foie gras*, patty of fat liver (of geese)

patella [anat] Knee-cap L, dim of *patina*, pan (v 1)

paten OF. *patène*, L *patina*, G *παράνη*, flat dish

patent First in *letters patent*, F *lettres patentes*, L *litterae patentes*, from pres part of *patère*, to lie open Orig royal open letter conferring any right, privilege, etc Current sense of invention protected by "letters patent" grew out of that of exclusive right, monopoly (16 cent)

pater L, father (q v) Also short for *pater-noster* (q v)

paterfamilias From *familias*, OL genitive of *familia*, family

paternal From L *paternus*, from *pater*, father, cf F *paternel*, It *paternale*

paternoster L *pater noster*, our father, init. words of Lord's Prayer Found in AS Cf F *patenötre*

path AS *þath* WGer, cf Du *pad*, Ger *pfad*, ult cogn with L *batuere*, to beat *Pathfinder* was coined (1840) by Fenimore Cooper

pathetic F *pathétique*, Late L, G *παθητικός*, from root παθ- of *πάσχειν*, to suffer, *πάθος*, feeling, *pathos* Orig sense of *pathos*, adopted in literary sense in 17 cent, appears in *pathology*, lit study of suffering

-pathy G *πάθεια* (v s), as in *sympathy*, feeling with Mod coinages, eg *hydro-pathy*, *electro-pathy*, are imitated from *allo-pathy*, *homocopathy*

patibulary. From L *patibulum*, gibbet
patient F, from pres part. of L *pati*, to suffer Cf *longsuffering* Sense, of one under med treatment (Clauc), is evolved from that of sufferer *My patience*, as interj, appears to be Sc

She sat, like Patience on a monument,
Smiling at grief (*Twelfth Night*, ii. 4)

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He *patronise* the orphan & the widow visits the friendless and guides the widow (Addison)

H f u d a letter from Lord Clive who *patronised* him immediately to follow him to Portsmouth (Hickey's Memoirs 123)

patronymic *Γ πατρωνυμική* L *G wasp* *patrum* from *wasps* father *ovum* name (see *eponymic*)

patroon [US] Land holder under old Dutch governments of New York and New Jersey Du form of *patron* (q v)

patten *Γ πατιν* earlier clog now skate for which *patten* is still the usual word in Cambridgeshire Cf MedL *patinus* It *fallano* clog Irob cogn with *F patte* paw foot Cf sense lit of *skate*²

patter¹ To mumble rapidly etc From *pater* short for *paternoster* from hurried repetition of familiar prayers but synonym Dan. *gyadre* Sw dial *patra* point rather to connection with *patter*² Music hall sense is 19 cent

H saw him wends into the water naked and then in stand and *pater* in his prayers (AED e 143)

patter² Of rain etc Frequent of *pat*

pattern ME *patron* *Γ* L *patronus* in sense of archetype model Cf *matrix* *F* *pat on* has still this sense

pat o s form to work by exemplar (Prompt Parv)

patty *F* *patid* (q v) *Pasty* *fully* *patid* represent three successive borrowings of the same word from *F*

patulous From L *patulus* from *patere* to spread Chiefly after Virgil (v 1)

T tyre to patulus recuba s s b t gmine fagi Silvestrum tenui musam meditaris a tna (Ld 1 1)

paucity *Γ* *paucité* L *paucitas* from *paucus* few (q v)

Pauline L *Paulinus* of St Paul lit the little L *paulus* cogn with G *pa pos* Also member of St Paul's School London paulo post future [gram] ModL *paulo post futurum* rendering G *ὀψὲρ μέλλων* (χρονος) the future after a little

paulownia Tree Named (1835) from Anna Paulowna daughter of Tsar Paul I

Paul Pry Title rôle of comedy by John Poole (18 5)

paunch ONF *panche* (panse) VL *panica* for *panter* *panie* Cf It *pancia* Sp *panza* whence name of Don Quixote's maternalistic squire

pauper L poor from *paucus* n little *parer* to produce Use in E came from leg phrase *n forma pauperi* in the character of a poor man (allowed to sue gratuitously)

pause F L *pausa* G *paus* from *paus* to make cease

Γ in th leep I d sth what d eam may come When we h tesh ill d off th mortal co l Must give pau (Islam 1 1)

pavan [archaic] Stately dance *Γ* *pava* It or Sp *avana* prob from L *pavo* pea cock Cf Ger *pfauchens*

pave *F* *paver* back formation from OF *pavementum* L *pavimentum* from *pavire* to beat down ram sense of hard slabs etc is absent from *F* *pave* road way as also from orig sense of to *pave the way for* i e to make a beaten track *Pavour* fr earlier *paver* *puyer* is app modelled on *saviour*

He (Johnson) said one d y talking to an acquaintance on th subject, S b ll is paved with good intention (Boswell ch xxx)

Somet R na is paved with Bolshevik good intentions (Times Ld 5 p June 9 1919)

pavid L *pavidus* is frightened from *pavere* to quake

pavilion *F* *pavillon* L *papilio* n butterfly used in MedL also for tent thou h the reason is not clear Cf It *pad lions* Sp *padellón* *Γ* sense of naut flag may have come from its repeating the colour of the medieval knight's pavilion erected on the poop

pavise [hist] Large shield *F* *pavois* It *pavese* prob from Pavia Cf *bayonet pistol* etc App revived by Souhey pavonazzo Marble lt from L *pavo* n peacock from markings

pavonine L *pavoninus* from *pavo* n (v c) paw ME *paue* OF *paue* ? of Teut origin and cogn with Da *foot* Ger *pfote* Cf Prov *pauka* *Γ* *paffe* paw ? also from Teut. U ed as contrast with *hoof* so that to *paw the ground* (Job xxxix 1) though expressive is incorr

pawky [Sc] Sly etc From *paw* *paik* trick (16 cent.) of unknown origin

pawl [naut] Device to prevent capstan from recoiling *Fal* derives it from *Γ* *paule* shoulder and is prob right Forms found in several Europ langs are prob from *Γ*

words mean rag, shred *Not a patch on* is 19 cent Obs *patch*, fool, booby, is It *pazzo*, fool, associated with *patch*, with suggestion of parti-coloured garments It is earliest recorded as name of Wolsey's jester, and survives in *crosspatch*

Eseroele, drapel, ne pieche (Godef)

rapiecer to peeece, patch, botch, clowt, mend (Cotg)

The power of this Republic is spread over a region of an extent in comparison with which the possessions of the House of Hapsburg are but as a patch on the earth's surface

(Dan Webster to Austrian Chargé d'Affaires, Dec 21, 1850)

patchouli Perfume from EInd plant, so called in Madras, and said to come from Tamil *pach*, green, *ilai*, leaf

pate Orig in dignified sense Origin unknown

His wickednes shall fall upon his owne pate
(Coverd Ps vii 16)

pâté F, see *pasty*, *patty* *Pâté de foie gras*, patty of fat liver (of geese)

patella [anat] Knee-cap L, dim of *patina*, pan (v 1)

paten OF *patène*, L *patina*, G *παράνη*, flat dish

patent. First in letters *patent*, F *lettres patentes*, L *litterae patentes*, from pres part of *patère*, to lie open Orig royal open letter conferring any right, privilege, etc Current sense of invention protected by "letters patent" grew out of that of exclusive right, monopoly (16 cent)

pater L, father (q v) Also short for *pater-noster* (q v)

paterfamilias From *familias*, OL genitive of *familia*, family

paternal From L *paternus*, from *pater*, father, cf F *paternel*, It *paternale*.

paternoster L *pater noster*, our father, imit words of Lord's Prayer Found in AS Cf F *patenôtre*

path AS *þath* WGer, cf Du *pad*, Ger *pfad*, ult cogn with L *batuere*, to beat *Pathfinder* was coined (1840) by Fenimore Cooper

pathetic F *pathétique*, Late L, G *παθητικός*, from root *παθ-* of *-άσχειν*, to suffer, *πάθος*, feeling, pathos Orig sense of *pathos*, adopted in literary sense in 17 cent, appears in *pathology*, lit study of suffering

-pathy G *-πάθεια* (vs), as in *sympathy*, feeling with Mod coinages, e.g *hydro-pathy*, *electro-pathy*, are imitated from *allo-pathy*, *homoeopathy*

patibulary. From L *patibulum*, gibbet patient. F, from pres part of L *pah*, to suffer Cf *longsuffering* Sense of one under med treatment (Chauc), is evolved from that of sufferer. *My patience*, 'as interj', appears to be Sc

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peal Aphet for appeal (q v) *Γ* *appel*
whence also *appeau* bird-call *Cf* *peer*
fall

pea x ch mes o the chiming of bells (Cotg)

pear AS *pere* L *pira* pl of *pirum* cf *Γ*
poire (OF *poire*) It *sp* *pera* also Du
peer OHG *pira* (*birne*) For neut pl
taken as fem sing cf *Γ* *pomme* L *p* *ma*
pearl! Gem *Γ* *perle* cf It *Sp* *perla* also
Du *paarl* Ger *perle* from Rom VL
pirula dim of *pira* (v a) has been sug-
gested cf OHG *perala* Port *perola* But
Sicilian *perna* Neapolitan *perne* point
rather to L *perna* kind of shell fish lit
ham cf It *pernocchia* pearl shell

N ther caste ye youre pearles (Wyc. in *rgatilis*)
b fore wyne (Tynd *Mat* vi 6)

pearl Loop in embroid ry etc Corrupted
apelling of *pearl* (q v)

pearmain Kind of apple but in ME synon-
with warden *pear* OF *parmain* *fermain*
Aa warden (q v) is prob for warden
keeping ME & OF *parmain* must be from
OF *parmaire* to endure VL **parmere*
for *permandre* whence also ME verb to
permain For formation of adj from verb-
stem cf *densure* stale

Law of nature p mayal for ev (AED 1456)

a pa may volenun A glite a warden
(Calk Angl)

peasant *Γ* *pay an* from privs country
Late L *paganus* from *pagus* canton, dis-
trict For *ict* tyrant *pleasant*

pease AS *pea* L *pisa* pl of *pisum* G
πικρον We still say *pease pudding* but
pease soup has become *pea soup* See *pea*
cf *Γ* *pois* OF *peis* partly the origin of the
L words

peat. ME *pele* Anglo L *peta* in Sc docu-
ments c 1200 As the eastest sea e is not
the substance but the cut piece of turf it
is prob of Celt origin and cogn with *peta*
and F *petit*

peavey [US] Lumberman's hook Name of
inventor

pebble For earlier *pebble stone* rounded
stone found on beach AS *pepoldstan*
popel whence ME *p* *bble* *p* *ble* the un-
certainty of the vowel and the analogy of
boulder (q v) suggesting that the name is
imit of rattling sound Cf also *shin* le

peccable Liable to sin F ModL *peccabilis*
back formation from L *peccabilis* im-
peccable from *peccare* to sin

peccadillo Sp *peccadillo* dim of *peccado* sin
L *peccatum* (v s)

pccant From pres part of L *fec* are to
sin In med use (*peccant humours*) via OI
peccary Sumer animal Carib *paqui* a
variously plit by early traveller Current
form from F *peccari* (Cuvier)

peccavi to cry L I have sinned as re-
pentant ejaculation The attribution to
Sir C Napier of *peccavi* I have sinned
is apocryphal

peck¹ Measure AF *pek* chiefly in con-
nection with oats for horses Fesh cogn
with *peck*² *pick* cf F *picotin* a (French)
pecke or the fourth part of a *boissea*
(Cotg) which is app cogn with *picoter*
to peck pick The phrase *peck of troubles*
(c 1535) also suggests an orig sense of
dose allowance rather than a fixed mea-
sure

peck² Verb Collateral form of *pick*² (q v)
with which it often varies in ME texts
Hence collq *peckish* hungry Ult cogn
with *beak* *peck*² *pike* To keep up one
pecker (19 cent) is app from the figure of
the alert sparrow

Pecksnuffian From *Pecksnuff* unctuous hypo-
crite in *Alaric Chuzzlewit* (1844) Cf
podsnappery *Stiggins* etc

J R Macdonald d livered revol tionary speech
which I nt Pecksnuffian sententious as i th
discussion

(B Twell in *S* *day Times* Jun 20 1971)

pecten From L *pecten* *pectus* comb

pectoral *Γ* or L *pectoralis* from *pectu*
pector breast

peculate Orig to rob the state From L
p *cala* 1 to embezzle from *peculium* pri-
vate property from *pecu* cattle money
Cf *chattel* *fee* *pecuniary*

peculat a robbing of th Prince o Common
we lth (Phill p)

peculiar OF *peculier* L *peculia* is in
peculium (v s) Orig sense survives in
pecul or to belonging exclusively to Th
peculia people were in 15 cent the Jews
the mod sect (I lumbstead *Pecuhars*) dating
from 1838

pecuniary F *pecuniar* L *pecuniarius*
from *pecunia* money from *pecu* cattle
Cf *peculae*

pedagogue F *pedagog* rue L *Γ* *paibaywos*
lit boy leader from *paib* *way* *ty* *dyn*
to lead orig slave leading Athenian boy
to school Not orig contemptuous in t

pawn¹ Pledge OF *pan*, cf Du *pand*, Ger *pfand* Primitive sense and relation of Rom & Teut forms is unknown Some identify it with L *pannus*, cloth, shred (see *pane*)

pawn² At chess OF *paon* (*pion*), L *pedo-n*, in MedL foot-soldier, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot, cf It *pedonc*, footman, *pedona*, pawn, Sp *peón*, footman, pawn Ger has *bauer*, peasant, in same sense In quot below there is prob association between the two *pawns*

My life I never held but as a pawn
To wage against thine enemies (*Lear*, i. 1)

pawnee, brandy [*Anglo-Ind*] Brandy and water See *brandy*

pax [*eccl*] Tablet engraved with sacred subject L, peace, cf F *pair*, in same sense

paxwax Tendon uniting spine and occiput App altered from earlier *faxwax*, from AS *feax*, hair (as in name *Fairfax*), and *waxan*, to grow, wax Cf synon Ger *haarwachs*
pay¹ To hand over money F *payer*, L *pacare*, to appease, a sense found in OF & ME, cf It *pagare*, Sp *pagar* Colloq sense of thrashing goes with to *pay back* (*out*), *pay one in his own coin*, etc *Paying-guest*, euph. for lodger, dates from c 1900

If there be any dogge that is so il taught as he would runne at a sheepe, with your wande you muste all to pay him (*Turberville*, 1576)

pay² [*naut*] OF *peirc*, L *picare*, from *pix* *pic-*, pitch, whence F *poix* See *devil*
Naut to *pay out* (rope) belongs to *pay*¹
paynim [*poet*] OF *paenime*, Late L *paganismus*, heathendom See *pagan* Incorr use for *pagan* (*Wyc Matt* v 47) prob arose from attrib use in *paynim land*, *paynim knight*, etc, and may have been helped by *cherubim* Its currency, like that of *fairy* (q v), is largely due to Spenser

paynize To impregnate wood with preservatives From *payne*, inventor of process Cf *kyanize*, *mercurize*

pea False sing from *peasc* (q v) Cf *cherry*, *burgee*, etc

peace ME & OF *pais* (*paix*), L *pax*, *pac-*, cogn with *pangere*, *pac-*, to fix, cf It *pace*, Sp *paz* Early replaced AS *frith*, esp as administrative word, e.g. *breach* of the *peace* (AS *frithbræc*), *justice of the peace*, etc *Peace* with *honour* became a catchword after Beaconsfield's speech (July 16, 1878), but is much older (v 1) With *peace*

at any price, dating from Crimean war, cf *pacifist*

Ut perpetua fiat in nobis pax eum honore vestro meoque dedecore

(Thibaut de Champagne to Louis le Gros, 12 cent.)

With peace and honour I am willing to spare anything so as to keep all ends together

(Pepys, May 25, 1663).

The peace-mongers were ready to have sacrificed the honour of England (Southey, 1808)

peach¹ Fruit F. *pêche*, OF *pesche*, VL *pessica*, for *Persica* (sc *arbor*), cf It *persica*, *pessa*

peach² [*slang*] To inform against. Aphet for *appeach*, cogn with *impeach* (q v)

Rotty and all his felawshepe that the woman hath epeched (*Paston Let* iii 390)

peacock ME. *pecok*, *pacok*, *pocok*, extended from *pa*, *po*, etc, AS *pāwa*, L *pavo*, cf F *paon* (L *pavo-n*), Du *paauw*, Ger *pfau* Said to be ult from Tamil The simplex survives in surnames *Poe*, *Pay* With *proud* as a *peacock* (Chauc) cf *peacock* in *pride* (her), with displayed tail

Gold, and sylver, and yver, and apis, and poos [*vars* pokohis, pekokis] (*Wye 2 Chron* ix 21)

pea-jacket Pleon for earlier *pea*, *pee*, Du *pij*, rough coat, whence also ME, *courtepy*, cassock, etc (Chauc A 290) Perh ident with *pie*¹ (q v), ? from orig colour, ? or ult cogn with AS *pād*, cloak, Goth. *pauda* For pleon cf *salt-cellar* The compd. is of US formation (c 1700), prob suggested by Du *pij-jakker*

pye py-gown, or rough-gown, as souldiers and sea-men wear (Hexham)

peak¹ Point, etc Var (from 16 cent) of *pik* (q v), in sense of sharp or projecting part of anything, e.g. of hat, ship, etc E naut *apeak*, for F *à pic*, perpendicular, shows identity of the two words In sense of mountain-top first as adaptation of cogn Sp Port *pico*, esp the *peak* of *Teneriffe*, which is commonly *pic*, *pico*, *pike* in 17 cent E, but *pik* (q v), preserved in Lake country, is from ON The Derbyshire *Peak*, AS *Pēaclond*, perh from a demon named *Pēac* (cf *Puck*), is quite unconnected with the above

In this land of Teneriffe there is a hill called the Pike, because it is piked (Hawkins' *Voyage*, 1564).

peak² To dwindle Chiefly in to *peak* and *pine*, echo of *Macb* 1 3 Hence also dial *peaky*, *peakish*, sickly ? From *peak*¹, with idea of becoming "pointed" and thence.

Cf *pedagogy*, current serious sense of which is from F *pédagogie*

ὁ δὲ ποιοὶ παιδαγωγῶν ἡμῶν γέγονεν εἰς ἀρετὴν (Gal in 24).

pedal F *pédale*, It *pedale*, L *pedalis*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot Orig (c 1600) of organ.

pedant F *pédant*, It *pedante*, "a pedante or a school-master, as *pedagogo*" (Flor), esp a popular formation on *pedagogo*

In Italy, of all professions that of pedanteria is held in basest repute; the schoolmaster almost in every comedy being brought upon the stage to parallel the Zani, or Pantaloon (Perrin, 1614).

pedate [bot] L *pedatus*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot.

Cf *palmate*

peddle Back-formation from *pedlar* (q v)

Cf *beg*, *cadge*¹

pedestal F *pédestal*, It *pedistallo*, lit foot stall¹ (q v) Cf Ger *fussgestell*, "the base, foot, footstall or pedestal of a pillar, statue, etc" (Ludw)

pedestrian From L *pedester*, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot

pedicel [bot] Dim of *pedicle*, L *pediculus*, foot-stalk (v s)

pediculous L *pediculosus*, from *pediculus*, louse

pedicure F *pédicure* (18 cent) Cf *manicure* and see *cure*¹

pedigree AF & ME *pe de gru*, F *pieu de grue*, foot of crane, L *grus*, *gru-*, from sign \uparrow used in indicating descent By early etymologists associated with *degree* (of relationship) Cf surname *Pettigrew*, ie crane's foot, or Ger name *Kranenfuss*

pedegru or *pedygru*, lyne of 1 cendrede as d awyneytry. stema (Prompt Parv)

pediment [arch] Triangular space over Greek portico Earlier *periment*, explained (16 cent) as "corrupt English," and no doubt for *pyramid*, in which sense it is still in dial use For change of consonant cf *pad-dock*

pedlar For earlier *pedder* (Wyc), from EAngl *ped*, basket, cf dial *linkler* for *tinker* For formation of *pedder* cf *cadger* (q v) Verb to *peddle* is a back-formation, and, in sense of busying oneself with trifles, is associated with *piddle*

pedometer F *pédomètre*, hybrid coinage from L *pes*, *ped-* foot, and *mètre* (see *metre*) Recorded for early 18 cent

peduncle [bot] L *pedunculus* See *pedicel*

peek [archaic] To peep ME *pihen* In earlier E *kech*, *peek*, *peep* are interchangeable. Their relation to each other is ob-

scure Perh. F, *figurer*, in sense of pricking (through) See *piep*¹

peel¹ To strip F *peler*, L *pellere*, to strip of hair, but associated in sense with Ol *pel* (*pean*), skin, L *pellis*; cf. It. *pelare*, to strip of hair *Peel* is used earlier indifferently with archaic *pill*, to strip, rob (cf *calcepillar*), F. *piller*, VL **pihare*, for *pillare* (v s), from *pilius*, hair. In Is. xviii 2 the sense of the orig. is doubtful. Wyc has *lor* or *to-rent*, Coverd *fyll*ed.

An *phil* as an ape was in *skulle* (Class. A 373).

peel² [hist] Small fortified house on Border In ME. *pullsode*, earlier, *stake* OF *pel* (*punt*), stake, L *pālus*, cf *pale*¹, Hence *Peel*, alias *Castletown*, in I of Man

God save the lady of this pel

(Chauc. *House of Fame*, iii 220)

peel³ In *salmon peel*. Synon with *gillie* From 16 cent. Origin unknown

peel⁴ Baker's shovel F. *pelle*, L *pala*

peeler [slang] Policeman, orig Ir From *Robert Peel*, secretary for Ireland (1812-18). Cf. *bobby*

Peelite [hist] Tory seceding (1846) to Sir *Robert Peel* in support of repeal of corn laws

peep¹ Of cry of young birds Imit, cf F *pépier*, Ger *piepen*

peep² To look out, etc Tends to replace (from 15 cent) earlier *keek*, *peek* (q v), with the former of which cf. Du *kijken*, Ger *gucken* Of obscure origin, perh from interj *pip*, *peep* Primitive sense was prob that of bobbing up, breaking through, cf F *point* in *point du jour*, *peep* of day (see *pip*²) For *peep-bo* see *bo-peep*

peepul, pipal Sacred fig-tree, *bo-tree* Hind *pīpal*, Sanskrit *pippala*, cogn with *poplar*.

peer¹ Noun OF. *per* (*pair*), L *par*, equal Orig sense still in *peerless*, see also *compare* Sense of noble is derived from Charlemagne's "twelve peers," regarded as all equal, like the knights of the Round Table

Nullus liber homo capiatur, nisi per legale iudicium parium suorum (*Magna Charta*)

peer² To look narrowly From 16 cent. Altered from earlier *pire*, cogn with LG *pien*, under influence of *peer*³, which it often approaches closely in sense

Peering [*quarto* pining] in maps for ports and piers and roads (*Merch of Ven* 1 2)

peer³ To come into view Earlier *pear*, *aphet* for *appear* (q v), or immediately

completed and deferred thus by unravelling every night what she had woven during the day. G. H. Macdonald (Hom.)

penetrate From L. *penetrare* from *penes* *penitus* within *penis* sanctuary Cf *penetrata* inmost recesses *Penates* See *enter*

penfold See *pinfold*

penguin Applied (16 cent.) both to the great auk and the penguin and prob. earlier to other sea bird. Early writers (16-17 cents.) explain it as Welsh *pen gwyn* white head a name supposed to have been given by Welsh seamen or possibly by Breton fishermen off Newfoundland (Cape Breton). This is prob. correct. A holder flight of fancy connects it with the mythical discovery of America by Madoc ap Owen in the 12 cent. (see Haki viii 203). The fact that the penguin has a black head is no serious objection, as bird names are of very uncertain application (I. *albatross* *gause* *feluan* *bustard*). F. *pinnow* earlier (1600) *pen wî* if not from E. may be Breton *pen gwyn* white head. Cf. *pen* *Pendr gon*. In sense of *blat* (q.v.) *penguin* alludes to the flapper that does not fly.

Pengwyn, which in Welsh, as I have been informed, signifies a white head. From which derivation, some do infer that America was first peopled with White-men.

(Richard Hawkins, c. 1600)

penicillate [biol.] Tufted See *feuch*

peninsula L. from *paene* almost *insula* island. I. F. *pre gule* Ger. *halbin el* Spec. ref. to Spain and Portugal dates from *Peninsular War* (1803-14)

penis [anat.] L. lit. tail

penitent F. *penitent* from pres. part. of L. *penitere* to repent. Displaced earlier *penant* from OF. (cf. *penance*) *Penitentiary* prison earlier eccl. house of discipline for penitents dates from c. 1300

pennant [mar.] Compromise between *pendant* (q.v.) and *pennon* (q.v.)

penniform [biol.] From L. *penus* feather

pennill Extemporized verse sung at Eisteddfod Welsh? from *pen* head.

pennon Knight's swallow tail flag F. *penon* from L. *penus* feather plume. Cf. *penone* Sp. *pendon* See *penda* & *pennant*. But OF. var. *panor* and analogy of *dra* *pen* fl. from *dra* cloth suggest in presence of L. *pannus* cloth.

penny AS *penning*, earlier *penin*, cf. *Den* *penning* Ger. *pfennig* For suffix cf.

farthing skilling. Origin obscure perh. from *pan* early coins betw. sometimes shaped like shallow pans. The value and metal have varied at different periods. Often used in ME. for money in gen. as still in a *farthing penny* to get one's *penny* *worth* to turn an honest *penny* Cf. F. *un sold* *dense* A *pennyweight* it was of the weight of a silver penny. For hybrid *dwt* cf. *cut*.

A penny yn seson spent will saf pound

(*Pastor* L. 144)

Ferd (quoth th. good man) a penny for your thro' ght (Heywood, 1546)

pennyroyal App. arbitrary corrupt. of *palmaroyal* OF. *pen royal* from L. *pen* *um* *sea* bane from *pu* *s* *sea*. Th. adj. prob. from its being regarded as a so-called remedy. F. rh. confused with *pennywort* said to be named from round leaves with which *Palg* wrongly identifies it.

penology Science of punishments. See *penal*

penole L. *penalis* from *pendere* *penis* to hang

pension An allowance made to anyone without an equivalent. In England it is generally understood to mean pay given to a state hireling for treason to his country (Johns). F. L. *pension* from *pendere* *penis* to pay one's weight. Earlier used as in F. of any periodic payment, e.g. for board and lodging whence *pensioner* Camb. undergraduate who not being a scholar or sizar on the foundation pays for all he has. (cf. *Oxf. commoner*) *Grand Pensionary* (hist.) is adapted from *Du pensionary* chief magistrate.

Sir William Byles recently asked Mr Lloyd George what is the amount of the pension being paid by the State to Lord Roberts and what power if any resides in the Stat. to withdraw such pension. (Times N. v. 5 1912)

pensive F. *pensif* from *penser* to think. L. *penus* frequent. of *pe* *d* *re* to weigh.

penstock Flood-gate From *pen* *stock* and *lock*.

pent Orig. pp. of *pen* or of its obs. var. *pent*. See *pen*.

penta G. *πεντα* from *wote* five (q.v.)

Hence *pentagon* *pentameter* *pent* *ar* *h* etc.

pentacle pentagram Five-pointed star used in sorcery. (v.)

pentad Number five G. *πεντα* *πεντα* Cf. *1* *id* etc.

pentagram See *pentac*

pentateuch L. G. *πεντατεuchos* of five books from G. *τελος* implement in Lat. G. book.

pellet In both cases the -l- is due to dissim of r-r (cf *pilgrim*).

parietaire pelitory of the wall (Colg)

p retre herb bartram, bastard pelitory, right pelitory of Spaue (ib)

pell-mell F *pèle-mêle*, redupl on *mêler*, to mix, OF *wester* Cf *melly*, *mêlée*.

pellucid L *pellucidus*, for **perlucidus* See *lucid*

Pelmanism System of mind-training originated (late 19 cent) by W J. Linniver, "the name Pelman being selected as a short euphonious name well adapted for business purposes" (*Truth*, June 5, 1918)

Turned a blear eyed pauper to a swell man

In six sharp weeks of concentrated Pelman

(G Frankau)

pelorie [biol] Anomalous, from G *πελιδος*, monstrous

pelota Basque game Sp *pelota*, ball See *pellet*

pelt¹ Skin For earlier and obs *pell*, OF *pel* (*peau*), L *pelis* Back-formation from *pelis*, F *pelleterie*, from *pelletier*, furrier, from OF *pel* (v.), with intrusive -el- common in such F formations (e.g. *coquetter*, egg-cup, from *coque*, egg-shell). ME *pellue* became obs, the word being re-borrowed (c 1700) from F trappers of NAmér Or *pelt* may represent OF & ME dim *pelele*

pelt² Verb From c 1500 Orig to strike with repeated blows, now with a shower of missiles ? ME *pelt*, *pilt*, *pall*, to thrust, L *pultare*, frequent of *pellere*, to drive If this is correct, something of orig sense may appear in *full pelt*, with which cf *full tick* But *pelt* may be, at any rate in its current sense, from *pellet* (v.) In this party I first saw the barbarous custom of pelleting each other, with little balls of bread made like pills, across the table

(Hickey's *Memoirs*, II. 137).

peltate [biol] L *peltatus*, from *pelta*, shield, G *πέλτη*

pelvis [anat] L, basin

pembroke Table ? From *Pembroke*, Wales

pemmican NAmér Ind (Cree) *pimecan*, from *pime*, fat Also fig of condensed matter

pen¹ Enclosure AS *penm*, also verb *penman*, in compd only, whence pp *pent* ? Cf LG *pennen*, to bolt a door, from *penn*, pin, peg

pen² For writing ME & OF *penne*, L *penna*, feather Cf sense of F *plume*, Ger

feder A *penknife* was orig used for sharpening quills

pen³ [topogr.] Welsh, Corn, hull, cogn with Ir. *ceann*, head.

penal F. *penal*, L *penalis*, from *poena*, punishment, G *πῶνός*, fine *Penal servitude* dates from 1853 With *under penalty* cf F. *sous peine* Sporting sense of *penalty*, *penalize* appears first in horse racing

penance. OF. (replaced by learned *penitence*), L. *paenitentia*. See *repent*

Penates Household gods L, from *penus*, sanctuary of temple, cogn. with *ferus*, within

pence ME *penis*, contr of *pennies*

penchant Pres part of F *pencher*, VL **pendicare*, from *pendere*, to hang Cf *leaning*, *bent*, and Ger *hang*, inclination

pencil Orig paint-brush (Chauc). OF *pincel* (*pinceau*), painter's brush, from L *femculus*, dim of *penis*, tail Current sense, from c 1600, is due to association with unrelated *pen*². Orig sense survives in *pencilled eyebrows*, and also in optics, the rays of a luminous *pencil* being likened to the hairs of a brush

The prospect was so tempting that I could not forbear designing it with my crayon (Evelyn)

Here we din'd, and I with my black lead pen took the prospect (ib.)

pendant F, pres part of *pendre*, to hang, from L *pendere*. In naut sense, esp broad *pendant* of commodore, from 15 cent, but perh orig corrupt of *pennon* (q.v.) by association with naut *perdant*, hanging tackle Cf *pennant*

pendent Latinized spelling of *pendant* (q.v.)

pending From obs *pend*, to hang, F *pendre*, from L *pendere* Perh also aphet for *impending* Prep use is after F *pendant*, a survival of the abl absolute, e.g. *pendant le procès* corresponds to L *pendente lite*

Pendragon [hist] Welsh *pen*, head, and *dragon*, as symbol on standard Title of Uther in the *Morte Artur*

pendulum Neut of L *pendulus*, hanging, from *pendere*, to hang Cf F *pendule*, It. *pendolo*, Ger *pendel*, all 17 cent

That great mathematician and virtuoso Monsr. Zuhchem, inventor of v^c pendule clock (Evelyn, 1661)

Is this the wisdom of a great minister? or is it the vibration of a pendulum? (*Let of Junius*, 1769)

Penelope Wife of Ulysses, who, beset by suitors in absence of her husband, promised to make a choice when her web was

associated with land measurement (rod pole) and *linia* *F perche* *L percha* staff measuring rod

perchance *MI* *par chan* etc *Cl perat* *centu*

percheron *F* *h rose* from *le Perche*

Some times called the Norman horse the Perch now comes from the Perche tra in south of Normandy (*De y Stad* Jan 23 1918)

percipient From pres part of *L percipere* to perceive

percolate From *L percolare* from *colare* to flow from column strainer *Cl e linder*

percussion *F* *L percussio-n* from *pe* a *tere percuss* to strike from *quiere* to shake strike

perdition *F* *L perditio-n* from *perde* a *perdit* to lose from *dare* to give Chiefly in theol sense whence its disappearance in orig sense of destruction

perdu In to *le perdu* Now usu treated as 1 word but quite naturalized in 1 cent in mil usu exp in *perdu* *le enfants perdu* forlorn hope

perdurable See *per* and *durable* In Chauc regarded as obs by Johns but revived in 19 cent

peregrine *L peregrinus* *l* *teigner* from *pergre* abroad on journey from *per* and *ager* field Hen e *peregrine falcon* caught in passage in stead of being taken from nest like *yas* *cl* *l* *peron* filler n *It* *sal one pel g ra* and see *perum*

peremptory *F* *perempto* *re* *L peremptorius* destructive from *perire* *perempt* to take away utterly from *emere* to buy obtain Used in Roman law in sense of precluding all further debate

perennial From *L perennis* lasting through the year () from *per* and *annus* year (*cl* *biennia*) Used by Evelyn for evergreen

perfect Restored spelling of *MI* & *OI* *par fit* (*parfa* *n* *L perfectus* from *perficare* perfect to do thoroughly Often latens e g *perfect scandal* (*tranger* etc) With *perf* *chilish* *F* *perfectibilis* from the jargon of th 18 cent *philosophes* *cl* *F* *perfectionist* theol coinage of 17 cent Wye u *4 tope f chion* (*Joh* 21 7) Counsel of perfect n is allusive in *Matt* 23 23 *It* *w s a verray p rite* *g* *it* *g* 731

(Chauc. A 72)

perfidy *F* *perfidia* *L* *pe* *fidia* from *perfidus* treacherous from *fidus* faithful from *fides* faith For pejorative sense of *per* *cl* *pe* *jure*

perfoliate [*Bot*] With stalk apparently passing through *cl* From *L* *per* and *folium* leaf

perforate From *L perforare* from *fora* a *er* *n* with *fora* *Cl* of current sense came in with myroved postage stamps

perforce *MI* & *F* *par* *for* *e* *Cl* *perat* *centu*

perform *MI* *pa* *fourn* *r* altered by association with other words *13* *f* *rm* from *AF* *pa* *f* *ur* *et* *OI* *parson* *nir* from *fournir* to furnish (*q* *v*) *MI* had also *parfurn* *sh* in same sense In *It* *olaton* *MSS* *l* *fin* *l* *pa* *furnir* (1255) *perfourm* (1342) The *tran* *strm* from *f* *r* *f* *n* *ance* (*cl* *u* *lemn* *ceremoni* *s*) to *per* *f* *r* *n* *g* *f* *leas* *n* *ca* *lly* traced

For ought only thy laude p acious

I arbourd is by men of d gnlire (Chauc B 645)

perfume Orig to fumigate *F* *pa* *sumer* *L* *perfumere* from *sum* smoke tame *cl* *It* *perfuma* *e* *bp* *perfumar*

perfunctory Late *L* *perfunctorius* (leg) from *per* *fing* to get done with *frum* *fun* *l* *fin* *l* to perform

peruse From *L perfundere* *perfu* See *fu* *e*

pergameous Coined (19 cent) from *L* *per* a *nenum* parchment (*q* *v*)

pergola *It* arbour *L* *pe* *gula* projecting out from *pe* *gere* to go forward from *per* and *a* *eri*

perhaps Coined (13 cent) from *ap* *than* *e* after *perat* *entire* *perchance* which it has largely superseded It occurs only three times in *AI* Prob the *s* unitates the ending of *perchance* *percase*

peti *F* *pe* *l* *Per* *pa* *l* *per* orig malevolent spirit controlled by Ahirman *cl* *hi* *l* *of* *far* *l* *elf* App introduced by Beckford (*l* *athe*) and popularized by Byron and Moore

peti *C* *peti* around Many compd cor respond in sense with those of *L* *e* *reum*

penagay See *pena* *et*

penanth [*B* 1] *F* *perianthe* coined on *pe* *ca* *p* from *C* *l* *box* flower

periapt Amulet *F* *pe* *l* *apte* *G* *periantror* from *arr* *v* *to* *fasten*

pericardium [*anat*] *G* *perikard* *or* (membrane) round the heart *apda*

pericarp [*Bot*] *F* *pericarpe* *C* *pericarp* pod from *apros* fruit

Periclean *Of* Athens in time of *Pericles* (429 *b* *c*) *Cl* *413* *ustia*

Pentecost Church L, G *πεντηκοστή* (sc *ἡμέρα*), fiftieth (day) G name for Jewish Feast of Weeks, celebrated seven weeks after second day of Passover Found in AS, but now usu replaced by *Whit Sunday* Cf F *Pentecôte*, Ger *Pfingsten* penthouse Folk-etym for earlier *pentice*, *penus*, aphet for F *appentis*, from *ap-pende*, to hang to, cf a *lean-to* Association with F *penite*, slope, has introduced idea of sloping, whence *pent-roof* The form *penthouse* is much earlier than dict records It occurs (in AF) in *John of Gaunt's Reg* (1372-76)

Item, quod appenticia sint ita sublimia quod homines potuerint facilliter sub illis ire et equitare (*Liber Albus*, 259)

appentis the penthouse of a house (Cotgr)

pentagraph See *pantograph*

penultimate From L *paene*, almost, *ultimus*, last

penumbra Coined (1604) by Kepler from L *paene*, almost, *umbra*, shade

penurious Orig indigent, from *penury*, L *penuria*, want, cogn with *paene*, hardly

peon In India, police-man, servant, etc, Port *peño* or F *pion* In Sp Amer, labourer, Sp *peón* Both from MedL *pedo-n*, footsoldier, from *pes*, *ped-*, foot (see *pawn*?) Hence *peonage*, servitude for debt, in Mexico

peony AS *peonie*, L *paconia*, G *παιωνία*, from Παιών, physician of the gods, in allusion to med properties ME had also *piome*, from OF (now *pinome*)

people F *peuple*, nation, race, L *populus*; cf It *popolo*, Sp *pueblo*, Ger *pöbel*, mob Has largely replaced native *folk* and is used in many senses for which F uses *gens*, *personnes*, *on*, *monde*, etc For vowel cf *beef*, *retrieve*, etc Mod spelling, for ME *peple*, is an artificial reversion to the -o- of *populus*

peperino [geol] Porous rock It, from *pepe*, pepper, in allusion to small grain

peperomia Plant ModL, from G *πέπερι*, pepper

peplum Overskirt L, from G *πέπλος*, robe

pepper AS *pipor*, L *piper*, G *πέπερι*, of Eastern origin, cf Sanskrit *pippalī* Found very early in most Europ langs For *peppercorn* (ie nominal) *rent* see below With *peppermint*, from *mint*, cf Ger *pfefferminze*

Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis

unam clovam garlofill ad Pascham pro omni ser-
uicio (Grant in *Stonor Papers*, c. 1290).

Shalt yearly pay
A peppercorne, a nutt, a bunch of may,
Or some such trifle (NED 1616)

pepsin ModGer coinage from G *πέψις*, digestion, from *πέπτειν*, to ripen, cook. Cf *peptie*, *dyspepsia*

peptone Ger *pepton* (v s) Hence *peptonize*, to pre-digest by means of pepsin For fig. use cf *pepmucan*

per L, through, by, in MedL also with distributive sense As prefix also intens in L., as in *periturb* (cf E *thorough*), and this sense appears in chem terms in *per*, e g *peroxide*, *perchloride* Many E. words in *per-* are latinized from earlier forms in *par-*, borrowed from F, e g *perfect*, ME & OF *parfit*, L *perfectus* Mod as *per usual* seems to have been suggested by F *comme par ordinaire*

peradventure Restored spelling of ME & OF *par aventure*, often contracted in ME, cf *perchance* and obs *percease* "It is sometimes used as a noun, but not gracefully nor properly" (Johns)

Paraunter she may be youre purgatorie
(Chaucer 1670)

It is indispensable that the Governments associated, against Germany should know beyond a peradventure with whom they are dealing
(Pres Wilson, Oct 15, 1918)

perai. SAmer fresh-water fish Tupi (Brazil) *piaya*, lit scissors

perambulate From L *perambulare*, from *ambulare*, to walk, travel Earlier is *perambulation*, official journey to fix boundaries (see *pinhen*) Current sense of *perambulator*, orig a traveller, etc, dates from c 1850-60 *Perambulator* is a mod portmanteau-word

percale Muslin F, cf It *percallo*, Sp *percal* Of Eastern origin, cf Pers *par-qalah*, a rag

perceive F *percevoir*, with OF tonic stem *perceiv-*, VL **percipere*, for *percepere*, from *capere*, to take Cf *deceive*, etc

per cent Short for L *per centum*, still in leg. use

percept As *phulos* term coined (19 cent) on concept L *perceptum*, from *percepere*, *percept-*, to perceive Cf *perceptible*, *perception*, which are much older

perch¹ Fish F, L *perca*, G *έρκνη*, cogn with *περκνός*, dark-spotted

perch² Pole, etc, in various senses, now usu

- they are well exemplified Cf *Deonian Silurian*
- permut L. *per mittere* from *mittere* miss to send cf F *permettre* It *permettre* I tyn sense of allowing to pass appears in noun *permut* orig. imper. of verb from inst word of offic. authorization (cf F *laisse passer* a permit)
- permute L. *permutare* to change thoroughly
- pern Honey buzzard Incorr. from G *περnis* s. kind of hawk
- pernicious F. *pernicius* L. *pernicius* from *pernicus* destruction from *nex* nec slaughter death Application to disease esp. anaemia is recent
- pernickety [Sc] Fussy parti ulur Introduced into E. by Sc. writers from c. 1880 Origin unknown It is synon. with Sc. *pernick* and both words recorded from c. 1800 may be childish or uneducated versions of *particular* Cf synon. Norw. Dan. *pernitelig* thought to be corrupted from *pedantilig* pedantic
- peroration L. *peroratio*-n from *perorare* to speak n. ht. through, from *ora* e. to speak pray from *os* or mouth cf F. *peroraison*
- perpend L. *perpendere* to weigh thoroughly from *pendere* to weigh
- perpendicular Orl. *perpendis* l. r. (*pe pen diculure*) L. *perpendicularis* from *perpendicularium* plummet from *fendere* to hang First in astron. (Chauc.) as arch term introduced (1852) by Rickman *Perpendicular drinking* is treated as a problem in the *Daily Chron.* Mar. 10. 1919
- perpetrate From L. *perpetrare* to accomplish from *per* are to bring about Criminal suggestion in E. is due to word having first been used (16 cent.) in statutes
- perpetual F. *perpetuel* L. *perpetualis* from *perpetuus* ? from *petere* to seek aim at
- perplex First as adj. (Wyc.) L. *perplexus* entangled from *plectere* *plex* to weave plant Cf *complex*
- perquisite L. *perquisitum* thing eagerly sought from *perquirere* *perquisit* from *quaere* to seek Orig. (few) property acquired otherwise than by inheritance Current sense from 16 cent. *Perquisitio* domiciliary search is from ModF
- percon [arch] Platform with steps before building F. augment of *puerre* stone L. *petra* cf It. *petra* one See *Peter*
- perruque See *feruque*
- perry OF *perd* (*poi d*) from *perre* (*poire*) pear (q. v.) Still *perd* in NormF

- petse [archaic] A dark colour purplish blue Archais. F. *pers* which in *Fol* (11 cent.) means livid MedL. *perseus persicus* point to popular association with *Persia* or perh. with *perch* (q. v.)
- Il perso è un colore mi to di p. spureo e di nero (Dante)
- persea Tree (Namer & Wind) Orig. sacred tree of Egypt and Persia L. G. *persea*
- persecute F. *pe sécuter* from L. *p. r. equi* *persecut* from *sequi* to follow Earlier (14 cent.) is *persecution* esp. in ref. to early Church
- persevere F. *persévé* et L. *perseverare* from *severus* earnest Until 18th usu. accented a in quot. below
- His only power and providence perse. er Uphold, maintain, and rule th. world (Sylv. 71)
- Persian OF *persen* from *Perse* L. *Pers* s. in G. *Πέρσις* OFers. *Pars* (see *Pa* ce) OFers. or Zend. is an Aryan lang. closely allied to Sanskrit ModPers. is owing to the Mohammedan conquest (7-9 cents.) saturated with Arab
- persicaria Plant peach wort MedL. (see *peach*)
- persuasive F. from *persuader* to banter 18 cent. coimage from *siffler* to blow whistle I. *sibilare*
- persimmon Amer. date plum Earlier *pus chamion* (Capt. John Smith 1612) from Amer. Ind. (Algonquin of Virginia) with suffix *men* as in other names of grains and fruits
- persist F. *persist* et L. *persistere* from *sistere* to stand
- person F. *per sonne* L. *persona* character in play (*dramatis persona*) ? from *personare* to sound through with allusion to actor's mask ? or of Etruscan origin (cf *his trionis*) Orig. sense survives in *impersonate* *personify* in the person of in one's own person (v. i.) and there is a suggestion of it in *persona* et F. *personnage* dramatic character In ME. often used esp. of physical appearance hence *personable* comely having "a fine person" Current senses of *personnel* form a parallel series to those of *general* *Personally* conducted tours were presumably at first accompanied by Mr. Cook in *propria persona* In gram. sense L. *persona* was adopted by Varro in imitation of G. *πρόσωπον* character in play similarly used by Dionysius Thrax

pericope Paragraph G περικοπή, from κόπτω, to cut

pericranium [anat.] G περικράνιον, round the skull Often wrongly used for *cranium*

peridot F *péridot*, OF *peridot* (13 cent.), cf. MedL *peradota* ? Arab *farīdat*, gem In ME chrysolite, reintroduced from F c 1700 as jeweller's name for olivine chrysolite

perigee [astron.] F *périgée*, MedL *perigeum*, Late G. *περίγειον*, neut. of *-εργίαιος*, round (near) the earth, γῆ Cf *apogee*

perihelion [astron.] From G. ἥλιος, sun, as *perigee* Cf *aphelion*

peril F *peril*, L *periculum*, from root of *experire*, to try, experiment, *peritus*, experienced Ult cogn with *face* Replaced AS *fār* (cf Ger *gefahr*). At (one's) *peril* is ME

perimeter G περίμετρος, from μέτρον, measure

period F *période*, L, G *-ερίδος*, circuit, from δῶς, way Orig time of duration *Periodical*, in literary sense, dates from the magazines (*Spectator*, etc) of early 18 cent

peripatetic F *péripatétique*, L, G *περιπατητικός*, given to walking about, from *παρῆναι*, to tread Earliest in ref to Aristotle, who taught while walking in the Lyceum at Athens

periphery OF *periphérie*, L G *-εμφέρεια*, lit carrying round, from *φέρειν*, to bear Cf *circumference*

periphrasis L, G *περίφρασις*, from *φράζω*, to speak Cf *circumlocution*, *talking round* (a subject)

periplus [hist.] L, G *-ερί-λοις*, sailing round, from *πλοῦς*, *πλοῦς*, voyage Cf *circumnavigation*

perique Tobacco (from Louisiana) Said to be named from *Pierre Chenel*, who introduced tobacco growing among the Acadian exiles

periscope Coined on *telescop*, etc, from G *περισκόπος*, to look

perish F *perir*, *perire*, L *perire*, lit, to go through For sense cf Ger. *zergehen*. In ME also trans, as still in *perishing cold* Cf *perish* Currency of *perish the thought* is due to Chaucer's 13, who is independent adaptation? is also responsible for *Richard's* *perish* again.

Catech. Here we profess thy Lord consider, etc: We will be known as thy Lord and Lord to 1700, How we do you should be known as thy Lord

Richard Pensch that thought No, never be it said, That Fate itself could awe the soul of Richard Hence, babbling dreams, you threaten here in vain Conscience av ant; Richard's himself again (Rich III, v 3 As it is acted at the Theatre Royal. By C. Cibber).

peristeronic [neol.] Of the pigeon, G *περιστέρα*

peristyle F. *péristyle*, L, G. *περίστυλος*, neut. of *περίστυλος*, having pillars all round, from *σῆλος*, pillar

peritoneum [anat.] Inner membrane of abdomen L, G *περιτόναιον*, what stretches round, from *τείνω*, to stretch

periwig Earlier (16 cent.) *perwinke*, for *peride* (q.v)

periwinkle¹ Plant AS *perwince*, L *perwinca*, perh orig a climbing plant and cogn. with *vincire*, to bind, cf F *pervenche*, "periwinkle, or pervinche" (Cotg). Form has app been influenced by *periwinkle*²

And fresshe pervynke niche of hewe

(Rom of Rose, 1432)

periwinkle² Mollusc, *winkle* AS *pinwincle*, explained as sea-snail, with first element app from L *pina*, G *πῖνα*, mussel But there is a gap between this and the mod word (16 cent.) Form has app been influenced by *periwinkle*¹, as we find 16 cent *perwinke* in both senses These two words are a good example of the perversity of folk-etym, for it seems impossible to find any logical point of contact See *wink*

perjure F *perjurer*, L *perjurare*, from *jurare*, to swear, from *jus*, *jur*, law, etc Cf *foi swear* Perjury is older in E For pejorative force of *per*- cf *perfidy*

perk [rollog] To be jaunty, hold up the head, whence adj *perk-y* Forms are those of obs or dial *perl*, perch (noun and verb). ONF *perque* and the only ME record (v 1) has to do with the popinjay, so that orig sense may have been suggested by the attitude of the parrot on its perch. On the other hand some early examples suggest rather a metall. of *perch*

The pope, yes perker and praynen for proude

(MND c. 1383)

permanent. F, from pres part. of L *permanere*, from *manere*, to dwell, verbion *Permanent way* (rail) is contrasted with *construction line*

permeate. From L *permeare*, from *per*, to pass

Permian [geol]. Strata named (1841) by Mercklin from *Perm*, F Russ, where

found passim in various senses in Haki and Purch

Co find an i pest r'd in this p nfold h re
(Com s 6)

pestle OF *pestel* L. *pistillum* from *pungere*
pist to pound

pet Darling Orig (16 cent) Se and applied
to tame or household animals and birds
as well as to children I rob this is the
earlier meaning (cf *duck* my lamb etc)
App related to obs *peat* in same sen es
esp in *proud peat* (*Heart of Midlothian*
ch 1) Origin unknown but see quot
below

pet a little loot m n *petos* m p it springall
my gentle imp (any such fl it n g or dandi ng
phrase bestowed by nurses on th r cking boyes)
(Colg)

pet² Temper App from phrase to *take the*
pet which began to replace (c 1600) the
earlier to *take pepper in the nose* It appears
to be from *pet* in sense of animal like
F *prendre la chèvre* lit to take the goat
with which cf US *that gets my goat* though
the metaphor is not clear cf also It
pigliare la monna to get drunk lit take
the monkey

p e dra la chov e to take in d dgeon or an fle to
tak the pet or pepper in the nose (Colg)

petal F *pétale* G π *palos* thin plate neut
of π *palos* outspread Cf *palulous*

petard F *pétard* from *péter* to break i and
from *pet* L *pedalum* from *pedere* cf It
peta do obs Sp *pela*

To t the port to ha e the e g aer
Holst with hi own p tard (*H ml ill 4*)

petasus G broad brimmed hat as worn by
Mercury G π *ros* from root *per* to
spread cf *petal*

petaurist Flying roars: pial G π *a paurys*
lit performer on the spring board *pera po*

Peter L G *Πέτρος* lit stone rendering
Syriac *kēfa* stone (*Cephas*) Hence *Pet r s*
pence tribute to Rome see of St Peter
also called *Rome scot* dating from AS
times abolished in 1534 To rob *Peter* to
pay *Paul* is prob merely a collocation of
familiar names *Pierre et Paul* being used
in F like *Tom Dick and Harry* in E
though later ecd senses have been read
into the phrase (v1) In *blue Peter* the
choice of the name may be arbitrary (cf
jolly Roger) but I have sometimes won
dered whetl er it is in some way connected
with obs *beaupers* *beupers* bunting mis

understood as beautiful Peter (Piers
Pearce) and perverted to suit the colour

discover S F *er e pou covers* S Pol to ball
or mch on Church with th ruins or e e es
f a ther (Colg)

A moderat b rguo for P ul t t pav may be
a very bad barg n fo F i r the o sum
(Ob June 2 19 9)

Peterloo [hist] See *blinker*

peter out Orig US of stream or lode of ore
? From F *péter* (see *petard*) ? i to fizzle
out

petersham [archaic] Coat cloth From
Viscount *Petersham* (c 1812) Cf *spencer*
ra lan

A *Petersham* a t with l et coll m d 1 sbt
after the abom able fash on of thow d v
(Tom Brown b)

petiole Footstalk of plant F *pétiole* L
petiolus from *pes* *ped* foot

petit F see *pétit*

petition F *pétition* L *petitio* n from *petere*
petit to seek ask for

Whl b kynde of d sp tyng s b i men call *Petio*
pr + th provyng f tw certane thynges
eche by th ther s d is no provyng at all (Tynd)

petrel From 17 cent App from *St Peter*
with suffix as in *cockerel* Cf Norw *Peders*
fu l Ger *Petersvogel* prob suggested by
the L word F *petrel* is also from E

The seam gi them th ame of petrels, in
allus n to St P ter w lkl g pon th Lake of
Gen sarath (Damp er)

Petrburg S gnature of bishop of P ter
borough

petrify F *pétrifier* as though from L *pet i*
ficare from *pet a* rock S *e Peter*

petrol In mod use from F *pétrol* refined
petroleum The latter is MedL from
petra rock *oleum* oil Hence F *pétroleu e*
(hist) female incendiary during Paris
Commune (1871)

petrology Science of rocks From L *petra*
G *werpa*

petronel [hist] Horse pistol carbine The
derivation usu given from F *poitrine*
chest is incorr Archaic F *po trinal* is
due to folk etym the weapon perh being
slung ? or fired from the chest The
earliest (16 cent) forms are F *petru al* It
pétrinaw *petronello* *pet onelo* Sp *pet i enal*
all from L *petra* stone the derivatives of
which It *pietra* Sp *piedra* mean gun
flint Ger *flinte* Du *white* musket were
also introduced when the flint lock super
seded the older matchlock Cf Sp Port

persona L (v s), esp in Late L *persona grata* and in *propria persona*

personnel F, from *personne* (v s) Orig contrasted with *matériel*

perspective F, MedL *perspectiva* (sc *ars*), from *perspicere*, *perspect-*, to see through.

Used by Chauc of an optical instrument
perspicacious From L *perspicax*, *perspicac-*, clear-sighted, from *perspicere* (v s) Cf *perspicuous*, from L *perspicuus*, transparent These two words are sometimes confused in mod use

perspire L *perspire*, to breathe through, blow gently Euph for *sweat* from 18 cent

That gross kind of exudation which was formerly known by the name of "sweat", now every mortal, except carters, coal heavers, and Irish chairmen, merely "perspires" (*Gent Mag* 1791)

persuade F *persuader*, L *persuadere*, from *suadere*, to advise With *persuasion*, religious opinion (16 cent), cf *conviction*

pert Aphet for ME & OF *apert*, L *apertus*, open, but used in sense of *expertus* Orig sense of ready, skilled, etc survives in dial *peart*, but the usual meaning, already in Chauc (v1), is now almost that of the opposite *malapert* Cf Ger *frech*, impudent, orig bold, reckless, and E *bold hussy* *Proud* has degenerated in the same way

With proude wordes apert (*Plowmans Crede*, 511)

She was proud and peert as is a pye

(Chauc A 3950)

pertain ME *parleynne*, OF *parler*, VL **pertinere*, for *perlinere*, from *tenere*, to hold Cf *pertinent*

pertinacious From L *pertinax*, *pertinac-*, from *tenax*, from *tenere*, to hold

pertinent F, from pres part of L *perlinere*, to pertain, belong to

perturb F *perturber*, L *perturbare*, from *turbare*, to disturb, from *turba*, crowd

peruke F *perruque* (15 cent), It *perruca*, *parruca*, of obscure origin Sp *peluca* has suggested connection with L *pilus*, hair, but Port has *peruca* and the -r- may be original Connection with *parakeet*, in allusion to tufted crest, is not impossible The popular E form was *perwike*, whence *perwig* Pepys, who had his first wig in 1662, spells it at first *peruke* and later *periwigg*

peruse There is an obs *peruse*, to use up, eg *a bowsprete perused and roleyn* (*Nav Accts*, 15 cent), OF *paruser*, but this can hardly be connected, though it may have influenced the form Earliest sense, to go

through, survey, hence, inspect, examine critically, points to **peruse*, from L *peru-dire*, *peruis-*, to look through, scrutinize (cf. *revise*, *survey*). It has always been a word rather written than spoken, and such words sometimes acquire spelling pronounce, u and v not being distinguished in MS and print till recent times (cf *Alured*, mistake for *Alured*, i.e. *Alfred*) With quot 3 cf. Watts' "When I survey the wondrous cross"

That every weke Maister Meyre let call viij persons- unto the tyme that all the x wardes be perused (*Co. entry Lect Book*, 1510)

Littleton's Tenures. lately perused and amended (*Boot-tile*, 1612).

I climbed the Hill, perused the Cross,
Hung with my gain and his great loss
(Vaughan, 1650).

Peruvian bark Cinchona (q v.) From *Peruvia*, latinized form of *Peru*

pervade L *pervadere*, to go through.

pervasive F *pervers*, L *perversus*, from *pervertere*, to turn away, whence *pervert*, cf *froward*, which it has replaced *Pervert*, noun, iron for *convert*, is a neol

pervious From L *pervius*, from *via*, way

peseta Sp coin, dim of *pesa*, weight See *poise*

peshitta [theol] Syriac *Vulgate*. Syriac *p'shittā*, simple, plain (sc *mappagā*, version)

Peshwa, Peishwa Orig. chief minister of Mahratta princes, becoming hereditary sovereign in 1749 Pers *pēshwā*, chief

pesky [US] App from *pest*, cf *plaguy*

pcso Sp dollar, lit weight, L *pensum*, from *pendere*, *pens-*, to weigh

peccary [med] MedL *peccarium*, from *peccare*, from G. *πεccōō*, oval stone

pessimism Coined (late 18 cent.) ? by Coleridge, after *optimism*, from L *peccimus*, worst

pest F *peste*, L *pestis*, plague, pestilence Cf *pestilence*, F, L *pestilentia*.

Pestalozzian Of *Pestalozzi*, Swiss educationist (†1827)

pester. Now associated with *pest*, but orig to hamper, entangle, aphet for OF. *empestrer* (*empētrēr*), "to pester, entangle, trouble, incumber" (Cotg), orig, to fasten (at pasture) with a tether, MedL *pastorium* (sc *pastern*), and representing a VL type **impastoriare*, cf It *pastoriare*, "to fetter, to clog, to shackle, to pasture, to give" (Flor) In early use chiefly naut and

for *sihbeg* as also in surnames such as *Ihayes Phillimore* etc
 phaeton. Vehicle from c 1740 G *φάθων* lit. shining used as name of son of Helios who tried unsuccessfully to drive his father's chariot
 phagous L G *φαγος* from *φαγε* to eat Also *phagy* G *φαγ*
 phalange [anat] Finger bone Back formation from *phalanx* pl of *phalanx* (qv)
 phalanger Austral marsupial From G *φάλαγγιον* spider's web in allusion to webbed toes
 phalanx L G *φάλαγξ* esp used of the Macedonian formation
 phallic G *φάλλος* from *φάλλω* penis worshipped in Dionysiac festivals as symbol of productivity
 Phanariot ModG *Φαναριώτης* inhabitant of *Phanar* district of Constantinople Turk *fanar* G *φανάριον* light house dim of *φαῖος* lamp
 phanogamous [bot] Opposite of *cryptogamous* From G *φανερως* visible from *φαίνω* to show
 phantasm MG & OG *φανασμα* L C *phantasma* from *φανταζω* to display from *φαίνω* to show cf *phantom* Hence *phantasmagoria* coined (1802) by exhibitor of optical illusions in London as a mouth filling and startling term (VED) According to *Dict Gén F* *fanasma* *orie* is recorded for 1801 so that the word was prob borrowed
 phantom ME & OG *fantasma* (*fantôme*) as *phantasm* (qv) cf It Sp *fantasma* Change of vowel in *f* word is unexplained
 Pharaoh L G *φαρως* Heb *paroh* from Egypt *pr o* great house generic name of line of Egypt kings Cf *faro*
 Pharisee OF *pharis* (replaced by *pharisien*) L G *φρισαίος* Aram *prishaiyā* pl of *prish* Heb *parush* separated Rendered *sunder halig* in AS Go *pel* version
 pharmaceutical L G *φάρμακον* κ ε from *φάρμακ* poison drug Older is *pharmac* ME *fermacie* OG *farmacie* Late L G *pharma* *ia* *Pharmacopoeia* is from *-ποιος* making (cf *poet*)
 pharos L G *φάρος* island off Alexandria with light house built by Ptolemy *Pha delphus* One of the seven wonders of the world
 pharynx G *φάρυγξ* cf *φάρυγξ* chasm
 phase Γ or back formation from *phases* pl of ModL *phases* earlier used for *phase*

G *φάος* from *φαίνω* to show Orig (17 cent) of the moon
 phasianine Of the pheasant (qv)
 pheasant ME *sesan* *sesand* et Γ *saian* L G *φασαγος* of *φασ* river of Colchi whence the bird was first brought In most Europ langs For *i* cf *peasant* *triant*
 phenol [chem] From G *φωσ* shining from *φαίνω* to show Introduced (1847) as Γ formative prefix by Laurent
 phenology Science of recurring phenomena Lit a Cer coinage
 phenomenon Late L G *φαινόμενον* of pres part pass of *φαίνω* to show Sense of extraordinary occurrence portent from 18 cent
 phew Natural interj of disgust cf Ger *pfui*
 phial ME *fiote* F Late L *phiala* for *phiala* G *φιάλη* broad flat vessel Cf *rial* Silveren *fiols* (ear vials) twelve (Nyc. h. m. b. li 84)
 Phidian Of *Phidias* G *Φιδίας* most famous of G sculptors (†432 B.C.)
 phil Sec *philo*
 phil phile Adopted in ModL from G *φίλος* loving which is used only in proper names e.g. *Theophilus* Θ *φίλος* dear to God Mod coinages e.g. *Hunophil* with linking *-o-* are numerous Opposite is *phobe*
 The enticoph! Balka takes (D. by Chro. Sep 3 9)
 Trigo would be nothing to do with the phila and the ph bes of with si! (T. m. L. S. p. 11 Mar 2 19 9)
 philadelphian [hist] Sect From G *φίλος* *δέλφιος* brotherly love from *αδελφός* brother Hence name of city in US
 philadelphia: new sect of euthusiast preachers t broth div love (D. a. C. a. t. m.)
 phulander G *φίλος* *άνθρωπος* lover of men from G *άνθρωπος* man cf *philanthrope* Later sense as stock name for lover hence verb to *philander* perh due to wrong interpretation loving man or from use of name *Philander* in early roman es Cf *abiail*
 philanthropy Γ *φιλανθρωπία* Late L G *φίλος* *άνθρωπος* from a *άνθρωπος* man
 philately Γ *φιλατελία* coined (1864) by stamp-collector Herp n from G *ατελώς* free of charge suggested by Γ *franco* *fanc de port* cf archaic E to *frank* a letter F *affranchir* Ger *freimark* stamp

pedernal, flint for striking fire, gun flint
The E form is prob from It

pedreñal un poitrinal, sorte de petite arquebuse à rouet (Oudin)

'Twas then I fired my petronel,
And Northam, steed and rider, fell (*Rokeby*, 1 19).

petrosal [*anat*] From L *petrosus*, stony,
from *petra*, stone

petticoat Orig (15 cent) *pety cote*, i.e. *petty coat*, small coat, a garment worn under armour, but already in 15 cent also used of female attire, though not at first a skirt. As symbol of womankind contrasted by Shaks with *breeches* (3 *Hen VI*, v 5) (see also quot s v *vessel*) *Petticoat government* is first recorded as book-title (1702) *Petticoat tails*, Scotch tea-cakes, (gâteaux), but is prob one of those fantastic coinages which have to be left unexplained

pettifogger From 16 cent First element is *petty* (q v), second may be obs Du *focker*, monopolist, cf *focken*, to cheat, in Flem pedlar lang These words are connected by some with *Fugger*, name of family of merchant princes at Augsburg (15-16 cent) Cf Ger *kleinigkeitsskrämer*, in somewhat similar sense E formerly had *pettifactor*, *pettymerchant*, in sense of huckster

focker. monopola, pantopola, vulgò fuggerus, fuccardus (Kil)

Lawyers, breath-sellers and pettifoggers [Mont gens maniant les procès] (Florio's *Montaigne*, 1 22)

pettish Now associated with *pet*^{1,2}, but it is earlier than these words and is prob aphet for *impetuous*, with suffix-change as in *squeamish* (q v) In its earliest occurrences it is glossed *impetuosus* (Huloet, 1552), *effraenis*, *vacundus* (Levins, 1570) Current sense is evidently due to *pet*², partly perh to *petulant*

pettitoes [*dial*] Now pig's trotters, but orig "giblets" of a pig or other animal Mod sense, due to association with *toe*, is as early as Florio (v 1) OF *petite oe* (*oie*), lit little goose, applied to goose-giblets, gave E (*pygges*) *petytoe* (Rutland MSS 1539) But, as F *petite oie* means accessories of any kind, e.g. of costume, or even the preliminaries of a battle, and these senses are recorded about as early as that of giblets, it seems possible that OF *petite oe* may be folk-etym for OIt *petilo*, little, borrowed from F *petit*

Puis apres luy firent servir sept cens cinquante platz de petites oues

(*Chroniques admirables du puissant roi Gargantua*, ? c 1530)

peducen. all manner of feeble, or pettfoes drest to be eaten, as calves, sheepes, neates, or hogs feeble, or pigs pettfoes (Flor)

petto, in It, in the breast, L *pectus*

petty ME *pety*, for *petit*, the latter also being fully naturalized and current up to 17 cent F *petit* is prob of Celt origin and cogn with *piece*. - *Petty* was orig used without disparaging sense, as still in *petty officer*, *petty cash* Esp. common in leg. lang, e.g. *petty jury* (*larceny*, *sessions*, etc)

petulant F *petulant*, L *petulans*, *petulant*, wanton, malapert, etc, as though from L **petulare*, dim of *petere*, to seek. Current sense is due to association with *pettish*.

petunia Coined (1789) by Jussieu from archaic F *petun*, tobacco, Port *petum*, Guaraní (Brazil) *peti*

petuntse Porcelain earth Chin *pai-tun-tz*, white stone, with formative suffix Cf *haolin*

pew ME *puwe*, OF *puie*, balcony, balustrade, from *podia*, pl of *podium*, elevated balcony, imperial seat in theatre, G *podior*, base, pedestal, dim of *pod*, *pod*, foot From *podium* comes archaic F *pu*, with wide range of meanings in OF, and found in sense of hill in many geog names, e.g. *Puy-de-Dôme* (Auvergne) Orig sense of *pew* as raised place of dignity survives, at any rate up to time of writing, in the *squire's pew*

Nor was there [in the theatre] any pretty woman that I did see, but my wife, who sat in my lady Fox's pew with her (Pepys, Feb 15, 1669).

pewit, peewit Imut of cry, cf Du *peuit*, Ger *kiebitz*, E dial *peeweeep*

pewter ME. *peutre*, *peuthe*, etc, OF *peutre* (12 cent), for earlier **pelthe*, cf It *pellro*, Sp *pelte* There are also later OF. forms in *esp*., with which cf synon E *speller* Origin unknown, although much discussed Cf obscure origin of other alloy metals (*brass*, *latten*).

pfennig Ger *penny* (q.v)

ph- L transliteration of G *φ*, and found prop only in words of G origin Thus *ph* was replaced in VL by *f*, so that in OF. we find *filosofe*, *fiscien*, etc, which passed into ME; but these have nearly all been restored Oec there are doublets, e.g. *fancy*, *phantasy*, *frant.c*, *phrenetic* In some words imit. *ph*- is a barbarism, e.g. *phutheg*

phonetic G φωνητικὸς from φωνή sound
Orig used (1797) by Zoega of ancient
inscriptions representing sounds instead
of pictures Since middle of 19 cent esp
in ref to spelling and to the scient study
of sound-change in lang Cf *phonetic* Δ in
same sense

The scienc of phonology is the science to the
study of language but we must not forget that
it is but the outer vestibule not the inner shrine
itself (Whitney)

phonograph Orig character representing a
sound (*phonography* phonetic spelling is
recorded for 1701) from 1837 associated
with Pitman's short hand from 1877 with
Edison's talking machine but now giving
way to *gramophone* (q.v.)

phonopore Apparatus for transmitting tele-
phonic messages on telegraph wires From
G φωνο passage

phore phorous From G φωρος from
φωρ to bear chiefly in scient terms
cf *fer ferous* See *semaphore*

phosphorus L G φωσφορος light bearing
from φως light (v.s.) Orig the morning
star (cf. *Lucifer*) later applied to any
luminous substance and since its dis-
covery in 1669 to a chem element

photograph From G φως light
γραφειν to write etc Introduced (1839)
by Sir John Herschel perh as compromise
between rival candidates *photo* and *heli-*
graph and at once adopted into F *Photo-*
graphie F is a hybrid from *grature* en-
graving

phrase F L G φράσις from φράζειν to
point out till now often used of stereo-
typed or meaningless expressions such as
freedom of the seas democratic control of sea-
decriminalization of peoples etc

I would warn you in all sincerity not to mistake
phrases for facts (D. Lloyd George Mar 23, 1918)

phratry G φάτρη, clan division of tribe
from φάτρη brother

phrenetic Learned form of *phantasy* (q.v.)

phrenology Lit mental science From G
φρη; φρη mind cf F *phrénologie*
Coined (c. 1815) by Gall and Spurzheim

Phrygian Of *Phrygia* in Asia Minor the
national cap of which has been identified
in mod times with the cap of liberty

phthisis L C φθίσις from φθείρω to
waste away From 16 cent

phycozoology Science of sea weed L *phycus* G
φύκος

phyllactery ME *flisterie* (Wyc) L G φύ-

λακρυχίου guard amulet from φ λαορε
to guard cf OF *fila iera* (phylis iere) Orig
case containing four OT texts viz *Deut*
vi 4-9 ex 13-21 *Lev* xiii 1-10 *11-16*
Ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, &
they shall be for frontlet between your eyes
(Prov x 381)

phylarch G φ λαρχος head of a tribe φ λ
Phyllis See *Phyllis*

phylloxera Vine-pest Coined (1834) from
G φ λ leaf φ η α dry

phylogeny History of race Ger *phil* er e
(Haeckel 1867) from φ λ tribe

physeter Sperm whale L C φισσηρ from
φισσε to blow

physic ME *fisike* OF *psique* L G φυσικη
(φυσική) knowledge of nature φ υ σ
from φ υ ρ to produce cogn with L *psu*
and ult with F *ps* With *physica* cōn-
trasted with *moral* cf F *physique* bodily
constitution contrasted with *moral* (of
troops etc.) Sense of healing (early ME)
is evolved from that of familiarity with
bodily processes etc

physiognomy ME *fisunne* etc from OF
(*physiognomie*) L G φ υ σ ι ο γ ν ο μ ι α from
φ υ σ nature γ ν ω μ η γ ν ω μ ο judge in
interpreter See *gnomon* Associated in a
statute of Henry VIII against fortune-
telling with *physic* and *physiognosy*

I know a l by the simony thy kind it were to
telle (VED 400)

physiography Coined (19 cent) on *physio-*
logy

physiology I *physiologie* L G φ υ σ ι ο λ ο γ ι α
study of nature (v.s.)

physique See *physic*

phytology Botany From G φ υ τ ο λ ο γ ι α
plant
π (πάλαι) Ratio of circumference to dia-
meter Name of G letter w p so used by
Euler (1745)

pi's sis Schoolboy abbrev of *prayer*
Hence *prayer square* prayer meeting etc

piacular Figurative L *piacularis* from
piacere in from *piare* to appease See
expiate

piastre (equal) From F *piastre* to strike, c
perh imit of stamping

psammeter anal Membranous brain Med
rendering synonym Arab *umma* *apraz* under
either Cf *psammeter*

piano It short for *pianoforte* or *fortepiano*
It piano with forte *piano* L *pianus*
smooth *fatis* strong Invented (1710)
by Cristoforo di Bassano *Pianus* (c 1000)
is app intended for a calm

-phile See *-phil*

philibeg See *filibeg*

philippic L, G *φιλιππικός*, orig name of orations in which Demosthenes, like an Athenian Lord Roberts, urged his countrymen to arm for their liberty against *Philip of Macedon*, father of Alexander the Great. The name means lover of horses (see *hippopotamus*). To *appeal from Philip drunk to Philip sober* is trad ascribed to a poor widow against whom the king had given judgment when in his normal condition.

philippina, philopoena Ger custom of present-giving connected with double kernel in nut Ger *vielliebchen*, dim from *viel* *lieb*, very dear, became by folk-etym *Philippchen*, little Philip, whence F *Philippine*, etc

Philistine F *philistin*, Late L, G. pl *φιλιστινῶν*, Heb *p'hilistim*, pl name of tribe, cogn with *Palestine*. Current sense of uncultured person, chiefly due to Matthew Arnold, is adapted from Ger *Philister*, used (orig at Jena, 17 cent) in student slang for townee, outsider, and trad due to the text *Philister über du*, the Philistines are upon thee (*Judges*, xvi), chosen by univ preacher of Jena after a fatal "town and gown" in 1689. So explained as early as 1716.

Phillis Neat-handed maid (*Allegro*, 87). Earlier stock name for rustic sweetheart, often coupled (by mistaken derivation) with *Philander*. L *Phyllis*, rustic maid in Virg and Hor, G *Φυλλίς*, from *φύλλον*, leaf. philo-, phil- G *φιλο-*, *φιλ-*, from *φίλος*, dear, *φιλῶν*, to love. Often used to form nonce-words, e.g. the *philo-Hun pacifists*. Opposite is *mis-*, *mis-*, e.g. *misogynist*, *nisanthropy*.

philology F *philologie*, L, G *φιλολογία*, love of words, literature, etc

In conclusion he [Bishop Ussher] recommended to me ye study of philology above all human studies (Evelyn)

philomath Lover of learning See *mathematics*

Philomel F *philomèle*, L, G *φιλομήλα*, understood as lover of song, *μέλος*, but perh lover of apples, *μήλα*. Poet name for nightingale, whence myth of Philomela and Procne. In ME usu *philomene*.

philopoena See *philippina*

philoprogenitiveness Coined (1815) by the phrenologist Spurzheim for the bump indicating love of offspring, progeny

philosopher AF. *filosofie*, OF. *filosofo* (*philosophie*), with *-i-* inserted (as in *barrister*), L, G *φιλόσοφος*, lover of wisdom (see *sophist*). Used in Middle Ages of adept in occult science, whence *philosophers' stone* (see quot. s.v. *cham*), MedL *lapis philosophorum*, cf. F. *pietre philosophale*. Some mod senses of *philosophy*, *philosophical* (to take one's troubles *philosophically*) seem to refer esp to the stoic philosophers.

Thou wert my guide, philosopher and friend (*Essay on Man*, iv 390).

philtre. F, L, G *φίλτρον*, love-potion, from *φιλῶν*, to love

phit [neol] Imit of sound of mod bullet

phiz For *physiognomy*. One of the clipped words of late 17 cent; cf *mob*, *cit*, etc.

phlebotomy Blood letting ME & OF *flebotomie*, L, G *φλεβοτομία*, from *φλέβ*, *φλεβ-*, vein, *τέμνειν*, to cut. See *stream*.

phlegm ME & OF *flemme* (*flegme*), etc, Late L, G. *φλέγμα*, inflammation, clammy humour, from *φλέγειν*, to burn; cf. It. *flemma*, Sp *flema*. One of the medieval four "humours," producing apathy. Hence *phlegmatic*. Sense-development is curious as the word is cogn with *flame*.

phlogistic Combustible, fiery. From G *φλογιστός*, inflammable (v.s.)

phlox L, G *φλόξ*, lit flame (v.s), cf Ger. *flammenblume*.

-phobe, -phobia. G. *-φοβος*, *-φοβία*, from *φόβος*, fear. Earliest is *hydrophobia* (q.v). In mod nonce-words *-phobe* is opposite of *-phil*.

He seems to have a "phobia" of sentimentality, like a small boy who would rather die than kiss his sister in public (*Times Lit Sup* June 12, 1919)

phocine Of the seal, L, G *φώκη*; cf. F *phoque*

Phoenician ME *Femicien*, etc, OF., from L *Phoenicia* (se *terra*), from G *Φοινίκη*, from *Φοινίξ*, *Φοίνικ-*, a Phoenician, ident. with *phoenix*, but reason for name uncertain. The Phoenicians were trad the inventors of letters. The lang is Semit and akin to Hebrew.

phoenix AS & ME. *fenix*, L, G *φοινίξ*, purple-red (v.s). Name and myth are found in most Europ langs.

pholas Boring mollusc G. *φωλάς*, lurking in a hole, *φωλεός*

-phone First in *telephone* (q.v), from G *φωνή*, voice. Hence more recent *microphone*, *radiophone*, etc

tradition derives the word from a Dutchman *Beukels* who discovered (1416) means of preserving herrings. With to be in a *pickle* (Du *in de pekel zitten*) cf. to be in hot water (= the soup etc.) A 1000 *pick* is "hot stuff" but some would connect this rather with *Puck*. In *pickle* has gen. sense of in preparation reserve but *red* is *pick* & refers to actual saturation with a view to efficiency.

They answered that they could not *pick* be in worse *pick* than they were at that present

(Hakl v 143 c. 135)

Most impudent and *pick* I'd go this (VED 1691)

pickwick {archaic} Trade name for cheap cigar (c 1850)

Pickwickian sense. See *Pickwick Papers* ch. 1. Dickens took the name from that of the proprietor of a Bath coach (see ch. xxxv). It is derived from the village of *Pickwick* (Wilts).

picnic First in Chesterfield's *Letters* (1748)

F *picque nique* (17 cent.) redupl. on *piquer* to pick. Early E instances are often *picque nique* and the word is commonly italicized as foreign. Now widely adopted by Europeans.

picot Small loop. *put* F from *picoter* to prick etc. (13)

picotee. Carnation with variegated edge. F *picoté* pp of *picoter* to prick frequent of *piquer* (see *pick*). Cf. *pink*.

picne [chem.] From G *picus* bitter.

Pict [hist.] Late L pl *Picti* taken as meaning *paint* painted but prob. from Celt name of tribe cf. the Gaulish *Pictavi* whence *Posidon Positers*.

picture L *pictura* from *pingere* *paint* to paint cf. It. *pitto* a F *peindre* (VL *punctura*). With *picture* hat (19 cent.) from pictures of Gainsborough. Reynolds cf. Gainsborough hat. *Pictu* *esque* is altered from F *pittoresque*. It *pittoresco* *Pictore* house (palace) is 20 cent.

piddle To trifle. Also *petite piddle*. From 16 cent. App a dial word with LC cognates. In childish use perh. a perversion of *pass*.

pidgin pigeon. Eastern jargon esp in China made up chiefly of E words. *lingua franca* of the East also called *pigeon English*. Extended in varying forms to Africa and Australia. Chin. perversion of E *business* in which sense it is also used.

All boys belonging on place you savvy b master

come now k now f llama t he trong fell too
m wh No more k ce God sa v m k g
(O² Procl to habitant f Bism k
A k pd g Oct 1914)

pie Now usu *ma pie* (q v). F L *pica* cogn. with *pica* wood pecker. The comes-
table *pie* (MedL *pica*) is the same word though the reason for the name may be connected with some forgotten piece of folk lore. It has been suggested that it may have to do with the magpie's habit of making miscellaneous collections. Cf. relation of *ha gis* to archaic F a *are* magpie and double sense of ob E *hevel* (1 Hen 13 v 1) ja kdaa round pie from F *chouette* now screech owl but formerly chough jackdaw a bird which is also a collector of oddments. The identity of the two words is also indicated by F *trouser la pie* a *mid* to disco er th secret and synon 16 cent *descouvrir le pa id* P inter a *pie* (17 cent.) unsorted type is called *pâid* in French while *pâté* is also used of a job lot of curiosities which one buys in hopes of finding some good item in the collection like Little Jack Horner who had a *finger in the pie*. For archaic *pie* ordinal whence oath by Cock (God) a *d pie* see *pie*.

The e mbe and b rd m f th ules called th
p e (F of f Book f Commo P 1er 343-49)

cradaa a ki du f dai t pi hea t b
pate t (Fb)

st a ducou et f pait b h th f j d o t th
myst ne (Coig)

pie [Anglo Ind] As *pie* (q v)

piebald Bald d i e streaked (see *bald*) like a magpie (see *pie*). Prop. black and white only but cf. extended sense of *pied*. Cf. F *cheval pie* in same sense.

piece Ori. sense is a fixed amount or measure (cf. of a piece with) not a bit though the senses are later confused e.g. a three penny piece (bit). F *pièce* cf. It *pezza*. Sp *pie* a Moill. *pec* a *petra* usu supposed to be of Celt. origin and cogn. with F *pehl*. Sense-development took place mostly in F in which *pièce* can mean almost anything and the word partly displaced in E native *deal*. See also *patch mea*. Quot below for *piece* work is mu h older than VED record (1,05).

No person of th craft of cappers had p t owt any
piece woo k b t to such of th same craft
(Corcoran y Let Book 1349)

Thus am I bold t unt id a peec t my mynd
(VED 157)

piastre F, It *piasta*, short for *piastra d'argento*, leaf of silver, orig applied in It to Sp silver *peso*, cf It *piastro*, plaster (q v), and see *plate*

piazza It, place (q v), open square, market place, cf Sp *plaza* In E also erroneously applied to the colonnade of Covent Garden, designed by Inigo Jones, instead of to the market-place itself

The piazza [market square of Leghorn] is very fayre and comodious, and with the church gave the first hint to the building both of the church and piazza in Covent Garden (Evelyn)

piazza a market place or chief street, such is that in Covent-Garden The close walks in Covent-Garden are not so properly the Piazza, as the ground which is inclosed within the rails (Blount)

pibroch Series of variations on bagpipe Gael *piobaneachd*, from *piobair*, piper, from *piob*, E *pipe* (q v) Popularized in E by Scott

pica [typ] L, magpie Earlier used, with *pie*, in sense of set of rules for fixing Church feasts in accordance with displacement of Easter Prob "black and white" is the orig idea For application to type cf. *brevier* (q v), *primer*

picador Sp, pricker, from *picar*, to prick See *pick*², *pique*

picaninny See *piccaninny*

picaresque F, esp in roman *picaresque*, rogue novel (e.g. *Gil Blas*), Sp *picaresco*, prob from *picar*, to prick (cf to *pick* and *steal*)

picaroon Rogue, esp pirate Sp *picarón*, augment of *picaro*, rogue (v s) First in Capt John Smith

piccadill [obs] Common in 17 cent Orig cut edge of ruff, etc, later, fashionable collar with perforated border OF *piccadille*, app from Sp *picado*, pricked, cut (v s) Hence *Piccadilly*, though exact connection is uncertain

pickadill the round hem or the several divisions set together about the skirt of a garment, or other thing, also a kinde of stiff collar, made in fashion of a band Hence perchance that famous ordinary near St James called *Pickadilly*; because it was then the outmost or skirt house of the suburbs that way Others say it took its name from this, that one Higgins a tailor, who built it, got most of his estate by pickadilles, which in the last age were much worn in England (Blount)

piccalilli In 18 cent also *piccalillo*, *pacollilla*. Prob arbitrary formation on *pickle*.

piccanunny, **picanunny** From 17 cent Negro dim of Sp *pequeño* or Port *pequeno*, small, of unknown origin, cf Port *pequemo*,

tiny. It is uncertain whether the word arose in Sp. or Port colonies, or in the E or W. Ind, but it has spread remarkably (WAfr, Cape, Austral, etc)

piccolo It, small Orig in *piccolo flute*, It *piccolo flauto* It *piccolo* belongs to same group as Sp *pequeño* (v s).

pice EInd copper coin, quarter anna Hind *paisā*, ? from Sanskrit *pad*, *padī*, quarter.

pick¹ Noun Ident with earlier *pique* (q v)

Used also in early Sc for *pique*, weapon **pick**² Verb In ME also *pique* AS *þycan*, cf ON *þikka*, to peck, prick, Du *þikken*, to pick, peck, Ger *picken* (from LG), to peck, puncture, also F *piquer*, It *piccare*, Sp *picar*. The relation of all these words is obscure, but they are prob cogn with *beak* and with L *picus*, wood-pecker, and the senses are all developed from the pecking action of a bird See also *peck*², *pitch*². With to *pick* a quarrel with (earlier on), cf to *fasten* a quarrel on *Pick-me-up* is US With *pickpocket* (16 cent) cf *pickpurse* (Chauc)

The seyde parson bathe pekyd a qwarell on to Mastyr Recheforthe (*Paston Let* 187)

pick-a-back In 16 cent also a *pick pack*, redupl on *pack*, as carried on shoulders, early altered by association with *back*. The dial and baby vars are numerous Cf Norw Dan *med pik og pak*, with bag and baggage

St Christopher carried Christ a pick pack (NED 1677)

pickage [archaic] Due for breaking ground when setting up booth at fair AF *picage*, from F *piquer*, to pick, pierce

pickaxe Altered by folk-etym from ME *pikois*, OF *picors*, from *piquer* (v s) Cf *curtle-axe*

Pickoys with which they myned down the walles (*Paston Let*).

pickerel Dim of *pique*; cf *cockrel*

"Bet is," quod he, "a pyk than a pykerel" (Chauc E 1419)

picket Orig pointed stake, e.g. for picketing horses For sense of outlying detachment cf *post*^{1,2} F *piquet*, dim. of *pie*, pick, pike, peak *Picketing*, intimidation by strikers, "peaceful persuasion," is recorded for 1867

pickle Orig brine, Du *pekel*, earlier *peechel*, cf Ger. *pökel*, brine, from LG or Du. Prob from Du *þikken*, to prick, pierce, cf culinary sense of *piquant*. An unsupported

Mr Weller senior for *turnpike* (q v) *Pike* *pī* & *putch* were formerly used indifferently and are still found in various connected senses in dial

pikelet [loc] Short for obs *bara pichlet* Welsh *bar apygld* lit *putchy bread*

popel as soft e les like our Welsh *tarrap, tda* (Cotg)

pikestaff In VL pointed stick kind of alpenstock cf O^N *pikstafr* In 16 cent shaft of *pike* spear (v s) But in *plain* as a *pikestaff* it is substituted for *pick staff* pole for carrying a pack distinguished by its plainness from the many medieval staffs of office etc Cf *plain as a fact saddle* (1553)

The ant bath circum-pect on, ye ha e n e
You packstaff plain the ant crafty and close

(Heywood, *Spuler and Fly* 32)

plaster F *plâst* & It. *plastro* MedL *plâst* um from *pila* pillar See *pila*

pilaw *pilaw* *pilaf* Oriental dish Turk Pers *pilaw* *Pilaff* is thru h Russ

pilchard Earlier (16 cent) *pilcher* Origin unknown Late appearance suggests that it may be a nickname from dial *pilch* to steal *pilcher* *fyshes sardine* (Pals.)

pile¹ Pointed stake javelin (her) AS *pil* dart L *pilum* javelin cf Du *pisl* Ger *pfest* arrow from L. Associated in later senses with *pile*² Hence built on *piles* *pile-driver*

pile² Heap etc F heap pyramid pier of bridge (see also *pila*¹) L *pila* pillar pier etc In sense of building *noble pile* etc partly due to obs *pila* fortress (v 1) ident with *feil*² *Fune al pile* is prob partly due to *pyre* (q v) *Pile* (of wealth) is US and used by Franklin To *pile on the a ony* is also US

Th taking of th tour of Aston in Scotland with other ples th r (Nav *Acas* 1435-48)

pile³ Of velvet etc L *pilus* hair whence F *poil* in same sense

pile⁴ Haemorrhoid L *pila* ball

pileate [bot] L *pileatus* from *pileus* cap Hence Mount *Pilatus* (Switz) *Pileus* is also used of various capped fungi

piller OF *pelf* or from *pelfre* *pelf* (q v)
pilgaric [a chae] For *pilled* (peel'd) *garlic* Humorous for a bald headed person suggesting an onion

pilgrim ME *pellegrin* *pilgrim* Prov *pele* *grim* or It. *pellegrino* cf F *pelerin* Ger *pilgrim* (usu *pil er*) All from L. *peregrinus* from *peregr* one who is abroad

(see *peregrine*) with dissim of *rr* Orig consonants survive in Sp. *peregrino* For final *m* cf *program tenom* etc The very early (c 1200) adoption of an It or Prov word is explained by the pilgrimage route to Rome via Pro ence or if pilgrims crossed the Alps they would encounter Rumansh *pelegrin* The Puritans who found-d (1620) the colony of Plymouth in Massachusetts called them elves *pil rims* but *Pilgrim Fa hers* first occurs in a poem of 1799

First they il lupo th kn es
And then on the Aborigines (A on)

The Pilgrim I th rs who land d on Plymo th
Rock, of whom y k fow il sand th t it would ha
bee bett for th world I Plym th Rock had
landed on them (Times L i S p June 9 9 9)

They (th Pilgrim Mothers) had n t only to endure
the priv tion, s se ed by the Pilgrim F there b t
also to endure th Pilgrim F there well
(Re R W Thompson 192)

pill¹ [archaic] To peel AS *pilian* L *pila* s to strip of hair *pilus* and thus ident with *feil*¹ (q v) Still common in dial ME sense of plundering as in archaic to *pil* and *poll* influenced by cogn F *pillor* to pillage (q v)

And Jacob took lum rods of green poplar and
pilled whit strokes in th m (Gen x 37)

pill² Medicine OF *pila* L *pila* ball or perh MedL *pilla* for dum *pilula* whence F *pilule* It *pillola* cf Du *pil* Ger *pille* Mod slang sense of ball reproduces orig meaning hence to *pill* blackball (*New-comers* ch xxx) also to reject at examination etc *Pill-box* small concrete fort occurs repeatedly in offie account of awards of V C Nov 27 191

pillage First (14 cent) as noun F from *piller* to plunder VL *piliare* for *pilare* to pill¹ cf It. *pigliare* to take snatch

pillar OF *pilar* (pil er) VL *pilare* from *pila* pillar *pila* cf Sp *pilar* From *pila* to *post* was orig a figure from the tennis court usu associated with *loss banty*¹ (q v) Th expression is also used of shuttlecock in Marston's *What you will* (iv 2) the context suggesting that *pila* and *post* were names for the two ends of the court 2 accidentally derived from some famous tennis-court. The orig order *post* to *pilar* (Lyd ate) has been inverted to facilitate the rime with *lost*

E very misal test.
Like to a ten n-ball, from *pila* to *post*
(*Liberalty and Prof gality* ii 4 160)

pièce de résistance F, chief dish, at which one can cut and come again

pie From *pie*¹ Orig black and white, later, motley (q v), variegated Cf F *tigré*, striped, and see *piebald*

Proud-pied April dressed in all his trim
(Shaks *Sonn* xcvi)

piepowder(s), court of [*hist*] Court of summary jurisdiction held at fairs AF *pie-poudrous*, way-farer, itinerant merchant, lit *dustyfoot*, which in ME was used in same sense

pier Orig (12 cent) support of bridge, later, jetty, landing-stage, etc Late AS *per*, AF *pere*, MedL *pera*; cf OF. (Picard & Walloon) *pire*, *piere*, breakwater The region of OF *pire* and its regular association with the Scheldt point to Teut origin Ger *bär*, bear, OHG *pero*, and Du *beer*, bear, boar, are found in same sense, and the latter is used of the warlike device called in E just a *cat* or *sow* Hence the word may be an instance of the fig use of an animal name Orig sense, whether in ref to a bridge or breakwater, was prob row of piles or stakes For E *p*-corresponding to LG *b*-cf *pig* Also, in building, solid masonry between windows and other openings, whence *pier-glass*, occupying such a space

beer a bear, a bore Een steene beer a brick-bank, a mole, peer (Sex el)

beer bear, boar, peer head (Wilcocke)

pierce F *percer*, OF *percier*, VL **peritiare*, from *perire*, *perit*-, to go through, cf origin of F *commencer* See also *perish*, with which early forms of *pierce* often coincide A *piercing shriek* is one that "goes through" you.

I panche a man or a beast, I perysshe his guttes with a weapon (Palsg)

Emptie a caske and yet not pensh [du Bart *percer*] it (Sylv. 1. 2)

Pierian Of Πιερία, in N Thessaly, reputed home of Muses

A little learning is a dangerous thing,
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring
(Pope, *Essay on Crit* 216).

pierrat F *Pierrot*, stock character of F pantomime, dim of *Pierre*, Peter Cf *Merry Andrew*

piety F *piété*, L *pietās*, from *pius* Doublet of *piety*, with which it is often synon in ME Hence *pietist*, *pietism*, esp of followers of Spenser, 17 cent. Ger. mystic *Pietà*, It,

is a representation of the Virgin holding the dead body of Christ

piezometer For measuring pressure Coined (1820) by Perkins from G *πίεση*, to press

piff Imit, cf F. *pif-paf*, Ger. *puff-paff*, of sound of bullet. Hence prob *piffle*, dial word adopted by standard E c. 1890

pig. ME *pigge*, orig young pig, but now largely replacing *swine*; cf LG *bigge*, Du *big*. Origin unknown With *pig* of metal, orig (16 cent) of lead, cf earlier *sow*, used of a larger mass *Please the pigs* is explained in 18 cent as corrupt of *pyx* (q v.), but, if not arbitrary euph for *please God*, is more prob connected with the *pinies* *Pigtail* is used earliest of tobacco.

When ye proffer the pigge, open the poke [bag]
(MED c 1530).

pigeon F, Late L *pipio-n*, young cheeping bird, from *pipire*, to pipe, cheep; cf It *piccione*, Sp *pitchón* Has replaced earlier *culver* and native *dove* Common from 16 cent in sense of victim of sharper *Pigeon-hole*, from likeness to apertures of dove-cote, is 19 cent

The dove is a symple byrde, and of her nature nounsshith well the pigeons of another dove
(Carton, *Mirror of World*)

pigeon English See *pidgin*

pickin [*dial*] Paul ? From *peg* See *roggin*.

picktle [*loc*] Small enclosure Earliest (early 13 cent) in MedL *picul*, *piclet*; *pickel*, app dim formation cogn with *piece*, cf MedL *piclatum*, piece, patch Hence the common Yorks name *Pickles*

pigment L *pigmentum*, from root of *pingere*, to paint Cf *pimento*

pigmy See *pygmy*

pignorate From MedL *pignorare*, for *pignere*, from *pignus*, *pigner*- or *pignor*-, pledge

pigsney [*archaic*] Darling ME. *pigges nye*, lit pig's eye, the latter word with prosthetic *n*-, as in *nawl*, *nuncle*, etc Cf obs *pinkeny*, little-eye, darling (see *pink-eyed*).

pike AS *pic*, cf F *pic* and see *pick*², *pitch*². Sense of mountain summit in Lake Country represents a Norse form of the same word (cf *fell*, *force*, *scree*, *tarn*, and other Norse words in same locality) *Pike*, fish, is short for *pike-fish*, cf synon F *brochet*, from *broche*, spit, etc, in allusion to shape of jaw *Pike*, weapon, is cogn F *pique*, hence by *push of pike* (16 cent.), with which cf by *dint of sword*. *Pike* is also used by

pine¹ Tree AS *fin* L. *pinus* See also
pin apple

pine² Verb Oug trans to torture AS
pinan from *fin* pain L. *puna* (cf *pain*
puna) cf Du *pin* Cer *pein* Oñ *pina*
Borrowed by Teut from L. with Chris-
tianity and first applied to the pains of
hell

He was t *ken* in su *peccen*, and an t *ren* tyd *nd*
pynd yf he coude yd (NFD 1424)

pine apple In ME. meant fr-cone cf F
pomme de pin in same sense Appld to
fruit of pine- no shape whi h was called
by 16 cent travellers *pina pine* aller Sp
p *4* fr cone Cf *pinus gland* & *pinus*
also from *alape*

Their *pines* are t *is* pe *bl* a *pos* *pple* (ie fr
cone) and of U *is* *herone* I think thme had their
names (Lurch. 211)

pinfold penfold [d al] Late VV *pinfold*
associate with *pin* and *pen* See *pound*
pinfer

ping Limit of sound of rifle bullet Cf *pin*
ping (c 1300)

pingud Coined on ground *lan u d* etc from
L. *pinguis* fat

pinion¹ Wing orig end of wing Of
pinion VL *pinion* from *pinus* & *r*
pinna & ather Hence verb to *pinion* orig
to fasten wings of bird

pinion² [much] Co. wheel esp in *ack* and
pny F *pinion* from *pinus* (peigne)
comb I *pinion* Cf t *r* *hammered* ht
c mt wheel "the co. wheel in a mill"
(Ludw)

pink¹ [his] Ship Du *erster puche*
wh *q* e *al* Cer *pinke* & *pinque* It
pinco Also clm Du *e puch* (hul) cf Oñ
espine whi h some derive from *espi*
aspen wood Others connect the name of
the vessel with the Teut name for *finch*
(q v)

pink pink Young salmon parr on
munnw Cf Cer dial *pink* in same
senses

pink² Flower From *pink* & to perforate
etc in allusion to the edges of the flower
(cf *pale*) Hence name of c lout With
the *ps* h (i perfection condition etc) cf
the flower (of chivalry etc)

After Nay I am the very pink of courtesy

R m P *k* *flower*

After Right (Rom & J I 114)

pink³ To perforate Cf IG *paken* nasal-
ized form of word which appears in E

puch (13) & *figuer* etc In 1 cent esp
of piercing with word in which sense it
was no doubt a soldiers word from the
Low Countries (cf *casher* & *ferin* & etc)
pink eyed Now dial unalloyed (cf archaic
Du *pinch* *eyghen* *convivere* *nictare*
palpe *ras* *ocul* *rum* *alternum* *mo* *ere* *t*
oculis *semilatus* *intueri* *oc* *los* *contra*
hite *et* *aliqui* *modo* *claufer* (hul) from
pinchen *scintillare* *micare* (ib) The
name of Henry Pinkeneye (Hu t Polls
1273) suggest that th wori old Quic
bek w may refer rather to the firm t
of lithalmia called *pink eye* from *ps* &

Blm v it th y h I w i pink eyed Jews
too (Hpl & H P t H w)

pinnae Archaic F *pinna* *pinna* Sp
pinna (13 cent) supposed to be c n
needed with *pin* & *pin* But earliest I
I t VL term areine p sp For similar
double forms cf *pin* In the case of
pinna & the esp p forms may be due to
a association with *epi* *spi* as the *pinna*
is usu described as *speculum speculatorum*
catascopum cf archaic Cer *pehesh* *pin*
olm Du *bespie* *scheepken* in same sense

T e l n e q b sa t ordm des
galles p n xia p n o u e b ges t touz les
c a u n t e f d f (a) en
F m h Ck f Londm 360

pinnae I *pinna* Late I *pinna* & *m*
dim of *pinna* *point* *pin* *cle* *olt* *n* *con*
fused with *pinna* *teath* & *eg* in *bul*
Matt iv 3 *pinna* *ul* *m* *renders* *t* *wp*
yov *dim* of *wp* & *ing*

pinnae² I I *pinna* & *winged* *feathered*
(3)

pin F *pin* cf It Sp Prov *pin* also
olm Du IC HC *pin* & *pin* *Ormin* doubtful
It may be ident with *pin* mark (v1)
and I have been applied to a mark in a larger
meas are of Ab *pin* wine measure with
Scand & Lt cognate supposed to be
connected with the *peg* & *rod* for marking
out the measure in a vessel

pinado Guner (owl) Port lit painted
p p of *pinar* VL *pinclare* See *pi* &

pinle [teck] AS *pinle* penis *lim* of
**pin* cf Du LG Cer *pin* *pen* s Chiefly
naut and associated with *gud* *con* (q v)

A *pin* & a *gogen* *for* *th* *with* *r*
(No A c 1486)

piolet [dip] Ice axe F from Savoy dial
dim of *piolo* cogn with F *poe* *mat*
tock and ult with *pie* *peckaxe*

pillion [archaic] First in early Sc (c 1500) Gael *puilean*, in same sense, from *peall*, skin, hide, L *pellis* Spenser also uses it in *Present State of Ireland* Cf Ir *pillín*

pillwinks [hist] Instrument of torture, of thumbscrew type Usu regarded as Sc, but found first as ME *pyrwykes*, *pyre-winkes*, with very numerous later vars in *pirli-*, *penny-*, etc Origin unknown Coincidence of earliest forms with those of *peri-winkle*¹ suggests possible connection with L *pervincire*, to bind thoroughly

pillory F *pilori*, with MedL forms showing association with *pillar* Also Gasc *espilori*, Prov *espulori*, which are app much later than earliest F & E records Origin unknown Not legally abolished till 1837

pillow AS *pyle*, cf Du *peluw*, Ger (poet) *pfuhl* (OHG *pfulwo*, also *pfulwi*), a very early WGer loan from L *pulvinus*, pillow (cf *pluck*) Archaic *pillow-bere*, pillow-case (Chauc A 694), preserves a ME word cogn with Ger *buhre* (from LG) With to *take counsel of one's pillow* (16 cent) cf to *sleep upon* (a matter)

pilose [biol.] L *pilosus*, from *pilus*, hair

pilot F *pilote*, It *pilota*, OIt *pedota*, app from G πῆδόν, oar, in pl rudder, cf OF *pedot* Replaced native *lodesman*, *lodeman*, AS *lādmann* (see *lodestone*) Quot below (rather earlier than *NED*) shows the word as a neologism

Wages and vitayle of 2 lodesmen alias pylotts
(French War, 1512-13)

pilule See *pill*²

pimento Sp *pimiento* or Port *pimento*, pepper, L *pigmentum*, pigment, in MedL spiced drink, cf F *piment*

pimp Of obscure origin Malcolm's *London* quotes in this sense, from *Proteus Redivivus* (temp Charles II), *pimpinio*, which may be a "latinization" of OF *pimpreneau*, "a knave, rascal, varlet, scoundrell" (Cotg), app ident with *pimperneau*, a small eel See *pimpernel*

pimpernel Ong (13 cent) the great burnet F. *pimprenelle*, with parallel forms in It Sp Ger, etc The oldest appear to be MedL *pimpinella* (12 cent), glossed as OF *piprenelle*, and late AS *pipeneale* I suggest that *pimpinella* is a dun of L *pimpinna*, membrum virile (Martial, 21 72) *Mentula* is also a plant-name in MedL, cf also *orchid* and the numerous early plant-names in *-pint*, *-pintle*, one of which, *cuckoo-pint*,

is still in use (T Hardy). L *pimpinna* is a baby word (cf F *faire pipi*, to urinate)

pimping Cf Du *pimpel*, weak little man, *pimpelmees*, tit-mouse, which Franck connects with the imit *piepen*, to peep, twitter.

pimple Perh a thinned form of dial *pumple*, which is, however, recorded much later Cf OF *pompelle*, "a pumple, or pimple on the nose, or chun" (Cotg)

pin AS *pinu*, peg; cf LG *pinne*, Du. *pin*, late ON *pinu*, L *pinna*, in late sense of pinnacle (*Vulg Luke*, iv 9) Earlier used for *peg in to take down a pin* (mus), whence also archaic in *merry pin* AS emblem of trifle from 14 cent, e.g. *not a pin*, two *pins* being a mod elaboration *Pinprich* was first used fig in 1885 to render F *politique de coups d'épingle* So also *pin-money* (16 cent) is for archaic F *épingles d'une femme* in sense of toilet accessories, etc, cf synon. Du *speldengeld*, from *speld*, pin Some senses of verb to *pin* (e.g. a man's arms to his sides) perh affected by *pinion*¹

pinne pinna, spiculum, euspis, veruculum, aculeus (Kil).
To pin ones faith on another's sleeve or take ail upon trust, for gospel that he saies
(*Dict Cant. Crec*)

Des coups d'épée, messieurs, des coups d'épée.
Mais pas de coups d'épingle.
(*Tartarin de Tarascon*)

pinafore Earlier (18 cent) *pin-a-fore*, because *pinnaed afore* the dress *Pinbefore* also occurs See *afore*

pinaster L, wild pine, from *pinus*

pince-nez F, pinch-nose Late 18 cent

pincers ME *pinsours*, *pinceours*, from F *pincez*, to pinch

pinch Norm *pincher*, F *pincer*, nasalized form of a word which appears in It *pizzicare*, for earlier *picciare*, "to-pinch, to snip" (Flor), cf Flem *pinssen*, Ger dial *petzen*, *pfetzen* Ult hist unknown

at *pinch* upon a push, or exigence
(*Dict Cant Crec*)

pinchbeck Alloy-metal invented by Christopher *Pinchbeck*, Fleet St watchmaker (1732) Now usu fig (cf *brummagem*)

Pindari Mounted marauder of Central India Urdu *pindārī*, Mahrattī *pendhārī* Perh from the region of *Pandhār* But the native belief that the name comes from an intoxicating drink called *pinda* has a curious parallel in *assassin*

pinder [loc] Keeper of pound From AS *gepyndan* (see *pound*², *pinfold*)

pismure {a *clanc*} Ant. All. *mi e ant* ? ult. cogn. with C. *μυσ* *e ant* First element alludes to urinous smell of anthill cf. archaic Du. *pismire* *e* and ModDu. *urkuiser* from *urken* to urinate

pliss F. *plisser* [rol. imit. cf. It. *plisciare* Rum. *plid* Also a lopted orig. as euph. in *mirat* Teut. lungs

pistachio It. *pistacchio* *a* L. C. *πιστάχιον* from *πιστα* *e* *pistachio* tree from OPers. (cf. Mod. Pers. *pistak*)

pistol {*bat*} L. *pistol* *um* replacing earlier F. *rm* *pistol* *poille* {*qv*} From resemblance to pestle {*a* mortar

pistol Obs. F. *pistol* *le* *apq* ab. *stened* from early *r* *psik* *it* It. *psikello* *dim* from *psikese* a great danger hanger or wound knife (Ebr.) ? from *psik* *to* (Tuscany) still noted for metal work as in gun making for transfer of sense in to dagger to small fire-arm cf. *dag* {*qv*} F. *r* names of arms taken from *supplement* *pla* *e* of manufacture of Bayon *r* *psais*

Not let a bit become prey. *reunet pour e* *psut* *d* *que* *on* *psut* *ard* *q* *on* *so* *l* *t* *sed* *f* *le* *t* *psut* *ye* *t* *lurent* *t* *cette* *ra* *va* *n* *comme* *premiere* *s* *ent* *pl* *lovers* *depuis* *il* *diest* *et* *et* *ps* *tol* *is* *quelque* *temps* *psut* *l* *urvention* *des* *petites* *arquebuses* *étant* *venue* *on* *leur* *tran* *porta* *t* *nom* *de* *ces* *petits* *pel* *mar* *is* *depuis* *on* *ore* *v* *appel* *les* *arcs* *d* *l* *ap* *q* *ps* *tol* *is* *pour* *e* *qu* *ils* *wont* *plus* *petits* *qu* *les* *tres* (T. *bo* *res* *des* *seconde* {*qv*})

pistole Coin. Ident. with *pistol* {*qv*} sense of coin *perh* *original* *n* *in* *mil* *along* *Pistol* *let* *was* *also* *used* *of* *a* *coin* *in* *F* *&* *I* *and* *Ger* *schappshin* *pistol* *whence* *archaic* *L* *anaphan* *e* *was* *the* *name* *of* *a* *coin* *at* *the* *peri* *of* *the* *Thirty* *Years* *War* *psut* *let* *a* *ps* *tol* *t* *a* *dag* *or* *little* *ps* *tol* *also* *the* *golden* *coyne* *learned* *a* *ps* *tol* *et* (Cot. 1)

piston F. It. *psiston* var. of *psiston* from *psista* *e* *to* *pound* *etc* Late *I* *psista* *e* frequent of *psiste* *e* *psit* *to* *beat* *pound* Cf. *pestle* *psit* *(c* *1* *oo)* *in* *connection* *with* *pumps*

pit AS *pytt* WGer. *I* *an* from *L* *puteus* well cf. Du. *put* Ger. *pfuter* The *theat* *pit* (from *r*, *cent*) *was* *earlier* *cockpit* from the *pit* *used* *f* *r* *cock* *fighting* *an* *other* *animal* *fights* *It* *now* *also* *to* *pit* *one* *man* *against* *another* *lik* *fighting* *cocks* *or* *dogs* *It* *is* *all* *orig* *for* *animal* *is* *from* *AS* *feal* *trap* *cf* *synon* *Ger* *fuhe*

Can the cockpit hold
Th. vastly full? I Fra. c? (Hem. 1 Prologue)
I did go to St. L. a to be cock fight at a
new pit there (Feyys, Dec. 21. 1663.)

pit *a* *pat* *I* *urker* *pit* *pat* *redupl* *on* *pat*
pitch Noun. AS *pic* *I* *far* *pic* *In* *most* *Rom* *&* *Teut* *lungs* *eg* *I* *poix* *Ger* *peck* *its* *preparation* *from* *tar* *being* *no* *doubt* *learned* *from* *the* *Romans* *Cf* *ps*

pitch Verb. Not found in AS. but *ajp* *cogn* *with* *ps* *h* *psike* {*qv*} of which it represents various uses in ME. *ps* *nas* *was* *psit* *Orly* *to* *thrust* *in* *ax* *eg* *to* *pitch* *a* *tent* *by* *driving* *in* *the* *pegs* *wh* *nce* *to* *put* *h* *the* *sickets* *an* *nonn* *put* *h* *as* *in* *c* *icket* *pitch* *dealer* *s* *ps* *ick* *etc* (see also *bat* *q*) Sense of throwing *d* *veloped* *from* *that* *of* *actually* *hitting* *the* *mark* *ps* *ick* *ng* *into* *cf* *put* *h* *a* *l* *i* *s* *in* *which* *th* *first* *element* *expresses* *the* *idea* *of* *throwing* *at* *a* *mark* *while* *the* *second* *refers* *to* *the* *game* *of* *chance* *which* *is* *the* *sequel* *I* *rom* *sen* *e* *of* *throwing* *cones* *that* *of* *height* *(mu* *t* *arch)* *perh* *orig* *from* *ps* *ic* *in* *ry* (see *low*) *It* *is* *for* *for* *early* *r* *psick* *h* (*Prompt* *Paris*) *has* *become* *associated* *with* *the* *ps* *ick* *ng* *ie* *raising* *into* *a* *required* *position* *of* *sheaves* *etc*.

I *h* *h* *ps* *ick* *I* *ps* *ick* *I* *er* *with* *an* *ow* *you* (Pal. 1)

pitchblende From *psit* *h* See *blende*
pitcher OF *pichier* (replaced by *pichet*) *cf* *It* *ps* *chiera* MedL. *psicarius* *be* *at* *um* *Ap* *ident* *with* *leak* *r* {*qv*}

psith AS *psitha* *cf* *Du* *psit* *and* *other* *LG* *connotes* *Org* *of* *plants* *only* *but* *used* *in* *ME* *of* *spinal* *marrow* *and* *in* *fig* *sense* *of* *mettle* *vigour* *For* *current* *sense* *of* *psithy* *cf* *synon* *Ger* *markig* *lit* *marrowy*

But *q* *is* *th* *tal* *wol* *en* *enyn*
If *th* *en* *it* *is* *my* *be* *lee* *and* *my* *ps* *th*
(Ch. *e* *D* 474)

pithecanthrope {*biol*} Missing link. Co. ned (1878) by Haeckel from C. *π* *θ* *an* *ape* *anthropos* *man*

puttance *I* *psutice* *psity* *puttance* *cf* *Old* *psutan* *psity* *puttance* *Sp* *putanza* *charity* *puttance* *MedL* *psutanha* *aug* *gesting* *derivation* *from* *L* *psutus* *psity* *earliest* *sense* *of* *puttance* *being* *a* *dole* *established* *by* *pious* *bequest* *whence* *later* *meaning* *of* *scanty* *allowance* *etc* *Prob* *th* *It* *is* *the* *orig* *For* *sense* *de* *elopment* *cf* *charity*

psity F. *psit* *L* *psichus* *psiel* *psity* *which* *in* *Late* *L* *assumed* *sen* *e* *of* *compassion* *no* *doubt* *via* *that* *of* *good* *works* *With* *ps* *ous* *ME* *&* *OF* *ps* *ous* (*psieux*) *cf* *bauntous* *countous* *etc*

psivot F. *of* *obscure* *origin* *but* *prob* *of*

pioneer F. *pionnier*, from *pion*, foot-soldier
See *pawn*², *peon*. Fig sense is in Bacon
Or fera de ses chevaliers
Une grant masse pionniers

(*Roman de Thèbes*, 12 cent).

piou-piou [*hist*] F (slang), infantry soldier,
"Tommy" Now replaced by *poilu*

pious F *pieux*, VL **pius*, for *pius*, de-
vout, whence OF *pin*, *pie*, as still in *pie-
mère*, pia mater. *Pious founder* is recorded
for early 17 cent

pip¹ Disease of poultry Obs Du *pippe*
(*pip*), cf Ger *pips* (from LG), for MFG
pstps, also F *pépie*, "the pip" (Cotg), It
pipita, "the pip that chickens have" (Flor),
Sp *pepita*, all from VL *pipita*, for *pituita*,
mucus, "fleume, snevill" (Coop)

pip² On cards or dice Earlier (c 1600)
peep, ident with *peep*² (q v), ² via sense
of eyes In Teut langs the *pips* are called
"eyes," in Rom langs "points," and the
words for "point" in the Rom langs also
mean "peep" of day

pip³ Of fruit Short for *pippin* (q v), with
which (c 1600) it was synon, being often
referred to as cry of Irish costermonger
Current sense, from c 1800 only, has been
affected by *pip*² Hence also to *pip*, black-
ball, defcat (cf *pill*²), now also of bullet-
wound, star indicating rank, etc, e g to
get one's second *pip*

pipal See *peepul*

pipe AS *pipe*, VL **pipa*, from *pipare*, to
pipe, cheep, like a young bird, of imit
origin Thus all the tubular senses app
start from a small reed pipe or whistle,
e g the *piping time of peace* (*Rich III*,
1 r), in contrast with the martial trumpet
Cf F *pipe*, It Sp *pipa*, also Du *pijp*,
Ger *pfeife* *Pipe* (of port) is the same word,
via sense of cylinder *Pipeclay* was orig
used for making tobacco-pipes To *pipe*
one's eye (naut) is an obscure variation
on to *pipe away* (down, to quarters, etc),
with allusion to the boatswain's whistle
Piping-hot refers to the hissing of viands
in the frying pan The *pipe-rolls*, great
rolls of the exchequer, may have been
named from cylindrical appearance

He sente hire pyment, meeth, and spiced ale,
And wafres, pipyng hoot out of the gleede [hot
coals] (*Chauc A* 3378).

After all this dunce he has led the nation, he
must at last come to pay the piper himself

(*NED* 1681)

pip emma Mil slang for P.M See also *ack
emma*

pipi. Maori name of a shell-fish.

pipistrel Small bat It. *pipistrello*, "a night
bat or reare-mouse" (Flor), perverted var.
of *vipistrello*, for *vespertillo*, VL **vesper-
tillus*, for *vesperthio*, bat, from *vesper*,
evening

pipit Bird like lark Imit. of cry; cf *peuit*
pipkin Formerly in wider sense, including
metal vessels ² Dim. of *pipe*, cask, not
orig limited to wine Cf Sp *pipole*, leg,
from *pipa*, pipe, cask

pippin Orig (c 1300) pip³, kernel, later ap-
plied to seedling apple F *pépin*, "a
pippin, or kernell, the seed of fruit"
(Cotg.), cf Sp *pepita*, grain Origin un-
known Du. *pippeeling* shows the same
transition of sense, app due to ellipt use
of some such phrase as *golden pippin apple*
(cf *commerce*, *real bloods*, i.e. blood-
oranges)

A panyer full of pipyns and orynges [for Queen
Margaret] (*Coventry Lert Book*, 1457)

piquant Pres part of F. *piquer*, to sting, etc
See *pick*²

pique F, from *piquer*, to prick, sting To
pique oneself on, F *se piquer de*, is prob
from bird pecking and preening its plumage
(cf to *plume oneself on*).

piqué Fabrie From F. *piquer*, to prick,
stitch,

piquet F (15 cent), perh. from *pique*, spade
at cards

piragua, periagua Boat Sp, Carib *piragua*,
dug-out canoe Cf F *pirogue*

pirate F, L *pirata*, G *peiparís*, from *peipav*,
to attempt, attack In most Europ langs

Some dishonest booksellers, called land pirates
who make it their practice to steal impressions of
other men's copies (*NED* 1668)

pirogue See *piragua*

piquette F, orig spinning top, teetotum
etc Also in OF *pirouet*, Burgund *pirou-
elle*, Guernsey *piroue*, cf It *piuolo*, "a
top or gigge to play withal" (Flor), dim
of *piola*, in same sense ModF form perh
by association with *gironette*, weathercock

piscary [leg] MedL *piscaria*, fishing rights
from *piscis*, fish Cf *pisciculture*; *piscina*,
orig fish-pond, in eccl sense with allusion
to pools of Bethesda and Siloam.

pisé Rammed earth F, p p of *piser*, L
pisare, *pisnare*, to ram

Pisgah view From Mount Pisgah, Heb
pisgāh, cleft, from which Moses viewed
Promised Land (*Deut* iii 27)

pish Natural interj, cf *tush*, *pooh*, etc

planchette F dim of *planche* plank In vented c 1835

plane¹ Tree F (now usu *platane*) L G πλανα from πλάτος broad in allusion to shape of leaves of Oriental plane

plane² Tool F OF *plane* Late L *plana* from *planare* to smooth from *planus* level

plane³ [math] Arbitrary 17 cent var of *plan* cf similar sense of F *plan* *Pluin sailing or plane sailing* is navigation by a *plane chart* representing the earth's surface as plane instead of spherical Fig misunderstood as simple uncomplicated which is etym correct

plane⁴ [aeron] Verb F *planer* to hover from *plan* smooth level Also used as aphet for *aeroplane*

plancher [naut] Ledge below gunwale of earlier man-of-war Folk-etym (*plane* and *sheer*) for obs *plancher* F boarding floor See *plank*

planet [astron & astrol] F *planète* Late I G πλανήτης wanderer from πλαν to lead astray With *planet struck* cf *moon struck*

planet² [eccl] Early claspable in form of traveller's cloak Ident with above wanderer's mantle Cf *planet*

planet From pres part of L *planere* to beat

planish [techn] To flatten (metal) OF *planis planiss* (replaced by *aplani*) from L *planus* smooth

planisphere Flat projection of (part of) sphere F *planisphère* See *plane*² *sphere* *planisphere* an astrolabe (Cotg)

plank Norman Picard *planque* F *planche* Late L *planca* cogn with G πλάτ *πλατ* flat plate slab cf OIt. *planca* Sp *plancha* Pol *plank* (of a platform) is US With to *plank down* (money) cf Ger *an f rinen brei* be *ihnen* and see *oof*

Protection is re-*u* i *gonades* it *protectiva* ist *plank* (D *ly Chm* Feb 1 92)

plankton Collect name for floating organic life in sea C r coined by Hensen from C πλάκτω drifting from πλακτός to wander

plant AS *plante* young tree sapling (as still in *ash plant*) L *planta* sole of foot plant (secondary sense from treading in saplings) Later senses from F *planter* plant or plant act of planting from verb *planter* Cf It *pianta* Sp *planta* also Du

plant Ger *pflanzen* ON *plan* a Ir *cl n* Welsh *plant* all from L Sense of apparatus etc springs from verbal sense of equipping establishing eg *planting a net industry* (see *plant* *tion*) Sense of *wind* *trap* is developed from that of thieves' hidden (planted) hoard (18 cent) With to *plant* abandon cf F *plant* 11

plantain¹ F plant OF L *planta* o *planta* in from *planta* sole of foot in allusion to broad prostrate leaves

plantain² Banana Sp *plátano* *plátano* L *platanus* plane¹ The F form assimilated to the spelling of *plantain* The Sp word is perh also an assimilated form of some native Wind name (palatana one of the Carib vars of *banana*) as the *plantain* has no resemblance to the *plane*

Plantain, who h the P etugal il bayonhas (Anthony h i t, n l'u h x v 4)

plantation Hist sense of colony settlement as in the *Plantation of Ulster* or the *American Plantations* is due to the wide meaning assumed by the verb to *plant* The Colonial Office as formerly the *Plantation Office*

I wyl ppyante a pl e a d wyl plnt (Ilg plant bo) th a that the n v rem yn th re (Lo rd 5 11)

plantigrade [biol] Walking on the sole of the foot L *plants* like the bear as opposed to *digitigrade* toe walking like the cat F coined by (Cuvier) an C ter (1793)

plaque F tablet etc from *plaque* (see *plaque*) Now used in E of commemorative plates on historical houses in London

plash¹ [archaic, Pool AS *plac* cogn with Du LG *plas* and perh with *plak*

plash² Also archaic and poet *pleach* To intercalate twigs etc of hedge OF *pleas* or VL *plectere* from *plectere* to weave cogn with *pleat* to fold and *pleat* to weave Cf the common F place name *Plessis* park etc as in *Plaisir* Tours (ex *Quintin* *Divina* d ch 1) *Plaisir* became obs in 17 cent its mod use being an echo of Shaks (*Wid* *id* *ui* 1)

plash Splash Cf archaic Du *plischen* Ger *platschern* and *espash* with which it may be connected via the intermediate sense of dabbling See also *spish*

plasm For *protoplasma* L C πλάσμα from πλάσσω to mould Hence *plasma* in scientific neologisms and trade-name *plasma* in oats (for porridge)

similar sense-development to *pinle* (q v), cf It *pivolo*, peg, dibble, penis *Pivotal* men were (1918) released from the army for industrial purposes

The great translators are "pivotal" men in the history of literature (J S. Phillimore, Dec 1918)

pixy Also dial *pisky* Sw dial *pyske*, small fairy, dwarf, has been suggested, but the fact that *pixy* is essentially a west country word, its orig home being prob Cornwall, suggests rather a Celt origin

pizzicato [mus] It, from *pizzicare*, to pinch (q v)

pizzle [archaic] Penis of bull used as flogging instrument LG *pesel* or Flem *pezal*, dim of a word represented by Du *pees*, sinew, cf F *nerf de bœuf*, lit sinew of ox, in same sense

nerf de cerf a stags pizzle (Cotg)

placable OF, L *placabilis*, from *placare*, to appease, causal of *placere*, to please

placard F, from *plaquer*, "to clap, slat, stick, or past on, to lay flat upon" (Cotg), Du *plakken*, in same sense, prob imit of sound of daubing brush Orig offic document with large flat seal Connection with G *πλάξ*, *πλακ-*, flat surface, has also been suggested

placate From L *placare* See *placable*

place F, VL **plattia*, for *platca*, broad way, G *πλατεῖα* (sc *ὁδός*), from *πλατύς*, flat, wide, cf It *piazza*, Sp *plaza* Orig sense survives in *market-place* Many of the senses are found in F, but in E the word has completely replaced AS *stōw* and taken over meanings represented in F by *lieu* and *endroit* Another *place*, the House of Lords, is used by Burke To *take place* is for earlier to *have place*, translating F *avoir lieu* *Placeman*, *place-hunter* are early 18 cent.

placenta [biol] L, flat cake, from G *πλάξ*, *-λακ-*, flat plate

placer Gravel, etc containing gold Amer. Sp, from *plaza*, place (q v)

placet Affirmative vote at universities L, it pleases

placid F. *placide*, L *placidus*, cogn with *placere*, to please

plack [hist] Small coin (Sc) Flem *placke*, *plecke*, whence also OF *placque*, MedL *placca*, in similar sense Orig something flat

placket [archaic] Apron or petticoat For *placard*, in obs sense of breastplate

placoid [zool] From G *πλάξι*, *πλακ-*, flat plate.

plafond [arch] F, ceiling, orig. floor, for *plat fond*, flat bottom

plagiary Now usu *plagiarist* F *plagiare* L *plagiarius*, kidnapper, used also by Martial for literary thief, from *plaga*, net

plagio- From G *πλάγιος*, oblique, from *πλάγος*, side

plague OF, L *plaga*, stroke, wound (whence F *plaie*, wound), eogn with L *plangere* and G *πληγνύναι*, from *πλῆσσειν*, to strike For extended sense cf that of *scourge* For fig uses, e.g. *plague take* cf *pest*, *pox*, etc

Betun with many *plagis* [var woundis] (Wyc. Lukē, xii 40)

plaine OF *plaiiz*, VL **platissus*, for *plateus* from G *πλατύς*, flat, cf Du *pladijs*, from L

plaid Orig garment, covering Gael. *plaid* cf. Ir *plaid*, blanket, Gael *peallaid*, shawl, skin, ult from L *pellis*, skin Cf *pillow*

plain F, L *planus*, smooth, level, the older sense in E, whence noun *plain*, used OF & ME not necessarily of low land, but of any treeless stretch, e.g. *Mapperton Plains* are the highest ground near Nottingham With mod use as euph for *ugly* (v 1) cf US sense of *homely* *Plainsong* from F *plain chant*, cf It *canto piano* MedL *cantus planus* For *plain-sailing* see *plane*

Whereas I expected she should have been a great beauty, she is a very plain girl (Pepys, July 28, 1660)

Plain living and high thinking are no more (Wordsw *Sonnets to Liberty*, vi)

plaint [poet] F *plainte*, pp. fem of *plaindre*, to complain, L *plangere*, *plangere* to beat (the breast), or OF *plaint*, immediately from L *planctus*, cf It *pianto*

Sp *llanto* Cf *plaintive*

plaintiff Spec use of OF. *plaintif*, from *plaindre*, to complain (v c). Cf *complainant*

plaster See *plaster*

plat Also *plat* OF *pleit*, L *phictum*, 1 of *phicare*, to fold, ? or *plectum*, from *plectere*, to weave Oldest sense survives in var *pleat* See also *plight*

plan F, substantival use of adj *plan*, 1 smooth, L *planus*, applied to a ground plot as opposed to an elevation In lit. fig sense from c 1700 According to F renders Ger. *plangemäss*, much used (18) of yielding ground

surname *Playfair* was usual for *playfellow* up to c 1500

We could at th t di tan see an ge e (fi engine) play—that is, the w t r go out

(Pepys, Apr 9 1667)

plea **plead** Both are *plaid* *plait* in AF & MF The noun archaic F *plaid* L *placi* *item* what pleases hence agreement decision is in the *Strasbourg oaths* (842) The verb F *plaisir* from the noun is represented in ModL by *pleasure*

pleach See *plash*

plead See *plea*

pleasance [archaic] Delightful garden etc in MF *plasure* delight courtesy etc OI *plaisance* from *plaire* *plais* to please (q v) Such place names as F *Plaisance* Sp *Plasencia* It *Piacenza* have the same origin

pleasant I *plaisant* piece part of *plaire* to please in ModF funny jocular cf *pleasanry* F *plaisanterie*

Now Güpfa had a *plaisant* wit (Cowpe)

please F *plaire* *plais* VL **placere* for *placere* to please cogn with G *plā* & *statnes* Perh orig of soothing ruffled plumage Correct OF infn was *plaisir* now only noun whence E *pleasure* for ME *pleur* (cf *leisure*) Orig governed dat as in *please God* With *if you please* for earlier *if it please you* F *si il vous plaît* cf *if you like* (see *like*) So also imper *please* for *may it please you*

pleat Var of *plait* (q v) preserving orig sense of that word For vowel cf *pleid* Obs as literary word in 17-18 cents but given by Walker (*Pronouncing Dict* 1,91) as a vicious pronunc of *plait*

plebeian F *plébéien* from L *plebeius* be longing to the *plebs* common people cogn with *plebique* many *plébe* to fill *Plébeiscite* in current sense F *plébeiscite* L *plebeiscere* for *plebis scire* n decree of the people (*sciscere scire* to decree from *scire* to know) came into gen use at time of French Revolution

plectrum Quill etc for striking cords of lyre L G *πληκτρον* from *πλην* to strike

pledge OF *plegs* (noun) *pleier* (verb) whence archaic ModL *plenger* Found in Merovingian L as *pleum* *plebium* *ple* *re pleb* (cf obs L *pleum* warrant) app from a WGer verb to incur risk responsibility represented by AS *plon* Ger *pflegen* If this is right and the ap

proximate equivalence of E *pled* & Ger *pflicht* duty makes it likely *plet* & is ult cogn with *play* There is a curious contradiction between the archaic to *pled* & (in a bumper) and mod to *take the pledge* (1840-50)

pledget Plug tent of lint etc for wound From 16 cent ? Dim of ME *piege* (not in AED) app roll (v i)

For *pligs* flymen vs v i d

(York Ver h A d nt A d 3 d)

Pleiad Used after F *pléiade* applied in 16 cent to seven poets of whom Ronsard was chief of a galaxy of writers L G *Πλειάδες* *Πλειάδες* group of stars trad connected with *πλε* to sail In Wyc (Job xxxviii 31)

pleio **pleo** **plio** From G *πλεω* more compar of *πλεω* & much many See *plio*

pleistocene [geol] Coined by Lyell (1830) from G *πλεω* & *στον* most (vs) as n

plenary Usu with *power* *indulgence* n *spiration* Late L *plenarius* from *plenus* full

plenipotentary ModL *plenipotentiarius* from *plenus* full *potentia* power Cf Ger *vollmacht*

plensh [Sc] OF *plenir* *pluss* from L *plenus* full Chiefly in *plenshire* house hold gear esp as bride's outfit

plenitude F *plénitude* L *plenitudo* from *plenus* full

plenteous Altered on *betiduous* o *leou* etc from ME & OF *plenituous* from *plenit* VL *plenit* *is* from *plenus* full Cf *bonituous*

plenty OF *plend* L *plentitas* *is* from *plenus* full Adj sense (*the winter is plenty*) whence colloq adv sense (*plenty* *largo enom*, A) represents ather OF adj *plentif* (cf *jolly* and see *plenteous*) Though now equivalent to *abundant* & *plenty* means etym enough fullness as still in dial Off th *lo d is th erthe and th plenit* of t

(W t P xxiii)

pleo See *plio* & *plio*

pleonasm L G *πλεονασμος* from *πλεω* comp r neut of *πλεω* & *μα* h

I've only 6 ed th t p i mp v pro tem fr th time being (A thot gard or 19 31)

plesiosaurus Coined (18 1) by Conybeare from G *πλεσιον* near approximating *σαρος* lizard

plethora ModL C *πλεθωρη* from *πλεω* & to become full Orig med for excess of humours cf *plethric*

plaster AS *plaster*, in med sense, VL *plastrum*, for *emplastrum*, G *ἐμπλαστρον*, from *ἐμπλάσσειν*, to daub over, from *τλάσσειν*, to mould. Building sense is from corresponding OF *plastre* (*plâche*), F having *emplâtre* in med sense. The var *plaister*, chiefly Se & north, may be due to analogy of *maister* (*master*), OF *maistre*. *Plaster of Paris* was orig made from the gypsum of Montmartre.

plastic. F *plastique*, L, G *πλαστικός*, from *-λάσσειν*, to mould. Hence *plasticine*, trade-name for substitute for modelling clay.

plastron. Front of fencing jacket or dress-shirt. F, adapted from It *piastrone*, from *piastra*, breast-plate, cf *plaster*, *plastic*.

plat¹. Piece of ground (2 Kings, ix 26). Var of *plot*, due to influence of archaic *plat*, flat surface. The latter is F, ult G *πλατίς*, broad. Now usu as echo of Milton (*Penseroso*, 73), but once common for *plot*, plan.

This is the platt wich I finde best for this enterprise (Mary Q of Scots to Babington, July 17, 1586).

plat². See *plat*.

platan-e. Oriental plane-tree. OF *platan* (*platane*), L *platanus*, plane¹ (q.v.).

platband [*arch & hort*]. F *plate-bande*, lit flat band, also flower-border.

plate. OF, orig fem of adj *plat*, flat, Late L. **plattus*, G *-λατός*, broad, cf It *piatta*, Sp *plata*, which developed esp sense of metal plate, hence precious metal, silver, as in *Rio de la Plata* (called *River of Plate* by 16 cent E sailors), *plate-ship*, etc. Earliest L. sense was also metallic, e.g. *breastplate*, *plate armour*. Railway sense, as in *pile-layer*, is a survival of the flat wheel-track formerly used in mines and called a *plate*. To *plate* an inferior metal with a nobler dates from c 1700. *Plate-glass* is a little later. As prize for horse-race, whence *plater*, from 17 cent.

And the order is for to buy a thittie plat of silver (Wye. *Matt*, xxvi. 15).

plateau. I, OF *platel*, dim. from *plat*, flat (v.v.).

platen. platten (typ). Iron plate pressing paper against type. F. *platine*, from *plat*, flat (v.v.).

platform. F. *plate forme*, lit. flat form. Earliest L. sense (16 cent) is ground-plan, as *plan*, etc., in various applications. Current sense (railway and elevation for *platform*) are later. In pol. sense of

program, set of principles, it is US (1840-50). See also *plot*.

Also that you doe seeke to observe with the instrument which I deliver you herewith the true platformes and distances (Hakl. ii 123, 1588).

A sudden platform comes into my mind.

(Grim the Collier, ii 1).

platforme. a platforme, plot, modell, or draught of a building; also, the foundation thereof; also, a platforme or square bulwarke; also, a certaine thicke boord in the prow of a ship (Coig).

platina. Earlier (18 cent) name for *platinum*. Sp, dim of *plata*, silver (see *plate*). *Platinum*, first introduced into Ger, was adopted in E by Davy.

platitude. F, coined from *plat*, flat, dull, after *latitude*, etc.

Platonie. L, G *Πλατωνικός*, from *Plato* (†348 B.C.). Esp in *Platonic love*, i.e. spiritual, without sensuality, a Renaissance idea. Cosmo de' Medici (15 cent) founded an *Accademia Platonica*.

platoon. F *peloton*, dim of *pelote*, a ball, pellet, hence an agglomeration. Earlier also *platoon*. In E spec a half-company, and described by the *NED*. (1908) as obs. in Brit army. For revival cf *grenade*, *bomb*.

platten. See *platen*.

platter [*archaic*]. AF. *plater*, from F *plat*, dish, lit flat. It may have been modelled on *trencher* or altered from OF. dim *platel*, now *plateau*, tray.

Geve me here Jhon Baptister heed in a platter (Wye. *dische*) (Lynd *Matt* xiv 6).

platypus. Ornithorhynchus (q.v.). G *-λατί-νους*, flat-footed.

plaudit. For earlier *plaudite*, imper of *plaudere*, to clap the hands, appeal of Roman actors at end of play. Cf *explode*.

Nunc, spectatores, Jovis summi causa claudite (Plautus, *Amphitruo*).

plausible. L *plausibilis*, deserving applause, acceptable, from *plaudere*, *plaus-*, to clap, applaud (v.v.).

play. AS *plagan*, with gen. sense of brisk activity without spec. reference to either business or amusement. The main current senses are found already in AS. Cogn with Ger *pflegen*, to be busily solicitous for, to be accustomed. *Plagiarism* is found in AS, rendering L *theatrum*, but some old compounds have been replaced by neologisms, e.g. the place-name *Plaster*, had the sense of mod. *playground*, and the

plug Orig naut Du with LG cognates cf Ger *pflock* peg plug *Plug* tobacco is named from shape To *plug* work hard stick to it orig in rowing is partly imit of sound of oars With US *plug* contemptuous name for horse cf Dan *plag* foal Svi s Ger *pfug* sorry nag

plum AS *plune* L *pruna* n ut pl treated as fem sing G *apo puv* For change of *r* to *l* cf Ger *pfraume* ON *pora* This is prob due to the word having reached the Teutons via the Balkans still the great plum country (*l* still) The *r* is kept in Du *pruim* F *prune* Applied from 17 cent also to raisins prob from their being substituted for the dried plums earlier used for *plum porridge* (*cake pudding*) Cf *su ar plini* As slang name for £100 000 from 17 cent in sense of good thing prize from early 19 cent with allusion to Little Jack Horner

plumage F from *plume* (q v)

plumassier Worker in feathers F from *plumasse* augment of *plume* (q v)

plumb F *plomb* L *plumbum* lead Hence adj perpendicular and verb to sound (depth) Also *plumber* worker in lead in ME usu *plummer* as still in surname

plumbago L lead-ore and plant Has been used of various minerals current sense of black lead graphite datin from 18 cent

plume F L *pluma* Borrowed *punes* alludes to the jackdaw disguised as peacock With to *plume oneself* on cf a *father in one's cap* but orig metaphor was that of a bird pluming preening itself cf *page*

Th y an l th tll w rs preen and plume them sel es on their aristocratic dispoint (John I gles 4)

plummer block [*mech*] ? From name of inventor

plummet OF *ploniet* *plonbet* dim of *plomb* lead L *plumbum* In Wyc (*Acts* xxii 28)

plump Fat Late ME *plonpe* coarse dull Du *plomp* blunt clumsy cf Ger *plump* coarse (from LC) Later sense of comfortably rounded perh due to association with *plum* and *plumb*

plump To fall with a flop etc Imat but perh influenced by *plumb* cf It *piombare* to plunge and see *plunge* Here belongs verb to *plump* in voting which first appears (18 cent) in noun *plumper* undecided

vote which may also have been influenced by *plump*

plump [*archai*] Solid clutter as in *plump of spears* revt ed by Scott (*Marian* 13) Origin obscure cf similar use of *chmp*

plunder First as verb Ger *plündern* from *plunder* orig household stuff etc nov rubba h lumber a LC word First used in L in ref to the Thirty Years War and actively introduced by Prince Rupert of the Rhine

plunge F *plonge* VL *plumbicare* from *plumbum* lead cf It *piombar* to plunge from *pio* to lead Hence *plunger* ca alry man reckless gambler both 19 cent

plunk Imat but some sen ca suggest Picard *plong* er dual form of F *plonger* to plunge **pluperfect** Contr of F *plus-que-parfait* L *plus quam perfectum* (sc *tempus*) more than perfect First in Falsg

plural ME & OF *plurel* (pl *rich*) I *plis* all from *plus* *plur* more Plurality holding of more than one benefice is in *Pers Plou n* In US politics it is used of excess of votes over next candidate when there are several as opposed to absolute majority

plus L more Introduced in mathematics with quasi prep force with *minus* (q v)

plush F *peluche* shag plush (Cotg) VL *pileuca* from *pile* hair cf Sp *pelusa* nap velvet and see *pile* h

plutocracy F *plutocratie* G *πλοκρατία* power of wealth w l *tos* Pl *toerat* a back formation after aristocrat democrat Plutonian Plutonic From G *πλοτων* Pl to ruler of Hades

pluvial L *pluvialis* from *pluvia* rain Also (hist) an eccle vestment lit rain-cloak

ply Noun F *pli* fold bend from *plier* L *plicare* Chiefly in *three-ply* et and archaic to *take a ply* i e bend

ply Verb Aphet for *apply* (q v) in sense of busy oneself weldin soldering etc In sense of regular transit between points orig naut and also used of Thames water men

Plymouth brethren Sect calling themselves "the Brethren" which arose c 1830 at Plymouth (Devon) The *plymouth rock* (Iow) is named from US *Plymouth* reached by Mayfloer 160

pneumatic F *pneumatique* L C *πνευματικός* from *πνευμα* breath spirit from *πνέω* to blow

pneumonia C *πνευμονία* from *πνεύμα* *πνέω* lung (v s)

pleurisy F *pleurésie*, from Late L *pleuritis*, for *pleuritis*, G *πλευρίτις*, from *πλευρά*, side, rib, whence also *pleuro-*
 pleximeter [med] From G *πλήξις*, blow, percussion, from *πλήσσειν*, to strike
 plexus [anat] Aggregate of fibres, etc L, from *plectere*, *plev-*, to plait, weave Esp in *solar plexus*, favourite mark of pugilists

pliable, pliant F, from *plier*, to bend, *ply*² (q v)

pligate [biol] L *phacatus*, from *phicare*, to fold

pliers From obs *ply*, to bend See *ply*¹
 plight¹ [archaic] Pledge AS *plihit*, danger, risk, whence verb *plihitan*, to endanger, later to pledge, promise, esp with *troth*, in ref to marriage, cf Du *plicht*, obligation, Ger *pflicht*, duty, and see *pledge*

And thereto I plight thee my troth
 (Marriage Service)

plight² Condition ME *plit*, *plyt*, AF *plit*, var of *plait*, *pleat* From sense of fold was developed that of texture, "complexion" (q v), condition, orig in neutral sense, current sense and spelling (*sorry plight*, etc) having been influenced by earlier *plight*¹ En *bon plit*, in good condition, is common in AF

plyte, or *slate* status (*Prompt Parv*)
 A demie bukrum cassok, plaine without plites
 (Aseham)

Plimsoll line, mark [naut] From S *Plimsoll*, M P, to whose exertions the Merchant Shipping Act (1876) against over-loading was chiefly due

plinth L, G *πλίνθος*, brick, squared stone
 phocene [geol] Coined, ? by Lyell, from G *πλείων*, more, *καιός*, new -Cf *pleistocene*
 plod In lit and fig sense from c 1560 Of imit origin, ? or cf ME & dial *plod*, *plud*, puddle, Gael Ir *plod*, pool, puddle

plop Imit, cf *plump*, *flop*

plot AS *plot* (of land), which, in view of its solitary occurrence and lack of Teut cognates, is prob F *pelote*, clod, VL **pilotta*, dim of *pila*, ball (for extension to something larger cf *moat*) This reappears in ME (15 cent) as *plotte*, prob a new borrowing from F The sense of scheme, which might naturally develop from that of flat surface (cf *plan*), was helped by association with *plat*, the two words being used indifferently (cf *platform*) The degeneration of sense, like that of *scheme*, *design*, was partly due to association with the related F *complot*, which had already

acquired the sense of conspiracy, and this was definitely fixed (1605) by Gunpowder Plot It may be noted that *platoon*, from the dim *peloton*, was also in earlier E *platoon* With the *plot* of a story we may compare F *intrigue* (*d'une pièce*), and *nœud* (whence *dénouement*), used in the same sense The order of senses is thus—patch of ground, flat surface, ground plan of building, design in general, nefarious design See also *complot*, *plat*, *platform*

There have been divers good plottes devised, and wise counsells east already, about reformation of that realme (Spenser, *State of Ireland*)

Our generall [= admiral] had plotted to goe for Newfoundland, and there to revictual, and to de part for the streits of Magellan, which plat, etc
 (Hakl)

plough AS *plōh* Com Teut, cf Du *ploeg*, Ger. *pflug*, ON *plōgr* See also *ear*² With *plough*, Charles' Wain, cf L *triones*, Great and Little Bear, lit plough-oxen On *Plough Monday*, first after Epiphany, spring ploughing begins *Plough-tail* is substituted for earlier *plough-start*, (see *redstart*, *stark-naked*), with which cf Du *Ploegstaart*, a famous wood in Flanders, named from its shape, anglice *Plug Street* To *plough* in an examination is an arbitrary variation on *pluck* For *ploughshare* see *share*, *shear* See also *Luke*, iv 62

plover F *pluvier*, Late L **pluvarius*, from *pluvra*, rain Cf Sp *pluvial*, Ger *regenpfeifer*, lit rain-piper, E dial *rainbird* Reason for name doubtful

pluck AS *pluccian*, *ploccan*, cf Du *plukken*, Ger *plücken*, ON *plökka*, *plukka* Prob all borrowed (cf *pillow*), in connection with the northern trade with Rome in down and feathers, from VL **piluccare*, from *pilus*, hair, whence It *piluccare*, "to pick, or pull out hairs or feathers one by one" (Flor), OF *peluchner* (cf. ModF *épilucher*), Norman-Picard *pluquer* Hence *pluch*, viscera of an animal, as being "plucked" out of the carcase (cf synon dial *gather*), adopted in 18 cent, like mod *guts*, as a pugilistic word for courage In this sense it is described as "blackguardly" by Scott, and was not used by ladies before the Crimean War (Hotten) It may have been partly suggested by the much earlier to *pluck up heart* (courage, spirits).

The proctor then walks up and down the room, so that any person who objects to the degree being granted may signify the same by pulling or plucking the proctor's robes (*Verdair Green*)

magic potion philtre etc Cf Ger *Kist*
poison lit gift

Je suis roïne mai le non [name]
En i perdu p r la poison [also call d is adn]
Q e nos beumes en la mer (Trt 1 12 e t)

poissarde [hist] Parisian market woman
noisily revolutionary Fem of *p issard*
pickpocket from *poir* pitch with allu-
sion to fingers but in later s use asso-
ciated with *poisson* fish as though fish
wife

poke¹ Bag Now chiefly dial e.g. *hop poke*
(Kent) or in to buy a pig in a poke i.e.
without examination for which Wyc has
to buy a cat in the sack (F *acheter chat en*
poché) (see bag) also as name for bonnet
(now *poke-bonnet*) ON *poke* cogn with
AS *fohka* (whence obs *fough* bag) Or
L word may be ONT *foque* (see *pocket*)
which is of Teut origin Cf *pouch* and
see *pock*

Tb y walwe as doon two pigges in a poke
(Chauc 4 4276)

poke² To thrust Of LG origin Cf Du LG
poeken also Du *pook* stick Ger *poelen*
to knock cogn with Norw *paak* stick
To *poke fun* at is 19 cent *Poky* paltry
petty is from the idea of poking in
sense of pottering The *holy poker* is Ir
poker Card game Orig US Cf Ger *pock*
pockspiel a bluffing card game from
pochen to brag lit to knock rap cogn
with *poke*²

polacre *polacca* [name] Three masted Medi-
terranean ship Cf F *polacre* It Sp
polacra Du *polzak* Ger *polacke* all app-
meaning Polish (cf obs *Polack* Pole
Haml 11 2) But it is difficult to see how
a Mediterranean rig could be named from
Poland Early authorities all describe the
polacre as pole masted i.e. with each
mast made of one piece of timber so that
the word may be of E formation from
*pole*¹ with jocular assim to *Polack*

polarize F *polariser* coined (1811) by Malus
as term in optics later applied to magne-
tism and electricity See *pole*²

poldavy [archaic] Course canvas From
Poldavide (Finistère) in Brittany Cf
doulas lockram

polder [geog] Land reclaimed from sea Du
earlier *pol e* Perh ident with Du *polder*
sow run MedL *pullar* *pullar um*

pole¹ Stake etc AS *poll* L *palus* cf Du
paal Ger *pfahl* ON *poll* also from L (see

pale) Of ship's mast in *under bare poles*
For application to measure cf *rod perch*
also *yard chain* etc

pole² (Geographical) F *pole* L G r *los*
pivot axis Cf It Span *polo* Du *pol*
(er *pol* also from L Orig (Chauc) two
fixed points in celestial sphere around which
the stars appear to revolve

poleaxe MF *pollax* as thou h from *poll*
head but formation from *pole*¹ seems more
likely Cf *halberd* Orig warlike weapon
halberd association with the butch r dating
from c 1700

polecat From OF *pole* (*poul*) hen from
its preying on poultry (qv) cf *goshawk*
hen harrier etc See also *edchpol*

A d k th was pol at in bi ha
Th t a be yd bi po ns hadd y law
(Ch c. C 853)

polemarch [hist] Commander in chief
(*πολεμαρχος* (V1))

polemic G *πολεμος* from *πολε* war
Introduced by controversial theologians
of 17 cent

polenta It a meal used in Italy made of
barley or chesnut flo. soaked in water and
then fried in oil or butter (Flor) L *po-*
lenta peeled barley from *polle* fine meal

police F civil administration MedL
politia whence also *polity*¹ *polity* (qv)
Current sense and *police*man for constable
from beginning of 19 cent

polichinic [med] Clinic (qv) h id in private
house instead of hospital Ger *poliklinik*
from *pol* city Erron *pol clinic*

policy Statecraft OF *police* L G
police from *polite* citizen from *πολις*
city So. sense of improvement on estate
is due to confusion with *polish* *polite*

policy Of insurance F *polie* altered on
policy Ult MedL *apodissa* receipt for
L *apodiss* G *apodiss* from *ἀποδο*
to make known Cf Prov *poli*
Port *ap'pice* also It *polizza* invoice Sp
poliza For change of -d to -l in words of
G origin Cf *pilot* In E from 16 cent

poligar Feudal chief in Sind Maharrat
poligar from Tamil *pillayam* feudal
estate Hence *poligar* -d g from *poligar*
country

polish I *pol* r *poliss* L *polire* to polish
sm x th To *polish off* was orig pugilistic

Polish From Pole inhabitant of Poland
used for earlier *Polack* *Polonian* *Polander*
The lang is Slav I or name of country see
polymia

po F pronunc of *poi*

poach¹ To dress eggs. F *pocher*, lit. to pouch, pocket, the yolk being enclosed by the white. In OF & ME. we find *en poche* for poached

poach² To steal game. Earlier *potch*, app ident with above. But dial senses, to poke, trample, etc., belong to F *pocher*, to thrust, knock, of Teut origin (see *poke*²). In quot below the exact sense of F verb is uncertain. See *foozle* for another possible connection

pocher le labour d'autrui to poche into, or incroach upon, another man's employment, practise, or trade (Cot.)

pochard Diving bird. App from F. *pocher*, to poke, etc. (v s). It is also called *poker*

pock Usu in pl *pox*, for *pocks*. AS *pocr*, pustule, cogn with Du *poh*, Ger *pocke* (from LG), and ult with *pocket*, *poke*¹. *Smallpox*, as spec name of disease formerly called *poches*, *pox*, is from 17 cent

pocket AF *pokete*, dim of ONF *poque* (*poché*). See *poke*¹. First NED record (1781) for *pocket-handkerchief* is from Fanny Burney

pock-pudding Opprobrious Sc name for Englishman. For *poke-pudding*, bag-pudding, see *poke*¹

pococurante It *poco curante*, little caring, L *paucum* and pres part of *curare*

pod¹ Of beans, etc. Replaces (17 cent) earlier *cod* (*peasecod*). Origin unknown. Prob much earlier than dict records

The poods [of pease in Angola] grow on the roots underneath the ground

(Andrew Battell, in Purch)

pod² US name for herd of whales, or seals. Origin unknown

podagra Gout. L, G *ποδάγρα*, from *πούς*, *pod-*, foot, *άγρα*, trap

podestà It, magistrate, L *potestas*, *-tat-*, power, from *potis*, powerful

podge Var of *pudge* (q v)

podium [arch] L, G *πόδιον*, dim of *πούς*, *pod-*, foot. See *pew*

podophyllin [chem] Resin from plant *podophyllum*, from G *πούς*, *pod-*, foot, *φύλλον*, leaf

Podsnappery From *Podsnap*, character in *Our Mutual Friend*, fond of waving objections aside

Free-trade Podsnapery waves away such a necessity (Reveree, April 29, 1917)

poem F *poème*, L, G *ποίημα*, var of *ποίημα*, from *ποιεῖν*, to make. Cf *poet*, F. *poète*,

L, G. *ποιητής*, for *ποιητής* (cf early Sc. *maker*, poet), *poesy*, F *poésie*, from L, G, *ποίησις*, *poetry*, OF *poetrie*, Late L *poëma*. *Poetaster* appears to have been borrowed by Ben Jonson from It *poetastro* or OF *poetastrie*, formed with pejorative suffix *-aster*. See also *posy*

pogrom Russ, from verb *gromit'*, to batter, devastate, cogn with *gromiel'*, to thunder, cf *gromila*, burglar. Usu of massacres of Jews

The total number of places pogrommed was 333, and the Jews killed 20,500

(Daily Chron Oct. 10, 1919.)

poignant Pres part of F *poindre*, to prick, stab, L *pungere*

poilu F, hairy, from *poil*, hair (of beard), L *pilus*. The word is not new, e.g. Balzac uses it in the sense of bold, determined. There was perh orig. a play on *brave à trois poils*, lit three-pile brave, a metaphor from velvet

poinsettia Flower Named (1836) from discoverer, J R Poinsett, US minister to Mexico

point F *point* (m), prick, dot, etc, L *punctum*, *pointe* (f), act of piercing. Late L *puncta*, from *pungere*, *punct-*, to prick, pierce, cf. It Sp *punto*, *punta*, in same groups of senses. In sense of distinguishing mark now only in *strong point*. *Point-blanc* is made with needle only. *Point-blank* is from *blank*, the white centre of the target, the marksman being considered close enough to point at this without allowing for curve, cf F. *de but en blanc*, *à bout portant*, *à brûle-pourpoint*, all in same sense, and obs F *de pointe en blanc*. *Point of honour*, F. *point d'honneur*, is adapted from Sp *pundonor*. Archaic *point device*, exactly, is ME *at point device*, from OF *devis*, arranged (see *devise*), and a *point*, just right, to a nicety. See also *edge*. Spec sense of part of argument-or chain of reasoning appears in to strain a *point*, make a *point* of

pointillism [art] From F *pointiller*, to cover with *pointilles*, small dots

poise OF *pois* (*poids*), earlier *peis*, L *pensum*, from *pendere*, to weigh. Cf *avoir-dupois*. The *-d-* in ModF. *poids* is due to mistaken association with L *pondus*. In E the idea of weight has passed into that of balance

poison F, L *poison-*, drink, from *potare*, to drink. Mod sense arises from that of

supposed to have been orig made *Pomatum* is mod latinization

pomander [archaic] Perforated metal ball filled with aromatics pouncet box By dissem for earlier (15 cent) *pomander* OF *pome ambr* apple of amber cf MedL *pomum ambræ* It was also called a *musk-ball* (Paston Let in 1464)

pomard *se lews* a pomander sweet ball (Cotg)

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pomatum See *pomade*

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That I should f make the d ill d all his work s the poms a d anities of the w ked w ld (FB 601)

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pompier ladder From 1 *pompier* fireman lit pumper

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pongo Nati e name in Angola or Loango for large anthropoid ape perh gorilla, with which Andrew Battell's description (Purch) agrees Also in recent use as nickname for manne

You o mp is a na al off er more easily than you could as a pong (Coppleton L it v el P per 916)

poniard F *poignard* from *poing* fist L *figu s* cf OF *poignai* lit *poenale* in same ense But prob associated also with *poinde* *poign* to pierce stab

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polite L *politus*, pp of *polire*, to polish
Cf F *poli*, It *pulito* Perli associated
with G *πόλις*, citizen (cf. *urbane*)
politie F *politique*, L, G *πολιτικός*, from
πόλις, citizen, from *πόλις*, city. Re-
placed, exc in sense of shrewd, and in
body politic, by *political* *Politics*, *poli-
tician* are 16 cent F *politique* has the
sense of trimmer

That insidious and crafty animal, vulgarly called
a politician (Adam Smith)

polity OF *politie*, learned form of *politie*.
See *policy*!

polka Dance and jacket Polish, fcm of
Polak, Polc, whence also F & Ger *polka*
Reached London (1842) from Paris via
Prague, Vienna Cf *polonaise*, *mazurka*

poll¹ Head Cf obs Du *pol*, *pollc*, LG
polle, also Dan *puld*, crown of head Now
only of voting by head and in archaic
poll-tax, capitation Hence to *poll*, crop
the head (2 Sam xiv 26), now usu of
trees, whence *pollard* (oak, willow), earlier
and more gen sense surviving in *deed poll*,
a document executed by one party only,
as opposed to an indenture (v 1)

A deed-poll is that which is plaine without any
indenting, so called, because it is cut even or polled
(Coke)

poll² Parrot From name *Poll*, for *Moll* (cf.
Peg for *Meg*), earlier *Mal*, from *Mary* (cf.
Hal, from *Harry*) NED quotes *pretty
Pall* for 1630 Hence verb to *poll-parrot*,
coined by Rogue Riderhood (*Mutual
Friend*)

poll³ Pass degree (Camb) Prob from G
οἶ-ολοί, the many, the multitude

pollack, pollock Kind of cod Prob from
poll, with fanciful assim to *Polack*, Polc
Cf *pollard*, obs name for club

pollan Ir freshwater fish ? From Ir *poll*,
pool, mire

pollard Sec *poll*¹

pollen L, fine flour, dust, cogn with *pulvis*,
dust

pollcitation [leg] L *pollicitatio*-n-, from
pollicitari, to promise

pollute From L *polluere*, *pollut-*, from *pro*
and *luere*, to wash, cf L *lues*, filth

polly [neol] Slang for *apollinaris*

pollywog [dial] Tadpole ME *polwigele*,
from *poll*¹ and *wiggle*

polo Balti (dial of Indus valley), cf
Tibetan *pulu* First played in England at
Aldershot in 1871 Sec *chicanery*

polonaise Dress and dance F, fem of
polonais, Polish Cf *polka*

polonium [chem]. From MedL *Polonia*,
Poland Element discovered and named
(1898) by M and Mme Curie, the latter of
Polish nationality

polony Corrupt of *Bologna* (sausage), from
place of origin in Italy

poltergeist Ger, noisy spirit, from *poller*,
uproar, cogn with *boulder* (q.v.) Cf Du
buldergeest. Introduced, with *spook*, by
spiritualists See also *pothei*

poltron F *poltron*, It *poltrone*, from *pollro*,
"sluggard, idle, lazie, slothful" (Flor).
Connected by some with It *poltro*, couch
It Sp. *pollro*, foal, is another possible
starting-point

poly- From G *πολύς*, *πολύ*, much, many,
e.g. *polyandry*, from *ἀνήρ*, *άνδρ*, man,
polyanthus, from *ἄνθος*, flower, *polygamy*,
from *γάμος*, in marriage, *polyglot*, from *γλῶτ*
τα, tongue, *polygon*, from *γωνία*, angle,
polyhedron, from *ἔδρα*, base, side, *polymath*,
G *πολυμαθής*, from *μαθάνειν*, to learn,
polytheism, from *θεός*, god

polyclinic General hospital For *polidclinic*
(q.v.), with changed spelling and meaning
polygonum [bot] From G *πολύγωνον*, knot-
grass, from *γόνυ*, knee

Polynesia Latinized from F *polynésie*,
coined (1756) by de Brosse from G *νήσος*,
island

polynia Open water amid polar ice Russ
polynya, from root of *polye*, field

polypus Octopus, cuttlefish L, G *πολύ-
πους*, from *πούς*, foot For application (14
cent) to growth in nose cf *canker*, *lupus*
polysynthetic [ling] Applied to langs, e.g.
NAmer. Ind, which combine a sentence
into a compound word

polytechnic F *polytechnique*, from G *πολύ-
τεχνος*, skilful in many arts (*τέχνη*), first
applied to the *école polytechnique*, engi-
neering school founded at Paris (1794) In
E to the *Polytechnic Institution*, founded
in London (1838)

polyvalent [neol] Of inoculation against all
zymotics from pres part of L *valēre*, to
be strong

pom [neol] Short for *Pomeranian* (q.v.)

pomace Crushed apples for cider Prob
plur of OF *pomat*, cider, MedL *pomatium*,
from L *pomum*, apple Cf *accidence*,
bodice, etc

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floating bridge, prob Celt, but associated with L *pons*, *pont-*, bridge

pony Sc *powney*, ? OF *poulenet*, dim of *poulain*, colt, Late L *pullanus*, from *pulus*, young animal But the OF word is rare, and a pony is not a foal, so that the old derivation from *puny* may be correct For slang sense of £25 cf *monkey*, £500. The word is, like *donkey*, of late introduction from dial

pony a little Scotch horse (Bailey)

poond Weight of about 36 lbs. Russ, from LG or Norse *pund*, pound¹ (q v.)

poodle Ger *pudel*, orig a water-dog, from *pudelhund*, from LG *pudeln*, to splash Cf Ger *pudel*, puddle, *pudelnass*, dripping wet

poof Imit of blowing out candle, etc Cf *puff* and F *pouf*

pooh Imit of blowing away, cf *poof*, *pfew*, etc Hence to *pooh-pooh* (19 cent)

Pooh-Bah Lord High Everything Else in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado*

One of our own Pooh-Bahs, in the person of the Lord Chamberlain (*Daily Chron* Nov 3, 1919)

pool¹ Of water. AS *pōl* WGer, cf Du *poel*, Ger *pfuhl*, cogn with Gael Ir *poll*, Welsh *pull*, Corn *pol*, common in place-names, but prob not with L *palus*, marsh

pool² In gambling F *poule*, hen, perh orig in sense of booty of successful player, cf Sp *polla*, hen, also stake at *hombre*, Walloon *poue*, hen, stake It may be ult connected with the OF *jeu de la galline* (L *gallina*, hen) in which the bird was both target and prize (cf *cockshy*) In E. associated with *pool¹*, an association perh helped by F *fiche*, counter, being confused with *fish* Verb to *pool* (funds, resources, ideas, etc) is quite mod

Si Denjean est de ce jeu, il prendra toutes les poules, c'est un aigle (Mme de Sévigné, 1680)

Industrious creatures that make it a rule

To secure half the fish, while they manage the pool (NED 1766)

Poonah Painting, etc From *Poonah*, in Bombay Presidency

poop F *poupe*, VL **puppa*, for *puppis*, stern; cf It *poppa*, Sp *popa*

poor. AF *povere*, OF *povre* (*pauvre*), L *pauper*, cf It *povero*, Sp *pobre* Completely replaced Teut word (AS *earm*, cf Ger *arm*, etc) For adj use of adv. *poorly* cf *ill*, *sickly*

pop¹ Imit of short quick sound, as of pistol, drawn cork, etc, e.g. *pop-gun*, *pop-corn* (US), to *pop the question* Also applied to motion, e.g. to *pop in* (out, off the hooks), *pop goes the weasel*, name of country dance and tune (c 1850), and to putting things away quickly, whence sense of pawning, *pop-shop* (18 cent) *Popping-craze* at cricket (18 cent) has the idea of popping, or striking, at the ball.

Sith you have popt me such a doubtfull question, if you and I were alone by ourselves, I would poppe you such an answer, that you should well find that I loved you (Greene, *Heaven and Hell*)

pop² Shortened (19 cent) from *popular concert*

pop³ Debating society at Eton. ? From *lollipop*, the society having met orig (1811) at a confectioner's

pope AS *pāpa*, Church L., Late G *pāpas*, for *pāpas*, baby word for father, *papa* (cf hist. of *abbot*) In early Church title of bishops, but, since Leo the Great (5th cent), claimed as exclusive title in Western Church for bishop of Rome With forms in Rom langs cf. Ger *pfaffe*, priest, shaveling, *pabst*, pope, Russ *pope*, parish priest, from WGer The *pope's-eye* of a leg of mutton (17 cent) is in Ger *pfaffenbisschen*, parson's bit (cf *parson's nose* of fowl), and in F *œil de Judas* Hostile sense of *popery*, *popish* dates from Reformation

Pope Joan Card game Name of fabulous female pope, but cf synon. F *nan jaune*, lit. yellow dwarf, which may have suggested E name

popinjay Orig parrot, later applied to the over-conspicuous or noisy (1 *Hen IV*, 1 3), but in ME sometimes complimentary, e.g. Lydgate applies it to the Holy Virgin Very widely diffused, e.g. OF *papegai*, *papegau*, It *pappagallo*, Sp *papagaio*, Ger *papager*, Du *papigaar*, MedG *παπαγιάς*, Arab *babaghā*, etc, some forms being assimilated to *jay* and its cognates, others to L *gallus*, cock (cf hist of *cockatoo*) Prob the name originated in some barbarian lang as imit of cry, or it may, like so many bird-names (cf *parrot*), have been a nickname given by early travellers ME *papejay*, from OF, has now an intrusive -n-, as in *nightingale*, *messenger* An earlier form survives in surname *Pobgee*, *Popejoy*, etc Early Se *papingo* (Lyndsay) is OF. *papegau* (v s), corresponding to MedL *papagallus*

poplar OF *poplier* (*peuplier*) from L *populus* whence directly dial *popple* (in place names e.g. *Popplewell*) cf Du Ger *pappel*

poplin F *popeline* earlier *papelune* It *papa lina* fem of *papalino* *papal* because made at Avignon seat of the Pope during the schism (1309-1408) and regarded as a papal town till 1791

poppet Earlier form of *puppet* (q.v.)

popple Of water Imut of motion cf *bubble* and Du *popelen* to throb quiver Partly frequent of *pop*¹

poppy AS *popung* later *popa* from L *papaver* whence also F *pavot* exact formation of both words being obscure

popsy wopsy Redupl on archaic *pop* darling short for *poppet* Cotg has *pupsia* for *puppy* (s.v. *chien de damoiselle*)

populace F It *popolaccio* the grosse base vile common people *piraffe* people (Flor) from *popolo* people L *populus* with pejorative suffix Cf *populir* *population* *populous* etc

porcelain I *porcelaine* It *porcellana* orig cowrie-shaped shell Venus shell from *porcella* dim of *porca* lit sow used in L for *vulva* Tho sh. ll takes its name from the shape of the orifice (cf archaic Dan *hudemusling*) The china is named from surface resembling the shell L *porca* *vulva* is regarded by some as distinct from *porca* sow and as cogn with AS *furh* sorrow

porch I *por he* L *porticus* colonnade etc. ? cogn with *po* is door

porcine L *porcinus* of the pig *porcus*

porcupine OF *porc espin* parallel name to *porc espi* (*porc épic*) the former meaning spine (thorn) pig the latter spike pig cf It. *porcospino* Sp *puerca espin* The early vars are numerous and odd e.g. *porhpen* *porhenpich* *porhpoint* *porpin* etc and Shaks spelt it *porpentine* (Hamlet i 5)

The crest a blaw porpyntyn

(M. byn. *Dury* 1550-63)

The porpens come o t of Inda and Afri ke a kind of urch n o h dehog th y be
(Il. liad s. Fl. y v l 35)

pore¹ Noun F L C = *por* way passage pore

pore² Verb ME *pu en* *pouren* to gaze fixedly Origin unknown

porism [math] L G = *porism* deduction from *ποριζ* to carry deduce from *πρός* way

pork F *porc* pig pork L *porcus* For him: tation of sense in E cf *beef mutton veal* A *porker* was earlier a *porcket*

It [Trinidad] hath tore of d re wild pork fruit fish and f ule (Raleigh)

pornography F *porno raphie* from G *πόρνη* harlot

porphyrogenitus [hist] See *purple*

porphyry F *porphyre* Late L **porphyrius* G = *por* *peos* purple whence r *por* *por* *porphyry* In most Europ langs

porpoise OF *porpeis* L *porcus* pig *pis* is fish Capt John Smith has *porhpis* Cf sailors name *sea hog* an! Ge *meerschuin* whence F *marsoin* a porpose or sea hog (Cotg) See *grampus*

porraceous From L *porraceus* of the leek *porrum*

porrect L *porrigere* *porrect* to extend from *pro* and *regere*

porridge Altered (16 cent) partly under influence of dial *porray* leek broth etc from *podd sh* *poilage* (q.v.) Cf dial *in perence* *orra moral* and for converse change *edlish paddock* *Porray* is OF *porde* Late L *porra* from *porrum* leek Association of porridge with oatmeal is Sc in which *porrick* is often treated as pl

por er p *bet potag* *pisim*
(*Prompt Fare*)

Th was boyh g on the fyer a pikin of pease pottag It w throw e down broke, an! ll the porridg bo t th h mbr
(Rayn o d s. *Am. d* 17 c nt)

That (a chip in porridg t is) t th g
(Dryden)

By re son of the mild natur th y (looks) re much sed n porridg wh h b d it m from th Lati *p rrum* i k th w from th Pres h w g alf callit pottag (Doct R u 1717)

porringer For earlier *potager* *podd nger* (v.s.) with intrusive n as in *passen* etc etc *monstr* littl *porr g* a *pot g* d l h (Flor)

port¹ Harbour AS *port* L *portus* cogn with *porta* gate and ult with *ford* Rein forced in ME by l *port* Hence *port* side of ship replacing older *larboard* (q.v.) the loading side being naturally turned to wards the harbour

port² [hist] Gate F *porte* L *porta* cf Du *poort* Ger *pforte* from L Now only in naut. *port hole* and archa. mil. *sally port* See *port*¹

port³ Bearing F from *porter* to carry L *portare* whence also verb to *port* now only

in mil to *port arms* Cf *portable*, *portation*
For changed sense of *portly*, orig majestic,
cf *stout*

My queen and portly empress (Marlowe).

port⁴ Wine For *port-wine*, from *Oporto*,
Port o *porto*, the harbour Cf F. *vin de*
porto, Ger *portwein*

portage In current scense, transporting by
land from one navigable water to another,
from Canad F See *port*³

portal OF (*portail*), MedL *portale*, from
porta, gate

portcullis OF *porte-coulisse*, sliding door,
from *couler*, to flow, L. *colare*, cf *theat*
coulisse Replaced in F by *herse*, lit. har-
row

Porte [*hist*] For F *Sublime Porte* (cf It.
Porta Sublimis), rendering Turk Arab.
bāb-i-'ālīy, lit lofty gate, offic name of
central office of Ottoman government Cf,
in diplomatic lang, the *Ballplatz* (Austria),
Quai d'Orsay (France), *Vatican* (Papacy),
etc

portend L *portendere*, to foretell, archaic
form of *protere*, *protere*-, to stretch for-
ward, whence also noun *portentum*, por-
tent, omen

Coming events cast their shadows before
(Campbell).

porter¹ Doorkeeper F *portier* (see *port*²)

porter² Bearer F *porteur* (see *port*³)

porter³ Beer For *porter's beer*, *ale* (Swift),
from *porter*² Cf *cooper*¹ With *porterhouse*,
as in *porterhouse steak* (US), cf *alehouse*,
beerhouse

portfire [*mil*] Fuse, match Adapted from
F *portefe*, lit carry-fire

portfolio In 18 cent *porto folio*, corrupt of
It *portafoglio*, lit carry-leaves, pl of *foglio*,
L *folium* Cf cogn F *portefeuille*, from
which comes current pol sense

portico It, as *porch* (q v) Also allusively
to the Painted Porch at Athens, resort of
Zeno (see *stoic*)

portière F, MedL *portaria*, from *porta*, door
portion F, L *portio-n-*, cogn with *pars*,
part- Orig share, allowance (cf *appor-*
tion), as still in eating-houses

Portland cement From resembling colour of
Portland stone, from peninsula of *Portland*
(Dorset)

portly See *port*³

portmanteau. Orig for horseman's use F.
portemanteau, earlier *valise*, now clothes-
peg Older *portmantle* is still in dial use

Portmanteau-word (e g. *acrobatics*, *Bakerloo*,
electrocute, *Eurasian*, *gerrymander*, *peran-*
bucot, *squarson*), was coined by Lewis
Carroll to explain *slithy*, *mimsy*, etc
(*Through the Looking-Glass*)

One [word] was ingeniously invented by a maid
servant, viz clantastical, which she contrived
should express both fantastical and clandestine
(Pegge, 1803)

The Daily Herald, the Hunshevik Labour paper
(*John Bull*, June 7, 1919)

A depraved motor car comes, belching out its
hudeous stench as it petrollicks down the road
(W de Morgan, *Old Madhouse*, ch 1)

portolan [*hist*] Early book of sailing-direc-
tions It *portolano*, from *porto*, harbour.
For formation cf *ortolan*

Portolan charts have naturally a great attraction
for collectors in the New World
(*Daily Chron* Aug 19, 1917)

portrait F, p p of *portraire*, to portray, L
protrahere, to draw forward Orig in wider
sense, painting, sculpture

port-reeve [*hist*]. Mayor AS *porigerēfa*,
where *port* has sense of borough, prob ex-
tended from that of harbour See *reeve*¹

Portugee Back-formation from *Portuguese*,
Port *portugues*, cf *Chinee*, *burgee*, *marquise*,
pea

We ought to let the Portugeses have right done
them (Pepys, Aug 12, 1664)

Portuguese man-of-war Marine hydrozoan
with sail-like crest, cf *nautilus*, *salleman*

posada Inn Sp, from *posar*, to lodge (v 1)

pose¹ To place F *poser*, Latc L *pausare*,
to halt, rest, which replaced in Rom
langs L *ponere*, *posit-*, to place, also in
comps (*compose*, *dispose*, *repose*, etc)
See *pause* L *ponere* gave F *pondre*, to lay
(eggs), and survives in *compound*, *expound*,
propound, the nouns *composition*, *expo-*
sition, *proposition*, being now felt as be-
longing to both the *-pound* and *-pose*
groups Current sense of *pose* is from the
artist's model

pose² To non-plus Aphet, for *oppose* or
obs var *appose*, to question (see *puzzle*).
Hence *poser*, orig examiner, questioner

And Pilate apposed him saynge, Art thou the
kynge of the Jewes? (Tynd *Luke*, xxii 3)

Sittinge in the middes of the doctours, both hearynge
them and posing them (Tynd *Luke*, ii 46)

posit [*logie*] L *ponere*, *posit-*, to place, lay
down

position F, L *positio-n-*, from *ponere*, *posit-*,
to place With *positive*, F *positif*, L *positi-*
tivus, cf "laying down" the law Scient

senses opposed to *negative* are mod *Positivism* is the philosophy of Auguste Comte who published his *Philosophie positive* in 1830

posology Science of do es *F posologie* from *G* *posos* how much Used by Bentham for mathematics.

posse Short for *MedL posse comitatus* lit force of the county (q v) *L posse* to be able from *potis* powerful *esse* to be

possess OF *possessor* (replaced by *poséder*) from *L possidere* *possess* compd of *sedere* to sit cf Ger *besitzen* to possess from *sitzen* to sit Archaic sense of taking possession controlling appears in adj *possessed* (of an evil spirit) and in *Luke xxi 19* Earlier are *possessio* *posessor* also from OI

posset ME *poshote* *posset* *possyt* Orig made with curdled milk Origin doubtful There is a rare and doubtful OF *possette* which may be a dim from *posson* "a little measure for milke verjuice and vinegar" (Cotg) This is a dim of *pot* cf archaic E *posnet* cooking pot OF *possonet*

possible F *L possibilis* from *posse* (*potis esse*) to be able With *possibilist* orig school of Sp republicans cf *opponentist*

possum Aphet for *opossum* (q v) Esp in to play *possum* (US) with allusion to *opossum* a trick of feigning death

post¹ Wooden pillar etc AS *post* *L postus* reinforced in ME by OF *post* which survives in dim *poleau* stake and compd *suppl¹* cf Du *post* Ger *pfosten* all from *L postis* ? and thus ult from *portus* *post* to place Hence to *post* a bail defaulter etc. by notice orig attached to a *post* (see *bill¹*)

I went to see if any pl y was acted but I found none upon the post t being Passon Week (Pepys Mar 4 1666)

post² For letters F *poste* (f) station It *posta* Late *L posta* for *postis* from *ponere* *po* to place Orig use l(c 1500) of series of mounted men stationed at intervals on road for rapid forwarding of royal messengers etc. (cf synon *L equites postis*) Hence *post haste* *post chaise* etc Later applied to the offic forwarding of all missives The name was also given to the messenger as in *by return of post* F *par retour du courrier* With to *ride post* cf F *cours la poste* To *po* t earlier *post* over the *led er* app belongs here with idea of transference hence *posted* (*up*) also

fig well informed As size of paper (*post octavo*) of Du or Ger origin and said to have been named from watermark being a posthorn (cf *foolscap*)

post² Of soldi r F *poste* (m) It. *posto* station employment Late *L postum* for *positum* (v s) For extension from position of soldier to that of civilian cf *berth* Here belong *post-captain* *post rank* and *last post* bugle-call

post *L post* after as in *post meridiem* (P M) *post mortem* Hence *post impressionist* (20 cent) art t going one better than *impressionist*

poster See *post bill¹*

posterior *L* compar of *posterius* coming after from *po* t after cf *posterity* A *po* *terior* (reasoning) is from result instead of cause (a priori)

The man was I ghed t as a bl nd rer wh aid in a p bl bud ess W d mn h for post nt I woult i in se them do som th g f ru (Elizabeth Montagu's Letter J n 742)

postern [archaic] OF *posterne* (*pothorne*) for earlier *postle* Late *L posternula* backway from *postern* from *post* (v s)

posthumous *L posthumus* last last born superl of *posterus* (v s) altered in Late *L* to *posthumus* by association with *humus* ground and applied to what appears after originator's (father's author's) death

postul [archaic] Marginal note esp in B ble F *postille* also *apostille* cf It *postilla* Sp *lela* *MedL postilla* (13 cent) ? Short for *post illa verba* (*sacrae scripturae*) beginning of priest's explanation after reading text

postilion F *postillon* It *postiglione* a postilion a *postes* guide a forerunner (Flor) from *posta* *post²* Cf *posiboy* For form cf *terminon*

posthumy [h =] Restoration of the *status quo* *L post¹ minimum* right to return home and resume one's privileges from *imen* *human* threshold

postmaster¹ Orig official in charge of the mounted posts (see *po* t) h acc jobmaster because of privilege of hiring out horses

postmaster Used (from 16 cent) at Verton College Oxf for scholar ? From the poor scholars of John Wyllyat a foundation (1370) acting as servants to the Masters (of Arts) and standing behind them at dinner

post-obit Promise to pay after death *L post obitum* of some specified person Cf *obituary*

postpone L *postponere*, from *ponere*, to place
postprandial Comed (? by Coleridge) from
L *prandium*, late breakfast, lunch, from
**pram*, early, *edere*, to eat

postscript Shortened from L *postscriptum*,
written after

postulant From pres part of L *postulare*,
to demand, cogn with *poscere* Esp one
asking admission to holy orders Cf
postulate, to request, thing requested (logic
& math)

posture F, L *positura*, from *ponere*, *posit-*,
to place Fig sense of affectation, etc is
from the professional contortionist.

posy In both senses, viz short motto (on
ring, knife), bunch of flowers, contr of
poesy The second sense is connected with
the language of flowers

And for youre poyesye these letters v ye take
Of this name Maria, only for hir sake (Lydgate)

A hundreth sundrie flowres bounde up in one
small poesie (Gascoigne)

A pultry ring
That she did give me, whose posy [old edd poesie]
was
For all the world like cutler's poetry
Upon a knife "Love me and leave me not"

(*Merch of Ven* v 1).

pot Latc AS *poll*, cf Du LG *pot*, ON *pottr*,
F *pot*, OIt *potto*, Sp *pote*, MedL *potius*,
also in Celt langs (from L) Origin doubt-
ful, but possibly a monkish witticism from
L *potus*, drink From cooling use come
to *keep the pot boiling*, whence *pot-boiler*,
work done for a livelihood, *pot-shot*, for
food, not for sport, *pot-luck* (cf F *la*
fortune du pot) From drinking use come
pothouse, *potboy*, *pot-valiant*, etc A *pot-*
hunter was orig a parasite (see *chassepot*),
later an unsportsmanlike sportsman (v s),
and finally a seeker after athletic cups,
etc, vulg *pots*, or even scholarships and
prizes A *pot of money*, to *put the pot on*,
are from racing slang, orig from vessel
which held stakes *Pot(t)* paper is from
watermark (cf *foolscap*) For *potsherd* see
shard The earliest record for *go to pot*
suggests cooking (v. i.), but Udall may have
been punning on *pot*, pit of hell, destruction,
common in early Se

The niche and welthe of his subjectes went dayly
to the pott, and were chopped up (Udall, 1542)

potable F, L *potabilis*, from *potare*, to
drink

potamic Fluvial From G ποταμός, river

potash Earlier (17 cent) *pot ashes*, from obs
Du *pot-aaschen*, *pot ashes*, now *potash*,

cf F. *potasse*, It *potassa*, Sp *potasa*, Ger.
potassche, etc. "Latinized" as *potassium*
by Davy (1807)

potation OF, L *potatio-n*, from *potare*, to
drink

potato Altered from Sp *patata*, var. of
batata (q v.), the sweet potato, to which
the name was first applied in E, its trans-
ference to the familiar tuber, first brought
from Peru to Spain (c 1580), being esp L
Potato-ring, Ir disk-ring of 18 cent, is mod
and inaccurate

One is almost induced to believe that the lower
order of Londoners imagine that *paters*, as they
constantly call them in their natural state, is a
generic term, and that *pot* is a prefix which
carries with it some specific difference (Pegge)

potheen, potheen [Ir] Illicitly distilled whisky
Ir *poitín*, little pot.

The police at Frenchpark (Rosecommon) captured
recently upwards of 1000 gallons of "potheen"
(*Daily Chron* June 19, 1919)

potent From pres part of L *posse* (*potis*
esse), to be able Cf *potency*, *potential*, also
potentate, L *potentatus*, power, in Late L
individual possessing power.

potheen See *potheen*

potther. Tumult Earlier (17 cent) also *pow-*
ther, *pudder*, mod form app influenced by
bother ? Cf Ger. *potter*, in *pottergeist* (q v.)

The great gods

That keep this dreadful potther [early edds pudder,
powther] o'er our heads (*Lear*, iii. 2)

pothook In writing See *hanger* (s v. *hang*)

paste a blurre, scraule, pothooke, or ill favoured
whim-whau, in writing (Cotg)

potiche Oriental jar F (ncol), from *pot*

potion F, L *potio-n*, from *potare*, to drink.

potlatch Tribal feast of N Amer Indians

Chinook *pollatsh*, gift

potleg Scrap iron used as bullets in Africa
? For *pot leg*, ? or corrupt of some native
word

pot-pourri Orig hotch-poteh Now mixture
of scents, medley of tunes, etc F., trans-
lating Sp *olla podrida* (q v)

pot pourri a pot porride, a Spanish dish of many
several meates boyled, or stued together (Cotg).

pott Paper See *pot*

potage F *potage*, from *pot*, *pot*. See *por-*
ridge *Mess of potage* (*Gen* xxv 29-34)
dates from Matthew's Bible (1537), though
Coverd has the phrase in another passage
(*Prov* xv. 17)

potter Verb Frequent. of dial *pote*, to
thrust, poke, AS *pothan*, cf Du *peuteren*

to thrust ones finger into a little hole
(Sewel) LG *pöterén* etc all app from a
Teut word meaning small stick (cf *poke*)
pottle OF *potel* dim of *pot* pot
potto W Afr lemur Native name (Guinea)
potwaller [hist] Householder entitled to
vote as having a fire place of his own bt
pot-boiler from AS *wellan* to boil Now
usu *potwalloper* from dial *uillop* to boil
furiously "gallop" Sometimes misunder-
stood and wrongly used by mod speakers
That was not a potwalloper's agitation and he
[J B ros] urged those present when the strike w
over not to celebrate it by a d y a d i k i g
(Sta d d A g 28 87)

pouch F *poché* "a pocket pouch or poke
(Cotg) See *poke*"

pouf I added head dress small round otto-
man F from *pouffer* to blow out puff
poult Contracted form of *pullet* (q v)
Hence *poultterer* lengthened (cf *calerer*
upholsterer) from earlier *poultter* the latter
surviving as surname

poult de soie Mod^l form of *pou-de soie*
paduasoy (q v)

poulce Earlier (16 cent) *pultes* from L
puls *pult* pulse pottage Perh orig the
L nom pl *pules* altered on words in use
-es

poultry OF *pouleterie* from *pouletier*
poultier Applied in ME to the office of
poultier also to the fowl run and its in-
mates (see *pullet*) Its connection with the
trade of the poultierer persists in the
Poultry (London and elsewhere)

His lodes sh epe, his neet h d yerve
His swyn his hors his stoor and his p lrye [see
pull tn]
Was hoodly in this reves go emyng

(Cba c A 307)

pounce¹ Fine powder for drying up ink or
tracing F *pounce* now usu *p erre ponce*
L *pumex* *p umic* pumice (q v)

pounce² Verb Orig noun hawk's claw
App shortened from *pounson* var of
puncheon (q v) which is similarly short-
ened to *punch* In falconry the heel-claw
was the *talon* (q v) the others being called
pounces (15 cent) Cf archaic *pounce* to
punch a pattern or perforation whence
archaic *pouncet* box (for *pounded* box) a
pomander made of perforated metal
Verb to *pounce* now usu with *upon* was
orig trans to seize clutch

So muche pow souynge of h sel to m ken holes
(Ch ac. I 118)

My best pounsyd peec [fpl 1] (E r r B ds 1503)

pound¹ Weight AS *pund* L *pondo* abl of
OL *pondos* by form of *pondus* weight in
libra pondo a pound in weight A trace of its
indeclinable origin survives in its unchanged
pl e g *fi a pound note* Adopted by all
Teut langs Du *pound* Ger *pfund* ON
Goth *pund* Pom langs preserving *libra*
Later sense of money arises from the pound
(weight) of silver being used as unit in
large sums (see *erling*) For *pound of flesh*
see *Merch of Ven* iv 1 *Po int cake* con-
tains a pound or equal quantity of each
principal ingredient Our abbreviations
£ and *lb* are due to the fact that medie al
accounts were kept in L *cf s d cut*
cut etc

And a um h seald f f fund
(AS Gosp Matt x 4)

pound Enclosure AS *pund* only in compd
pundfold cogn with verb *pyndan* to shut
up whence dial *pind* to impound and
the offic. *pinder* so common as surname
in north Hence to *pound the field* leave
the rest far behind (in hunting) See also
pinfold pond

pound To pulverize etc AS *puman* with
ecrescent -d as in *sound astound* gownd.
Cf Du *puin* LG *pun* stone rubbish etc

Upon whom it shal falle t hal t idre po hym
(Wy B N x 1 44)

poundage [hist] Tax levied on every pound
of merchandce

pour From 14 cent Origin unknown The
orig quality of the vowel cannot be de-
termined for although the stock rime in
16-18 cents. is *power shower* it is altho
found running with *more door* etc.

Water in d s the spr g and often pours
A hilline flood on t mm r' drooping flowers

(Cowper)

pourboire F in order to drink Cf Ger
trinkgeld

pourparler [su in pl F infin to deliberate
from *pour* L *pro* *parler* VL *pa abol re*
Cf *prover* *parable* *palmer*

pourpoint [hist] Quilted doublet F pp
of OF *por ppointre* from *pointe* to per-
forate stitch L *pun-cre* to prick Cf
counterpane

poussette [dancing] F from *pousser* to
push (q v)

pou sto Basis of operations From saying
attributed to Archimedes—*En, pou wo*
oro u u rrr rrr give me where I
may stand and I move the earth

pout¹ Fish (orig frog), esp. in compd *celpout*, AS *celpūte*, app from root indicating power of inflation (v 1).

pout². Verb Cf Sw dial *pūta*, to be inflated Ull cogn with *boudo.r.* Cf. *pot*, lip, in many F dials, Swiss F (Geneva), *faire la poutte*, to make a face

poverty OF *poureté* (*pauvreté*), L. *pau-peritas*, -*tas*, from *pauper*, prior

powan Sc form of *pollan* (q v)

Powans, now placed on the market from Loch Lomond (*Daily Chron.* July 7, 1917)

powder¹ Noun F *poudre*, OF *holdri*, *polre*, L *pulvis*, *pulver-*, cogn with *pollen* and ult with *pellere*, to drive Often for gunpowder, e g food for powder (Ger *karonen-futter*), not worth powder and sl of, keep your powder dry, powder-monkey (17 cent)

powder² [archaic] To rush impetuously, esp of horseman Associated with *powder*¹ (kicking up a dust), but rather from archaic *powder*, vehemence, impetuosity, which is prob related to *poller* See also *polltergeist*. Quot below could readily be rendered by Ger *ham den hugel herabgepollert*

Duke Weymar having got the castle came pounding down the hill upon us with all his forces

(Syd Poyntz, 1621-36)

power OF *poer*, VL *potēre*, for *posse* (*potis esse*), to be able ModF *pouvoir* has inserted -v- by analogy with *avoir*, *devoir*, *mouvoir*, etc In sense of pol state (European powers, etc) from early 18 cent Archaic sense of armed force, revived by Scott, dates from 13 cent and survives in colloq a power of good, etc Mech & math uses (*horse-power*, etc) are from 18 cent

The powers that be are ordained of God

(Rom xiii 1).

powwow N Amer Ind palaver or conference Orig sorcerer, medicine-man Algonkin *powwow*, *powah* Cf *caucus* Quot below refers to the Essex Quakers

Heard & true y^t Turners daughter was distract in this quaking busines, sad are y^e fits at Coxall [Coggeshall] like the pow wowing among the Indies (Josselin's Diary, 1656).

pox See *pock*.

Three moneths before this time, the small pockes were rife here (Purch)

po(u)zzolana Volcanic ash It (sc *terra*), from *Pozzuoli*, near Naples

praaam, pram Flat-bottomed boat Du ; cf LG *prame*, MHG *prām* (*prahme*), ON *prāmr*, all from O Slav (cf Pol *pram*) and ult cogn with *fare*, *ferry* A Baltic word

practice. From verb to *practise* (the differentiated spelling is artificial), OF *practiser*, for *pratiquer*, *practiquer* (whence archaic E. *practice*), Late L *practicare*, from *practicus*, G *πρακτικός*, concerned with action, from *πράττειν*, to do. With senses of *practice* and its derivatives cf those of the opposite theory *Practitioner*, now usu. of medicine (cf. doctor's *practice*), is lengthened from earlier *practician*, OF *practicien* (*praticien*) *Practice* (arith.) is for *practica Italica*, Italian methods

If you want any information upon points of practical politics (Vivian Grey, ii 8)

prad [archaic slang]. Horse. Du *paard*, horse See *palfrey*

It would never do to go to the wars on a rickety prid (*Ingoldsby*)

prado Public walk Sp, meadow, L. *pratium*, spec public park of Madrid.

prae- L., before. See also *pre-*.

praemunire, statute of [hist] From *praemunire facias*, cause to warn, int words of writ, the verb being used in MedL sense which had become confused with that of *praemonire* For similar confusion cf *muniment*

praenomen L., see *agnomen*

praepostor, prepostor Monitor at some public schools For L *praepositor*, agent, noun from *praepondere*, *praeposito*, to appoint over, depute But the sense is rather that of *praepositus* (cf *prefect*)

praetor Restored spelling of ME & OF *pretour*, L *praetor-em*, for **praetor*, foregoer Hence the Pretorian guard, orig *cohort praetoria*, attached to the praetor, Roman military commander, later privileged body-guard of Emperor, which took to appointing fresh Emperors at its will The *praetorium* (*Mark*, xv 16) was the offic residence of the Roman governor

The Pretorians of the Red Guard

(*Daily Chron* June 22, 1918)

pragmatic F *pragmatique*, L, G *πραγματικός*, versed in business, from *πράγμα*, *πραγματ-*, deed, act, from *πράττειν*, to do For depreciatory sense cf *officious*, *dogmatic* *Pragmatism*, philosophy of practical consequences, was coined (1898) by W James The next day I began to be very pragmatical [i.e. busily occupied] (*Evelyn*)

prahu Malay vessel Malay *parāhū*, cf Port. *parao*, Du *prauw*, F *prao*, whence our earlier forms *proa*, *proow*

prairie F meadow applied by F travellers to the plains of Amer (cf *celsis*) VL *prateria* from *pratium* meadow cf It. *prateria* Sp *praderia*

praise OF *preisier* (priser to value) Late L. *preiare* from *pretium* price value Orig Church word replacing AS *ærian* but used also in ME in etym sense to appraise See *pri* & Noun is from verb

Prakrit [lit.] Inclusive name for (esp ancient) vernaculars of Northern and Central India allied to Sanskrit Sanskrit *prakṛit* unreformed as opposed to *śākhā* refined

pram¹ See *f aam*

pram² Mod fr *para nubulator*

prance First in Chauc. ? OF *paratancer* intens of *arancier* to advance This suits first record (v i) and would automatically give AF *p(a)raancer* cf *proffer prunck¹* flush also ME *aunter* for *adventure* for *aunter* for *para ventis* &

Though I p unce al before
First in the tra, ful fat and newe shorn
Yit m I but an hors (Chauc. *Troil* : l 211)

prandial See *postprandial*

prank¹ Trick orig of spiteful natur A 16 cent. word of unknown origin ? Altered in some way from dial *prat* AS *prætt* (see *pretty*) which is exactly synon This is found in 15-16 cents but disappears exc in Sc after appearance of *prank* Or it may come from *prank²* by analogy with the double sense of *teich*

prank² To decorate dress up ? Cf Du *prunk* Ger *prunk* how ornament NLG *prank* display Ger *prahlen* to show off etc See *frink*

nikkelen *pra gen* toprank pyourself (L dw)

prate Du *praten* found also in LG MHG and the Scand lungs Perh of imit formation

pratincole Bird ModL *pratincola* coined (1756) by Krammer from I *pratim* meadow incolt inhabitant

pratique Freedom from quarantine F intercourse L *practis* See *practise* In 17 cent spelt *prittick*

prattle Frequent of *f alu*

praty [Te] Potato Ir *pr ts* or (Menth and Ulster) *preda* for *patata* with substitution of *r* for *t* as in many Gael words

pravity L *pravitis* See *deprave*

prawn ME *prayne prane* Origin unknown

praxis G *praxis* from *praxeo* to do

pray ME also *prey* OE *preier* (priser) Late L *precare* for *precar* from *prex pre*

prayer cogn with Ger *preien* to ask Prayer is OE *preiera* (priere) VL *precaria* With imper *pray* for I pray you cf please See also *prince*

pre- L *prae* pre before or F *pré* from L. preach F *preier* L *praedicare* from *dica* & to proclaim Early Church word widely adopted eg It *predicare* Sp *predicar* Du Ger *predigen* ON *predika* etc With ironic *preachy* (18 cent) cf *spec hivy*
preamble F *préambule* MedL *pra ambulu* & neut of *praeambulus* going before from *ambulare*

This is I *pre mbi* I tale (Chauc. D 83)

prebend F *prebende* ModL *prebend* neut pl putance lit things to be supplied from *fructu* to offer for *fructu* here from *habere* to have In OF *prebende* is usual (see *provident* and cf *provost*) A *prebendary* was orig a canon in receipt of a fixed stipend

precarious From L *precarius* that by prayer instance and intreatie is granted to one to use and enjoy so long as hee placeth the partie and no longer (Coop) from *prex pre* prayer

precede F *preceder* L *praecedere* to go before Precedence in to take precedence survives from the elaborate ceremonial of early times synon F *pré lence* (v i) suggesting that it may also represent *precedens* Precedent (noun) occurs first (15 cent) in leg sense of earlier cas taken as parallel or guidance cf *precedent* for *precedent* & or preceden first, or former place rank eat sitting or going before oth rs (Colls)

precentor Late L *praecentor* from *prae* & *ire praecent* from *canere* to sing

precept L *praecceptum* from *prae* & *capere* to take before order from *capere* to take Cf *preceptor* a word of the academy semiary type almost obs c c in connection with the examining body called the *College of Preceptors* also the hist. *preceptory* branch community of Templars ModL *praecipitoria*

precession Of the equinoxes Late L *praecession* from *praecedere* *praec* & to precede used by Copernicus (c 1530) for *permutationis* (Ptolemy)

précieuse See *precious*

precinct ModL *praecinctum* enclosure lit gut in front from *cingere* in t to gird *Precinct* fuinct from OF forms from L *pro* were in earlier use

preciosity Daintily affected style See *precious*

precious F *præciæus*, L *pretiosus*, from *pretium*, price, value Association with literary daintiness, app due to Saintsbury (1880), is for F *précieus*, adopted (1640-50) as title by frequenters of refined literary circles in Paris But Chauc (v1) uses it in somewhat similar sense Intens use, e.g. *precious rascal*, is as old as Lydgate Corresponding adv use was app popularized by Dickens

I wol persevere, I nam nat precus (Chauc D 148).

Mr Chuckster remarked that he wished that he might be blessed if he could make out whether he [Kit] was "precious rax" or "precious deap" (Old Cur Shop, ch xx)

precipice F *præcipice*, L *præcipitum*, from *præceps*, *præcipit-*, from *caput*, head, cf *headlong*, *head-first* Hence *precipitate* (ehem), substance thrown down from solution, as opposed to *sediment*, deposited from suspension

précis F, substantive use of adj *précis*, precise (q v)

precise F. *précis*, L *præcisus*, from *præcidere*, *præcis-*, to cut off (in front), shorten, make exact, from *cadere*, to cut Oldest is adv *precisely* (15 cent) Hence *precisian* (16 cent), puritan, coined on Christian

preclude L *præcludere*, to shut off, from *cludere*, to shut

precocious Orig (Sir T Browne) of plants From L *præcox*, *præcoc-*, early ripe, from *coquere*, to boil, cook Cf Ger *frühreif* and see *apricot*

preconize To proclaim, summon, etc F *præconiser*, MedL *præconizare*, from *præco-n-*, public crier

precursor L, from *præcurrere*, -curs-, to run before

predatory L *prædatorius*, from *prædari*, to plunder, from *præda*, booty, prey

predecessor F. *prédécesseur*, Late L *prædecessor-em*, from *præ* and *decessor*, one who goes away, deceases, but often used as equivalent of *precessor*, *antecessor*

predestination F. *prédestination*, Late L *prædestination-n-*, fore-ordaining First used in theol sense by Augustine and "popularized" by Calvin

predial Agrarian MedL. *prædialis*, from *prædium*, farm from *præcs*, *præd-*, pledge, security

predicament. F *prédicament*, Late L *præ-*

dicamentum (see *predicate*), used to render Aristotle's *κατηγορία*, category of predications Mod sense is narrowed from gen sense of class, condition

Irish ladies of strict virtue, and many northern lasses of the same predicament (Tom Jones)

predicate Late L *prædicatum*, what is asserted, from *prædicare*, to proclaim Much older is *predication* (Chauc), proclaiming, preaching Cf *preach*

prediet L *prædicere*, *prædict-*, to say before, cf F *prédire*

predikant Du, Protestant minister, esp. in SAfr See *preach*

predilection F *prédilection*, cf MedL *prædiligere*, to prefer, from *diligere*, *dilect-*, to love See *diligent*

pre-emption Coined (c 1600) from *pre-* and *emphion* (q v).

preen Thinned form of *prince* (q v), partly due to archaic *preen*, pin, etc (AS *prēn*, cogn with Du. *piem*, bodkin, Ger *pfirn*, awl), with allusion to action of bird's beak, cf similar use of F *piquer*, to pique (q v) Falconry distinguished the three words (v1)

Youre hawke proynith and not pitith and she preynith not bot whan she begynnith at hir legges (Book of St Albans, 1486).

preface F *préface*, L *præfatio*, fore-speaking, from *fari*, *fat-*, to speak Cf *prologue*

prefect Restored spelling of ME *prefet*, F. *préfet*, L *præfectus*, high official, from *præficere*, *præfect-*, to set over, from *facere*, to make, appoint, cf *prélate* Often used to render F *préfet* (*de département*, *de police*) Public school sense is 19 cent

prefer F *préférer*, from L *præferre*, to bear before Oldest sense to forward, promote, etc, as in *preferment*

pregnable Cf ME *prenable*, from OF. But in mod use a back-formation from *impregnable*

pregnant L *prægnans*, *prægnant-*, from *præ-* and a second element cogn with L *gnatus* (*natus*), born In fig senses, e.g. *pregnant sentence* (*example*), influenced by obs *pregnant*, cogent, pithy, OF. *pregnant*, pres part. of *prendre*, to press, L. *prement* (see *print*)

And that was him a pre nant argument (Chauc Triv. iv, 1176).

raisons *pregnantes* plaines, apparent, important, or pressing reasons (Cotgr.)

prehensile *Γ* *prēhensile* (Buffon) from *L. prehendere* *hens* to seize second element cogn with *G* *χάρω* *v* *iv* to hold and ult with *get*

prehistoric Coined (c 1850) by D Wilson

prejudice *F* *préjudice* harm injury the oldest sense (13 cent) in *I* as still in *prejudicial* without *prejudice* Current sense represented in *F* by *préjugé* is restored on *L. praepudicium* fore judgment

prelate *F* *prélat* *L. praelatus* *p* *p* of *pras* *ferre* to put before prefer cf *It. prelato* *Sp. prelado* Orig included abbot prior etc

prelection *L. praelectio* *n* reading before public speech from *legere* *lect* to read *Cf. prelector praelector* reader lecturer (*Oxf & Camb*)

preliminary *Γ* *préliminaire* coined from *L. limen* *lumin* threshold

prelude *Γ* *prélude* Late *L. praeludium* from *ludere* to play

premature *L. praematurus* from *maturus* ripe *Cf. precocious*

premier *Γ* *L. primarius* from *primus* first In current sense (early 18 cent) short for earlier *premier ministre* *F. premier ministre* used by Evelyn of Sunderland

premise *premissa* *Γ* *prémisse* (*OF. premesse*) *MedL. praemissa* (*sc. propositio*) from *praemittere* to send in front Orig a term in logic (Chauc) now usu spelt *premises* Later sense with differentiated spelling *premises* arises from use of the word in leg conveyances of property to avoid repeating conditions already laid down or items already enumerated cf *aforsaid* Verb to *premise* is from noun

Les arti les et l's premisses avant nous
(*Procl. of La l of Glouc. 1259*)

Wherefore the p em ses (aforsaid d gnevan es) com s dired I desire you, and in this K g s nno e com mand you (*Pl mpt n Let 1501*)

premium *L. praemium* booty reward, from *pras* and *emere* to buy obtain In insurance sense adapted from *It. premio*

Orig sense in to put a premium on

premonstr [biol] *L. praemorsus* bitten off (in front)

prentice Aphet for *apprentice* (*qv*) cf *prentice hand*

prep [school slang] For *preparation* *prepaatory* *Cf. rep*

prepare *Γ* *préparer* *L. praeparare* from *parare* to make ready (see *fare*) Adv use of *preparatory* (*to*) is in Evelyn

prepenne Altered from earlier *purpenne* *OF. pourpensé* Esp in malice *prepenne* malice aforethought For loss of ending cf *signal* (*adj*) *defile* *trove* etc *Prepensé* *purpené* are also found

preponderate From *L. praeponderare* from *pondus* *ponder* weight

preposition *F. préposition* *L. praepositio* *n* from *praeposere* *posit* to put before adopted as rendering of *G. ὑπο* etc

prepositor See *praepositor*

prepossession Coined (c 1600) from *possess* in archaic sense of taking hold of occupying

preposterous From *L. praeposterus* lit. be fore behind cf *hinds de before* *cart before the horse* *topsy turvy*

When nature o d d thre erse a d change

Preposte only t disorder strange (*Shiv 1 s*)

pre Raphaelite Title of the brotherhood formed (c 1848) by group of *L. painters* (*Holman Hunt Millais Rossetti* etc) who encouraged by Ruskin aimed at re viving the spirit which distinguished art before Raphael It *Raffaello* (1530) *Blackwood* (July 1850) alludes to their mountebank proceedings (cf *gall pol*)

prerogative *F. prérogative* *L. praerogativa* (*sc. tribus centuria*) having the right to vote (lit be asked) first from *praerogare* In the royal prerogative referred to in 13 cent orig connection of *rogare* to ask with *regere* to rule is still traceable

presage *Γ* *présage* *L. praesagium* from *praesagire* to forebode from *saire* to perceive

Presbyterian From c 1640 as name of Sc church governed by elders lit. rendering of *G. πρεσβύτερος* *pos* compar of *πρεσβύτης* old man (see *priest*) This was used in VT of a member of the Sanhedrin, and later of an "elder of the apostolic Church In July senior is usual in this sense, and is rendered by Wyc *elder* *elder man* *senio* *priest* (*qv*) *Cf. F. presbiter* parsonage and *Γ. presbytery* in various senses

I or his religion it was fit

To m t h his leacain and h vic

'Twas Presbyterian true blve (*Pue ves 1 L 151*)

prescience *F. L. praescientia* fore knowledge See *science*

prescribe *L. praescribere* to write before ordain Replaced ear *prescribe* from *OF. Prescripion* *scribere* (positive or negative) is *L. praescribere* in same sense.

present Adj F *présent*, L. *praesens*, *praesent-*, pres part of *praesens*, to be before, be at hand, cf a very present help (Ps xlv 1) Hence *presence*, F *présence*, L. *praesentia*, much used formerly of the being present of a royal or important person, whence sense of bearing, etc (*fine presence*) Adj is used as noun in the *present* (cf *the past*), and archaic *these presents*, OF *ces présentes* (sc *lettres*) *Present*, gift, F *présent*, comes from OF *en present*, in the presence of (v 1), cf L *praesentare*, to place before, exhibit, whence, through F *présenter*, gen senses of verb to *present* *Presently* formerly meant at once (cf *anon*, by and by)

Quant que il a tot lor met em present
(*Alexandre*, 12 cent)

presentiment OF (*presentiment*), "a providence, or fore-feeling" (Cotg), from L *praesentire*, to feel before

preserve F *préserver*, Late L *praeservare*, from *servare*, to protect Some E senses represent rather those of F *conserver*

preside F *présider*, L *praesidēre*, from *sedēre*, to sit *President* was formerly used of governor of province, dependency, etc, whence the Indian *Presidencies* In sense of elective head of republic first used in US, the title app growing out of that of *president* of the congresses of the various States (from 1774)

presidio Sp, fort, settlement (esp in Sp Amer), L *praesidium*, from *praesidēre*, to sit before, protect (v s)

press¹ To squeeze, etc F *presser*, L *pressare*, frequent of *primere*, *press-*, to press Hence noun *piess*, F *presse*, receptacle for packing things flat (*linen press*), instrument for squeezing (*winepress*), and, from early 16 cent, instrument for printing, also library bookcase (whence *press-mark*) *Liberty of the press* (1680) is already indicated in *Arcopagitica* (1644) In the *piess* was formerly under the *press*, F *sous la presse* A *pressman* was orig a printer At high *pressure* is a steam metaphor

baltore a printers *presseman* (Flor)

press² As in *press-gang* (17 cent). Back-formation, partly due to association with *press*¹, from earlier *prest*, OF (*prêt*), loan, from *prester* (*prêter*), L *praestare*, to warrant, etc Thus is from *prais*, security (see *predial*), for *prae vas*, fore pledge, and distinct from *praestare*, to stand in front

Prest was used in 15 cent of earnest-money paid to soldier or sailor on enlistment (cf, to take the shilling) and in 16 cent of the enlistment itself, whence verb *imprest*, *impress*, to enlist, idea of force gradually coming in with altered form Hence fig to *press into the service*

Shyppys prested for the King in the west countré
(NFD 1513)

soldato prest with paie as soldiers are (Flor)

Prester John [*hist*] Obs name for ruler of Abyssinia OF *prestie Jean* (see *priest*)

prestidigitator F *prestidigitateur*, coined (c 1830), after L *praestigiator*, juggler (see *prestige*), by a conjuror named J de Rovère, from It *piesto* (q v) and L *digitus*, finger Cf *phantasmagoria*

prestige F, magic, from L. *praestigia*, usu in pl *praestigiae* By dissim for *praestrigiae*, from *praestringere*, to bind before, blindfold Current sense in F & E is 19 cent

praestigiae deceytes, delusions, legierdemaine, sleight conveyances that juglers use (Coop)¹

presto It, quick, L *praestus*, from *praesto*, at hand, ? for *prae situ* (cf *on the spot*)

Introduced in 16 cent conjurors' patter presume F *présumer*, L *praesumere*, to take before, anticipate, in Late L to take for granted, dare, whence depreciatory senses The *heir presumptive* is presumed to be heir if the *heir apparent* is not available

pretend F *prétendre*, to lay claim, L *praetendere*, to hold before, put forward This, the oldest sense in E, is preserved in *pretentious*, *pretension*, *Pretender* Current sense, from idea of putting forward false claim, is latest, and is not found in F It seems to have been affected by *pretext*

preterite [*gram*] F *préterit*, L *praeteritus*, from *praeterire*, to go past

pretermit L *praetermittere*, to omit, lit to let go past

preternatural MedL *praeternaturalis*, coined, ? by Albertus Magnus (13 cent), from L *praeter naturam*, beyond nature

pretext F *prétexe*, L *praetextum*, from *praetextare*, to weave in front Cf fig sense of *eloak*, *palliate*

pretonan See *practor*

pretty AS *prættig*, from *prætt*, trick, craft, cf obs Du *pretig*, *pertigh*, funny, roguish, etc Sense-development, as in the case of most adjs which can be applied to persons (*nice*, *proud*, *quaint*), is curious With various shades of meaning of *pretty fellow*

of the e of *fine fellow*. *Pretty* and was for
merly used like *meo* and *With pretty hope*
less of jolly merritable precious rotten etc
and see *gej*

preux chevalier Nom of OF *preu* from
Late I *prodis* from first element of *pro*
desse to be of value *Preu* from were
once common I words though now sur
viving only as surnames See also *frond*
preae

prevail From OF tonic stem (*prevail*) of
prevalour I *prevailere* from *valere* to be
worth strong

prevaricate From I *praevaricare* to practise
collusion lit to walk crookedly from
varicare to straddle from *varus* bent
knock kneed Cf fig sense of to *shuffle*

prevenient Tsp in theol *prevenient* (ante
ced nt) *grace* From pres part of L *prae*
venire to come before

prevent From L *praevenire* *venire* to come
before anticipate guard against Etym
sense in to *prevent one's entry* with Cf I
prevenire to warn predispose Current
sense is latest *It even* applied to
branch of Coast Guard dealing with
smugglers is 19 cent

Prevent u. O Lord in all our doing
(Com m. un. Service)
Thy were called custom house officers then
These w no s ch if ag s prevent em n
(I gold by)

previous From L *praevius* from *prae* and
via way of *pervious* The *previous* ques
tion (Burnet) is put to shut out the *main*
question A little *previous* for premature
is US slang

previse From L *praevidere* *praevis* to fore
see

prey OF *preis* (*prois*) L *praeda* booty a
common sense of *prey* in ME Cf *pre*
duary

prapism [med] L G *prap* *ap* from *Ilpa*
n e god of procreation

price OF *pris* (*pris*) L *pretium* reward
value (see *praise*) Cf It *pretio* Sp *precio*
Correct L form is *prist* (qv) for change
of consonant cf *misc dice* ME senses
were much wider than mod some of them
having been absorbed by *praise* *Priceless*
now a favourite schoolboy word is first
in Shaks Maxum in quot below aimed at
Walpole and often errone attributed to
him evidently refers to his supposed or
expressed opinion

It is an old max m that ev ry man ha I s pri e
(S W Wyndham in H C. M 13 1734)

prick AS *prica* *fricca* point dot cf I
LG *prick* prickled dot etc Oldest se
appears to be mark mad with sharp poi
and the word was used in many senses r
replaced by point dot cf *prick* son
pricked song marked with dots Verb
AS *prisan* from noun and MF
form *pricen* (cf *pick* *fitch*) *prick-eu*
was applied to the Puritans whose sh
hair made their ears prominent

It is hard t th for to kyke g the p i
(I lg cont at mulum aleitavel)

(Wy Ad)

A the doves t pou men be a wikk

B war therf r th comet th I pricke

(Ch c B)

At th s the town I Mansoul began to prick p
ears (Bunyan)

pricket [ten] See *brocket*

prickle AS *prisel* for *pricels* in trumen
noun from *prician* (vs) later treated
dim *Prickly pear* was earlier *prick fe*
(Richard Hawkins) *prickle pea* (Cap
John Smith)

pride AS *pryfo* app from *prout* cf O
pryfo from *pryfo* gallant fine But t
formation by umlaut of an abstract noun
from a I loan word is abnormal and cas
some doubt on the origin of *pride* (qv)
Pride of place from falconry *pride* bein
used of height attained

A fkon to en g u h pride t pl e

(M b)

prie Dieu I pray (od)

priest AS *preost* app shortened from I
presbyter (see *Presbyterian*) cf OF *pre* t
(*pre* t) It *prete* Sp *preste* also Du Ge
prester Assumed also in the converted
countries the sense of L *sacerdos* and like
sacerdos al has been associated sin e the
Reformation p with Rome hen e de
precatory *priestcraft* *priest ridden*

prig In earliest (16 cent) sense of thie
cant word In u u mod sense perh parti
a violent shortenn of *precisian* (qv)
with which it is used interchangeably
17-18 cents Cf the denovations I have
suggested for *far fig* But 17 cent *prig*
spruce may b long to *prick* in o's sense
of attiring carefully (with puns todkins
etc) cf sense hist of *smug*

Then do k n tynck is called also *prigg* b
b early peopl (Herman s Cal wal 1567)

prim Recorded c 1700 as verb to assume
a formal or demure look adj and noun
a sally empty starched fellow (*Dial Cant*
Crow) There is also an obs 16 cent *prim*

pretty girl, etc App OF *prim*, first, also thin, sharp, etc, var of *prin* (as in *prim-temps*), L *prunus*

prime thinne, slender, exile, small, whence, *cheveux primes*, smooth, or delicate hair (Cotg)

prima donna It, first lady Cf *leading lady* (theat)

prima facie L, at first sight, abl of *facies*, face Recorded 1420

primage [naut] Percentage addition to freight ModL *primagium*. Analogy of *keelage*, *bottomry*, suggests derivation from It *primo*, formerly used for keel, *legno*, timber, being understood See *prime*³

primary F *primarie*, L *primarius*, from *primus*, first Has replaced *prime*¹ in some senses *Primary school*, after F *école primaire*, is early 19 cent

primate F *primal*, Late L *primas*, *primalis*, chief, from *primus*, first Current sense is earliest (c 1200), but it is also used in ME for chief, chief priest Cf *primates*, adopted by Linnaeus for highest order of mammals

This preost was *primal* in that lond of Madyan (Trev ii 325)

prime¹ Noun AS *prīm*, L *prima* (sc *hora*), one of the canonical hours, later used for early part of the day In other substantive senses, e g *prime of life*, it represents the F form, fcm of OF *prim*, L *prunus*, as in *prim-temps* *Prunus* is superl from OL *pri*, before, cogn with *prae*

prime² Adj F (v s), used in a few phrases only, in which it is usu a late borrowing from L *prunus* rather than an OF fem As descriptive of goods it is perh rather *prime*¹ used attributively, cf similar use of *choice*, *prize*, etc *Prime minister* (17 cent) renders F *premier ministre* Here belong *prime cost* (*motive*, *number*, etc)

prime³ To fill up, e g with knowledge or drink Earliest sense (Douglas, 1513) to load (a ship), which points to connection with *primage* (q v) The fig senses may belong partly to *prime*⁵

prime⁴ To give first coat of paint Aphct for synon F *imprimer*, lit to imprint

prime⁵ Of guns Goes with dial *prime*, to prune trees, both app representing **prime* for *prom* (v 1), cf *rule* for *roll* and see *prime*² The orig operation perh consisted in clearing the touch-hole

Rawlins having pruned the touch-hole, James Roe gave fire to one of the peeces (Purch vi 168)

Thirty muskets ready laden and pruned sixty

powder-pots matched and pruned eight peeces of ordnanee ready pruned (ib x 337).

primer Prayer-book for laity, elementary book for children (Chauc) MedL *primarius*, though reason for use in first sense is obscure With name of type cf *brevier-prica*

primero Card game - Altered from Sp *primera*, fem. of *primero*, first, L *primarius*

primeur F, fruit, etc. out of season, from *prime*, first Often used in journalism of first use of exclusive news

primeval From L *prmaevus*, from *primus*, first, *aevum*, age.

primitive F *primitif*, L *primitivus*, from *primus*, first In sense of pre-Renaissance painter late 19 cent after F *Le Primitif* *Methodists* seceded from the main body 1810

primogeniture F *primogéniture*, MedL *primogenitura*, after Late L *primogenitura*, born first, from *gignere*, *genit-*, to beget

primordial Late L *primordialis*, from *primordium*, from *primus*, first, *ordin-*, to begin

primrose Altered, by association with *rose* from ME & OF *primerole*, from MedL *primula*, from *primus*, first Cf OF *primeiose*, MedL *prima rosa* Though not recorded by NED till 15 cent, *primrose* was a surname in 13 cent As in most flower-names its orig application is uncertain For corrupt cf *rosemary* F *primrose path* see *Haml* i 3, *Macb* ii *Primrose day* commemorates Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield († Apr. 1881), who was trad fond of the flower

primula MedL (v s) Hence Ger *primel*

primum mobile MedL astron term, not sometimes used for *prime mover* (*factor*)

primus L, first, cogn with *prae*, before Cf *prior*

prince F, L *princeps*, *princip-*, first, chief, from *primus*, first, *capere*, to take, cf *princeps*, Sp *príncipe* Cf Ger *first*, *prince* lit first Application to Satan in *prince of darkness* (*the air, the world*, etc) is by contrast with *Prince of peace* The Black *Prince* is first called by that name by 14 cent chroniclers

principes L (v s) Esp in editio *principes* *facile principes*

principal F, L *principals*, from *princip-* (v s) For financ sense, cf

earlier *principa sum (debi)* cf *capita*
Principality like power is also used by a
 mystical interpretation of the Pauline
 Epistles of one of the nine orders of
 angels or supernatural forces

Quoniam non est nobis collectio adversus eorum
 et sanguinem sed adversus principes et potestates
 (1st. Eph vi 12)

principia L. beginnings pl of *prin cipium*
 (v.l.)

principle Altered from 1 *prin cipe* L. *prin*
cipium origin etc from *princeps* *prin ip*
 (see *prince*) Cf *prin ciple* *sila* a

prink To adorn Thinned form of *frank*
 associated with obs *prink* with idea of
 pins and bodkins.

Prinkipo [A st] Small island in Sea of Mar
 mora where the Entente Powers offered to
 meet the Bolshevik leaders. It has become
 proverbial for an undignified climb-down

It was unhesitating in repelling the idea that the
 Prime Minister was prepared to return to Prinkipo
 (Daily Chron Nov 21 1919)

print ME also *prine* *prinke* OF *preinte*
 pp few of *prink* e *prinkere* L. *primare*
 to press Prob often aph t for *imprimere*
 F *imprimere* Used in ME of any stamp
 or impress later typ sense perh hence
 seating obs Du *primus* (*prink*) from F
Prinking house survives only in *Prinking*
House square site of Times office
prink *shingles* *impresso* (*Prink* *Par*)

prior Noun Orig sec ad in command under
 abbot Late AS. *prir* L. *compar* from
 OL *pr* before cogn with *prae* Hence
prory orig offshoot of *prer* as adj it
 is mod loan from L. With a *prer* et a
 so *prer*

Priscian Roman grammarian (6 cent)
 His c archaic to teach *Priscian's* *school*
 vi late laws of grammar

Some free from *Priscian* or *Priscian* rule or check

Break *Priscian* a b *Priscian* *Priscian* *Priscian*
 (11 *Priscian* *Priscian*)

prise See *prize*

prism Late I (*prisma* piece sawn off
 from *prisma* to saw

prison F L *prison* from *prison*
prison to secure cf *prison* *prison* *prison*

prisoner L *prison* *prison* *prison* *prison*

prize See *prize*

private L *priva* *priva* *priva* *priva*

from *priva* to derive from *priva*

single peculiar cf *priva* *priva* *priva*
 in gen contrast with *priva* *priva*
priva (*priva*) *priva* *priva* *priva*
 with ut recognized rank free lance c
priva (17 cent.) coined after *priva*
priva for earlier *priva* *priva* *priva*
 (Henry 1st to 1141) *priva* *priva*
priva See also *priva*

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privet From 16 cent *privet* called a
priva *priva* *priva* *priva* *priva*
priva Origin unknown but current *priva*
 is doubt due to *priva* the plant is only
 use being to furnish a good screen

See *priva* *priva* *priva*

privilege F *priva* *priva* *priva* *priva*
 law from *priva* *priva* *priva* *priva*
priva

The *priva* (a *priva* has been *priva* because
 the *priva* in *priva* *priva* *priva* *priva*
 men has been *priva* (Hodge July 23 1919)

privy I *priva* *priva* *priva* *priva* *priva*
 c *priva* dates from 1590 of *priva* *priva*
 (eat the latter 1590 had 1 *priva* *priva*
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prize Reward OF *priva* *priva* *priva*
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priva *priva* etc of *priva* (*priva* *priva*)
priva (*priva* 19)

prize Capture F *priva* *priva* *priva* *priva*
 to take 1 *priva* *priva* *priva* *priva*
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prize See *prize*

probable L *priva* *priva* *priva* *priva*
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A evilful procreation of children (Chaucer E 1446)

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propagate From L *propagare* (bot) from *propago* slip shoot for transplanting from root of *fingere* to fix plant

Rd this day the act f propagation of y^e Gospel in N w England among the b^e athen
(Joseph's *Dia* y N v 25 1631)

proparoxytone [gram] Accented on ante penult G *προπαροξίτονος* See *paroxysm*
propel L *propellere* *propuls* to drive forward Hence *propulsion*

propensity From L *propensus* leaning forward from *tendere* to hang Cf *proclivity bent* etc

proper F *propre* L *proprius* own cf It *proprio* Sp *proprio* Ltyan sense survives in *property* and *proper motion* For sense of special to individual as opposed to common cf F noun *propre* It occurs in ME as approving epithet (v 1) while F sense of fit clean has passed into spec E sense of correct decorous A lion *proper* (her) is in natural as opposed to conventional colours

J has the pr pereste prodit was (VED c. 133)

property F *propriété* L *proprietas* (v 3) In theat sense (mod *props*) recorded c 1425

prophet F *prophète* L G *προφήτης* speaks man or interpreter of a divinity lit fore-speaker from *ph* to speak Used by LXX to render Heb *nabî* soothsayer cf Arab *al nabi* y the Prophet Moham med In most Europ langs The distinction in spelling of *prophesy* *prophesy* since c 1700 is artificial

My graa th^e rul was saf r'n us to etow
Don't n^e c prophesy unless you k^{ow} (Lowell)

prophylactic [med] G *προφυλακτικός* from *φυλάσσειν* to guard

propinquity OF *propinquité* L *propinquitas* from *propinquus* from *prope* near
propitiate From L *propitiare* to make propitious *propitius* prob from *pro* and *felere* to seek cf G *προ-εργή* in lined

propolis G *προπολίς* bee glue lit sub urb from *pro* before + *polis* city

proportion F, L *proportio*-n from phrase *pro portione* in respect of share For back formation cf. *proconsul* Sense of absolute size (*gigant c proportion*) grows out of that of relative size (*arbitr proportioned*)

Proportional representation dates from c 1834

propose F *proposer* to put forward See *pose* To *propose* (marriage) is 18 cent

proposition F L *propositio* n from *proponere* *proposit* to put forward See *pose* Colloq *lough* (large payin) *proposition* is US

propound Earlier (16 cent) *propounde* ME *propone* L *propone* e to put forward Form influenced by cogn *componere* (q v)
protractor [hist] L ong *pro tractor* See *tractor* and cf *protract*

proprietor Anomalous formation substituted (17 cent) for earlier *propriary* F *propriétaire* L *proprietarius* from *proprietas* property from *proprius* own First used of the proprietors of the Amer colonies

propriety F *propriété* property (v 3) Current sense (late 18 cent) due to that acquired in F by *proper*

propulsion See *propul*

propyleum [arch] L G *προπύλαιον* vestibule neut of *προπύλαιος* before the gate *πύλη* Also *propylon* G *προπύλον*

pyrophyte [geol] Volcanic rock Named (1867) by Ruchthofen as opening the tertiary volcanic period (v 3)

pro rata L for *rate* (q v)

prorogue F *proroguer* L *prorogare* to extend (term of office) lit to ask (rogare) publicly To *prorogue Parliament* is to postpone its activities without dissolving it

proscenium J G *προσκήνιον* See *scene*

proscribe L *proscribere* to post as an outlaw lit to write before.

prose F L *prosa* (sc o i o) from *prosus* straightf r and for *prosus* for *proscus* turned for a d *Prosa* was earlier the opposite of *poet* in all senses.

Many work b^y private wh^h widely traded his literary repertory on (VED 183)

prosecute From L *prosequi* *prosecut* fr m *sequi* to follow Cf *prosecute*

proselyte Late L (*προσηλύτης* from second aorist stem of *προσάγω* to come to Orig Gentile converted to Judaism (Wyc *Mat* xxii 13)

prosit L may it advantage From drinking ritual of Ger students (16 cent)

prosody L G *προσῳδή* from *pro* to + *ᾠδή* song Cf *accent*

prosopopoeia [lit] Introduction of pretended speaker L G *προσωποποιία* from *προσωπία* person, face + *ποιεω* to make

proletarian From L *proletarius*, from *proles*, offspring. Used in L of class exempted from taxation and mil service, and assisting the state only by the production of offspring. The pol currency of the word (*dietatorship of the proletariat*, etc.) is due to F economists of the 19 cent.

Such men were y-cleped proletarii, that is geteris of children (Trev 1:251)

prolifer F *prolifere*, MedL *prolificus*, from *proles*, offspring, *facere*, to make

prolix F *prolixe*, L *prolixi*, lit flowing forth, from *liquere*, to be liquid Cf *fluent*

prolocutor Chairman of Lower House of Convocation L, fore-speaker, from *loqui*, *locut*, to speak

prologue F, L, G *πρόλογος*, lit fore-speech From c 1300

prolong F *prolonger*, Late L *prolongare*, from *longus*, long

prolusion L *prolusio-n*, from *proludere*, -lus-, to play before Cf *prelude*

promenade F, from *promener*, OF *promener*, to lead along, cause to walk, Late L *prominare*, to drive (cattle) onward, from *minari*, to threaten. Ending -ade is imitated from words of It or Sp origin. The *promenade concert* (1839) is of F introduction

Promethean Of *Prometheus*, demi-god who made man from clay and supped him with fire stolen from Olympus, for which he was chained by Zeus in Caucasus

prominent From pres part of L *prominere*, to jut out, cf *outstanding* and see *eminent*

promiscuous From L *promiscuus*, from *miscere*, to mix

promise L *promissum*, pp neut of *promittere*, lit to send before. ME had also *promes*, F *promesse*, L *promissa*, cf It *promessa*, Sp *promesa*. Verb, from noun, has expelled ME. *promit*. Land of Promise (Coverd), *Promised Land* (Milt), are for earlier *Land of Behest*. *Promissory* (note) is MedL *promissorius*

promontory MedL *promontorium*, altered on *mons*, *mont*, mountain, from L *promontinium*, cogn. with *prominent*

promote. From L *promovere*, *promot*-, to move forward, to further. Financ sense is late 19 cent

One of the fearful things of the late war is that we had no admirals and generals shot—we only promoted them (Lord Fisher, *Times*, Sep 11, 1919)

prompt F, L *promptus*, pp of *promere*, to put forth, from *pro* and *emere*, to take, buy

First (14 cent) as verb, to incite (cf It, *prontare*), hence to supply with words, etc. (15 cent)

Were it

My cue to fight, I should have known it
Without a prompter (Oth 1:2)

promulgate From L *promulgare*, alteration of *provulgare* (from *vulgus*, people), perh due to confusion with synon. L *promovere legem*

prone OF, L *pronus*, face downwards, cogn with *pro*. Hence used in connection with downward "bent"

Redi [var proon] in to yvel (Wyc, *Gen* viii 21)

prong From c 1500. Also *prang*, *sprong*. Cf Du *prang*, compression, pinch, Ger *pranger*, pillory, Gotli *praggen*, to compress. See *fang*.

pronoun Imitated by Palsg from F *pronon*, L *pronomem*. See *noun*

pronounce F *prononcer*, L *pronuntiare*, to proclaim, announce, from *nuntius*, messenger.

pronunciamento [pol] Sp. *pronunciamento*, proclamation, esp of insurgents (vs)

The first place in the *Englishwoman* is naturally claimed by Mrs Fawcett's "pronunciamento" on the General Election (*Daily Tel* Dec 3, 1918)

proof ME *proeve*, *preve*, F *preuve*, Late L *proba*, from *probare*, to prove (qv), from *probus*, genuine, true; cf It *prova*, Sp *prueba*. In some senses, e.g. *printer's proof*, *artist's proof*, *proof-spirit*, *armour of proof*, it is rather aphet for F *épreuve*, trial, test, from *éprouver*, VL **ex-probare*. So also *proof against*, F *à l'épreuve de*, whence numerous compds in *-proof*

Mr Thomms says, "It behoves us to make our union blackleg-proof" (*Daily Chron* July 27, 1917)

prop Du, earlier *proppe*, "pedamen, fulcrumentum, fulcrum, sustentaculum" (Kil); cogn with Ger *pfropfen*, peg, plug, cork of bottle. Thought to be Teut, in which case Ger *pfropfen*, shoot for grafting, must be a separate word (L *propago*, *propagin*). To *prop*, stop suddenly, (of a horse), is Austral

propaedeutic From G *προαιδευ*, to teach before. See *pedagogue*

propaganda. Short for *Congregatio de propaganda fide*, committee of cardinals established (1622) by Gregory XV to supervise foreign missions (see *propagate*). Sometimes erroneously treated as neut pl. (*memoranda*, *addenda*, etc.) *Raging*, *fearing*

propaganda was app first used at Bir-
mingham (July 22 1903) by Mr A Cham-
berlain in ref to his brother's (Joseph)
Tariff Reform campaign

propagate From L *propa* ars (bot) from
propago slip shoot for transplanting from
root of *pangere* to fix plant

Rd this d v th act f r propagati n of y^e Gospel
in New E gland among the heathen

(J Selin's D 19 Nov 23 1631)

proparoxytone [grass] Accented on ante-
penult G *προπαροξυτονος* See *paroxysm*

propel L *propellere* *propuls* to drive for-
ward Hence *propulsion*

propensity From L *propensus* leaning for-
ward from *pendere* to hang Cf *pro-
clivity bent* etc

proper F *propre* L *proprius* own cf It
proprio Sp *proprio* Etym sense survives in
property and *proper motion* For sense of
special to individual as opposed to *com-
mon* cf F *nom propre* It occurs in Blk
as approving epithet (v1) while F sense
of fit cl an has passed into spec L sense
of correct decorous A *hon proper* (her)
is in natural as opposed to conventional
colours

John the propereste profit was (VED c 1375)

property F *propriété* L *proprietas* (v s)
In theat sense (mod. *props*) recorded c
1425

prophet F *prophète* L G *προφήτης* spokes-
man or interpreter of a divinity lit fore-
speaker from *phwa* to speak Used by
LXX to render Heb *nabî* soothsayer
cf Arab *al nabi* the Prophet Moham-
med In most Europ langs The dis-
tinction in spelling of *prophesy* *prophecy*
since c 1700 is artificial

My gran th rul was sifer'n tis to crow
Dun in v p ophemy out you k ow (Low W)

prophylactic [med] G *προφλακτικη* from
phlao to guard

propinquity OF *propinquit* L *propin-
quitas* from *propinquus* from *propr* near

propitiate From L *propitiare* to make *pro-
pitius* *propitius* propb from *pro* and
petere to seek cf G *προερετης* incited

propolis G *προπολις* bee glue lit. suburb
from *pro* before + *lis* city

proportion F L *proportio* n from phrase
pro portione in respect of share For back-
formation cf *proconsul* Sense of absolute
size (*gigantic proportions*) grows out of
that of relative size (*well proportioned*)

Proportional representation dates from c
1884

propose F *proposer* to put forward See
pose To *propose* (marriage) is 18 cent

proposition F L *propositio* n from *pro-
ponere* *proposit* to put forward See *pose*
Colloq *tough* (large pays g) *proposition* is
US

propound Earlier (16 cent) *propounds* ME
propone L *proponere* to put forward
Form influenced by com *compound* P (q v)

propraetor [hist] L *pror* *pro praetore* See
praetor and cf *proconsul*

propriator Anomalous formation substi-
tuted (17 cent) for earlier *proprietary* F
propriétaire L *proprietary* from *pro-
prietas* property from *proprius* own
First used of the proprietors of the
NAmer colonies

propriety F *propriété* property (v s) Cur-
rent sense (late 18 cent) due to that ac-
quired in E by *proper*

propulsion See *propel*

propylaeum [arch] L G *προπύλαιον* vesti-
bule neut of *προπύλαιος* before the gate
m1q Also *propylon* G *προπύλαιον*

pyroclite [geol] Volcanic rock Named
(1867) by Richthofen as opening the ter-
tiary volcanic period (v s)

pro rata L for rate! (q v)

prorogue F *proroger* L *prorogare* to ex-
tend (term of office) lit to ask (sgare)
publicly To *prorogue Parliament* is to post-
pone its activities without dissolving it

proscenium L G *προσκήνιον* See *scene*
proscribe L *proscribere* to post as an
outlaw lit to write before

prose F L *prosa* (c *oratio*) from *prosus*
straightforward for *prosus* for *pro* versus
turned forward *Prosa* was earlier the
opposite of *poetic* in all s uses

Many we k's huffy prosa which wld ly x
t led his lit rary rep t ion (MED 183)

prosecute From L *prosequi* *prosecut* from
sequi to follow Cf *persecute*

proselyte Late L G *προσηλυτις* from
second aorist stem of *προσelysai* to
come to Orig Gentile converted to
Judaism (Wyc Mt 23: 15)

prosit L may it advantage from drinking
ritual of Ger students (16 cent)

prosody L G *προσῳδία* from *pros* to *ph*,
song Cf *accent*

prosopopoeia [lit] Introduction of pro-
tended speaker L C *προσωποποιία* from
προσωπον person face *poi* to make

prospect. L *prospectus*, from *prospicere*, to look forward. To *prospect* in mining (US) is from the noun, in the sense of spot holding out likelihood of mineral deposit.

What they call a "good prospect," that is, every appearance on the surface of a vein of good metal (Capt. Marryat, 1839)

prospectus L (v s) Orig. (18 cent.) announcement and outline of literary work
prosper F. *prosperer*, L *prosperare*, from *prosper*, fortunate, ult from *pro*, before
prostate [anat] MedL *prostatia*, G *προστατης*, one standing before

prosthesis [gram.] Prefixing of letter, e g F. *esprit* from L *spiritus* L, G. *πρόθεσις*, from *πρός*, to, *τίθεαι*, to put Has rather the sense of *prothesis*

prostitute From p p of L. *prostituere*, to offer for sale, from *pro* and *statuere*, to set up
prostrate L *prostratus*, p p of *procernere*, *prostrat-*, from *sternere*, to strew, lay flat.

protagonist G *πρωγωνιστής*, actor who plays first part, from *πρῶτος*, first, *ἀγωνιστής*, competitor, etc See *agony*.

protasis [gram.] Late L, G *πρότασις*, stretching forward, proposition, from *τείνειν*, to stretch Cf. *apodosis*

protean Like *Proteus*, G. sea-god with power of change of form.

protect. From L *protegere*, *protect-*, from *tegere*, to cover In econ sense *protection* is 19 cent The first *Protector* (regent) was John Duke of Bedford, uncle of Henry VI
protégé F, p p of *protéger*, to protect (v s)
proteid. Introduced (1871) by Watts for *protein*, Ger. *protein*-[stoff], coined by Mulder from G. *πρω-ος*, first

protest. F *protester*, Late L *protestare*, for *protestari*, to testify publicly, declare, as in to *protest one's innocence* Now usu with *against* *Protestant* was assumed as title by those German princes and free cities that "protested" against the decision of the Diet of Spire (1529) re-affirming the edict of the Diet of Worms against the Reformation.

proteus [bot] Name of various protozoa and bacteria See *protean*

proto- From G *πρῶτος*, first, superl. from *πρός*, before.

protocol F *protocole*, MedL, Late G. *πρωτόκολλο*, first leaf, fly-leaf glued inside volume and containing account of MS, from *κόλλα*, glue. Cf. It. *protocollo*, Sp. *protocolo*

protocollo a book wherein scribes register all

their writings, any thing that is first made, and needeth correction (Flor.)

protoplasm Ger. *Protoplasma*, coined (1849) by Mohl from G *πλάσμα*, thing moulded, from *-λάσσειν* (cf. *plastic*) Ger *sprachreiner* (purists) prefer *urschleim*, original mucus

protozoa [zool.] Unicellular animals Coined (1818) by Goldfuss from G *ζῷον*, animal
protract From L *protrahere*, *protract-*, to draw forward.

protrude L *protrudere*, to thrust forward
protuberant From pres part. of L *protuberare*, from *tuber*, swelling.

proud Late AS *prūð*, *prūt*, OF. *prod*, *prūd*, Late L **prodis*, back-formation from *prodesse* (*pro* and *esse*), to be of value, cf. It. *prode*, "valiant, hardie, courageous, full of prowes, stout, noble, worthie, haughtie, wise, grave, notable, of great worth" (Flor) The F. word survives in the old nom. *preux*, also in *prūd'homme*, arbitrator, and *prude*; cf. archaic E. *grow*, doughty, and *prowess*. See *pride* As with most adjs which can be used as pers epithets, its sense-hist. is very vague. In *proud flesh* orig. idea is over-growth (v.i)

We at time of year

Do wound the bark, the skin of our fruit-trees,
Lest, being over-proud with sap and blood,
With too much riches it confound itself

(Ric^h II, iii 4)

There is such a thing as a man being too proud to fight (Pres Wilson on the Lusitania massacre)

prove. AS *prōfian* or F. *prover*, L *probare*, from *probus*, good, from *pro*, before (see *probity*); cf. It. *proiare*, Sp. *probar*, also Du *proezen*, Ger. *proben*, *prüfen* In some senses rather appt for F *éprouver* (see *proof*). Incorr p p *proten* only in Sc., esp in *not proven*. Intrans use, e g. he *proved useless*, is for earlier reflex

provenance F., from *provenir*, to originate, L *provenire*, to come forth Also, with latinized spelling, *provenience*

It is a penal offence to eat seed-potatoes, whatever their provenance (Daily News, May 2, 1917)

Provençal Of *Provence*, L *provincia*, first part of Gaul acquired by Romans Often vaguely as gen. name for the dials. of the *largue d'oc* (Provençal, Gascon, Languedocien, Auvergnat, etc), esp as used by the troubadours (12-13 cents.).

provender. OF *provenaire*, var of *procedre*, VL **probanda*, for *praeterda* See *praebend*, with which it is synon in ME For

prefix change of *provost* Hence also It *prospenda* Ger *pfrunde* benevolent foundation

provenience See *provenance*

proverb F *proverbe* L *proverbium* from *verbum* word First (c 1300) with ref to Proverbs of Solomon AS had *bispeð* and *biuord* the latter a transl of the L word *proviat* [archaic mil] Commensariat Ger from It as *proviender* (q v) But explained by some as L *pro viando* for travelling
provide L *provid* re lit to foresee *Providence* the Deity is ellipt for divine *providence* Universal *providor* was first (c 1879) assumed as title by William Whiteley *Provision* orig foresight acquires its current sense now usu suggesting eatables from phrase to *make (take) provision* hence also *provisional* See *prudent* *purvey* *purven*

province F L *provincia* The provinces contrasted with London is imitated from F *la province* orig used of the great semi-independent provinces contrasted with the central kingdom. Hence *provincialism* For sense of sphere of duty etc cf similar use of F *distict* This belongs to the etym sense L *provincia* orig rule office etc being ult cogn with Goth *franja* lord (see *frau*)

provision See *provide*

proviso L ahl absolute in MedL *provisio* *quod* it being provided that Hence *provisory* For origin and substantival use cf cogn *purview*

provisor [hist] Holder of a provision
papal grant to benefice on its becoming vacant Hence *Statute of Provisors* (1350-51) ME & OF *provisour* L *provisor* em provider

provoke F *provoquer* L *provocare* to call forth For L F & obs I sense of challenging cf to call out Agent *provocateur* police or government agent in citing to crime is 19 cent F

Can honour s oise pro oke th sil at dnt
(G s y s Ekst)

provost AS *prafost* or OF *provost* Late L *propositus* (whence also Ger *probst*) for *praepositus* one placed before prefect whence OF *prevost* (*prévôt*) For wide application cf *constable* *marshal* etc *Provost-marshal* (mil) is adapted from OF *prevost des marescha* x (*de Fran e*) and second element has been confused with that of *court-marshal* (v i)

frost des m sch a provost martial (who s often both informer jud and executioner)
pun hes di rd ly souldiers c yu rs free-boot is
highway robbers lan rogues vagabonds and
s h as wear forbidden weapons (Cote)

prout F *proute* Genoese *proa* app VL *proa* by dissim for *proa* G *npopa* cogn with *pro* before cf It *proa* Sp *proa*

proress F *proresse* from *preux* (q v) See also *prout* *prude*

prowl ME *prollen* to go round about search The analogy of Sp *rodar* to go round (L *rotare* from *rota* wheel) whence al o F *rouler* to prowl suggests an OF **parrouler* or *parrouler* compd of *rouler* to roll (q v) with contr as in *proffer* *prune* Its sound hist is that of *roll* mod pronounce being influenced (since c 1750) by spelling

Th gh ye pr lie av yeshul in er fynde
(Chau. G 472)

Th nightly wolf th t round th enclos re p ould
To le p the fence now plots n t on the fold
(Dryd)

proximity F *proximal* L *proximus* nearest superl from *prope* near Cf *proxima accessit* he approached nearest *proxima* (sc mensa month)

proxy Contr of *procuracy* See *procurator* *proctor*

proksey p ocurat on (Paling)

prude F fem of *preux* (q v) See also *prond* A complimentary epithet in OF It is probable that *prud homine* is for *preux d hom ne* (cf a broth of a boy) from which *prud se nme* was formed by analogy *prude* being a back formation

prudent F L *prudens* *prud nt* contr of *providens* pres part of *providere* to fore see etc

prune¹ Noun. F L *pruna* neut. pl. taken as fem sing Earliest (14 cent.) E sense is dried plum For *prunes* and *prisms* see *Little Dorrit* ii 5 See also *plum*

prune² To trim trees MF *pruin* OF *pruigner* later *pruigner* *pruigner* (still in dial) for **por-ro pruer* from OF *roigner* (*rognere*) to chip all round VL *rotundiare* from *rotundus* round For contr cf *proffer* *prune* for change of vowel cf *line* See also *prims*

H plant, he proes h pares, h trim th round
(Sylv Edm)

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psychrometer [*meteorol*] Kind of thermometer From G *ψυχρός*, cold

ptarmigan Pseudo-G spelling for Lowland Sc *tarmigan* (16 cent.), Gael *tarmachan*, cf Ir *tarmach* Origin unknown Early var. *termagant* suggests possibility of nickname based on some folk-lore belief.

pteridology Study of ferns From G *πτερίς*, *πτερίδ*, fern, cogn with *πτερόν*, feather, wing

pterodactyl Coined (19 cent) from G *πτερόν*, wing, *δάκτυλος*, finger

ptisane. Restored from *tisane*, common in ME, F, L, G *πιτσάνη*, (drink made from) peeled barley, from *πίσσειν*, to peel

ptochocracy Government by beggars: From G *πτωχός*, poor

Ptolemaic Of *Ptolemy*, Alexandrian astronomer (2 cent.), whose system was displaced by the Copernican Also of the *Ptolemies*, G dynasty in Egypt from death of Alexander the Great to Cleopatra

ptomaine It *ptomaina*, badly coined (1878) by Selmi from G *πτῶμα*, dead body, lit. what has fallen, from *πίπτειν*, to fall. Current pronunc (for *ptomaine*) is "illiterate" (NED)

puberty F *puberté* L *pubertas* from *puer* youth cogn with *puer* boy

public F L *publicus* altered by association with *pubes* adult from earlier *poplicus* from *populus* people *Public school* (cf L *schola publica*) has varied much in sense from 12 cent. onward its present connotation being chiefly 19 cent. *The public* is first recorded in the Translators preface to the IV (1611) *Pub* is 19 cent. *Publican* tax gatherer (*Matt* xviii 17) is L *publicanus* from *publicum* public revenue Its other sense suggested by the Bibl. word is 18 cent. *Publicist* F *publiciste* is prop a writer on public law

The teetotaler who exults in his teetotalism thanking God that he is not like other men are, or even as this publican (F. Pugh)

publish From F *publier* (for incorr. *ish* cf *distinguish astonish* etc) L *publicare* to make public (e.g. the banns of marriage) *Publisher* in current sense (corresponding to F *éditeur*) is 18 cent

Joseph Forsthe would not publish the bill (*Mye* *Wall* 1 19)

puce Colour F *flea* L *fulix pulic*

Puck AS *puca* cogn with O' *puis* mischievous demon In ME synon with devil and from 16 cent with Robin Good fellow See *pug*! Also used in dial of the nightjar or goatsucker a bird regarded with superstitious dread

pukka *pukka* [Anglo-Ind] Genuine Hind *pakka* cooked ripe See *culcha*

No end to a kith youngu shreed H s *pukka* Chlan (Kipling *Tomb of his father*)

pucker Frequent formation from *puck*! bag. *Pursy* was formerly used (temp Flax) of puckered cloth cf also F *pocher* to bag. *pucker* It *sacculus* from *sacco* bag With to be in a *pucker* agitation cf *flight*

sacculus s to pucker or gather or cockle as some stuffs do being w t (Flax)

pud Baby word for foot Cf Du *foot* Ger *pfote* paw See also *pad*

pudding F *boudin* black pudding hog pudding Orig sense was intestine as still in E dial which points to old connection with L *botulus* (see *bowl*) Current E sense orig with cloth replacing bladder is latest (16 cent) and has been borrowed by F (*poûd n.*) Ger (*puddin*) and other langs For F *p* cf *purse* F *boudin* has also the subsidiary senses of *pudding* e.g.

pad (naut) explosive (mil) tobacco in roll

The proof of a pudding is the eating
(Glasgow me, *Hollander* 1 164)

puddle ME *puddel* dim of AS *pudd* ditch cf Ger dial *puetl* Also applied to mixture of clay sand and water used for making embankments etc water to hit Hen e also to *pudd* s (molten iron) Cf Du *puddeln* Ger *puddeln* to dabble splash See *pudd*

puddendum [anxi] L neut gerund of *puddere* to be ashamed

pudd [dist.] Var (19 cent) of *pudder* Cf dial *puddy* stump the antiquity of which is shown by its presence in surname *Pudd* foot

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puddy [dist.] Chubby Cf *pudder* for *sv* c *shy* *lolly* *wooly* *tricksy* *litsy* etc

pueblo Sp population town etc L *populus* people Esp Indian settlement in Sp America

puerile F *pueril* L *puerilis* from *puer* boy

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puff Inst of expulsion of breath and resulting inflation Cf *buffoon* and other *buff* words In literary and advertising sense from 18 cent *Pound* & *puff* is recorded c 1700

Panasi q (distur) *po f* *merc* *n*
(Lib *Alm* 353)

puffin Sea bird ME *poſin* also MedL *poſia* AF *poſoun* Perh from *puff* with allusion to corpulence of the young bird cf *plump* as a *puffin* But as the earliest associations of the name are with Cornwall and Scilly it may be a Celt word

pug As in *p* -dog *pu nose* App in some senses for *pu* *deval* later applied to an ape Also used a term of endearment which is perh chief reason for name *pug* dog (18 cent) whence *pu nose* In dial applied also to fox rabbit squirrel and other small animals cf *pug* *engine* small locomotive

marmon *elle* a little puppy or pug to play with
(Cotg)

It is quite impossible she should dream what she does when she is *pu* *deval* cf *as* Mrs Hamilton can become *peerless*
(Lady M Montagu 174)

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tion with *pubes* adult from earlier *populi-*
cus from *populus* people *Publica school*
(cf L *schola publica*) has varied much in
sense from 12 cent onward its present
connotation being chiefly 19 cent *The*
public is first recorded in the Translators
preface to the *AT* (1611) *Pub* is 19 cent
Publican tax gatherer (*Matt* xviii 17) is
L *publicanus* from *publicum* public
revenue Its other sense suggested by the
Hbl word is 18 cent *Publicist* F *pub-*
liciste is prop a writer on public law

The teetotal r who e ults in b t t taken th k
ing God that he is not as other men a or em s
this publican (T Fugh)

publish From F *publier* (for incorr *ish* cf
distinguish *astolish* etc) L *publicare* to
make public (eg the *banns of marriage*)
Publish r in current sense (corresponding
to F *éditer*) is 18 cent

Joseph I rothe wold not puplick hi
(Wye *Matt* i 19)

puce Colour F *flea* L *pulex pulic*

Puck. AS *puca* cogn with ON *puks* mis-
chievous demon In ME synon with
devil and from 16 cent with Robin Good
fellow See *pu* Also used in dial of the
nightjar or goatsucker a bird regarded
with superstitious dread

pucka pukka (An lo Ind) Genuine Hind
pukka cooked ripe See *culch*

No need to ask th } *gun* s breed He s a puk
Chian (Kipling *Tomb of his 4 orsers*)

pucker Frequent formation from *poke* bag
Pussy was formerly used (temp Ebx) of
puckered cloth cf also F *pocher* to bag
pucker It. *saccolare* from *sacro* bag With
to be in a *pucker* agitation cf *pl* M

saccolare to p ker or g th or cockle as one
stuffs to b ing wet (Flo)

pud Baby word for foot Cf Du *poof* Ger
pfote paw See also *pat*

pudding T *boudin* black pudding hog-
pudding Orig sense was intestine as still
in E dial which points to ult connection
with L *botulus* (see *loach*) Current E
sense orig with cloth replacing bladder
is latest (16 cent) and has been borrowed
by T (*poudi* g) Ger (*puddin*) and other
langs For T *p* cf *pu* se T *boudin* has
also the subsidiary senses of *pudd* g e g

pad (nant) explo ive (mil) tobacco m
roll

The proof of a pad hng i the eating
(Glapthorne Hollander L i 164)

puddle ME *podel* dim of AS *pudd* ditch
cf Ger dial *pu del* Also applied to mixture
of clay sand and water used for making
embankments etc water tlt Hence
also to *puddle* (molten iron) Cf Du
poedeln Get *puddeln* to dabble splash
See *poode*

puendum [arat] L neut gerund of *pu-*
de e to be ashamed

puddge [d al] Var (19 cent) of *puddge* ? Cf
dial *puddly* stumpy the antiquity of wh h
is shown by its presence in surname *Piff-*
foot

puddbund L *puhibundus* from *pu* re to be
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puddy [di d] Chubby Cf *puddge* For s i
subsy *tools* *wools* *tricks* *Betsy* etc

pueblo Sp population town etc L *popu-*
lus people E p Indian settlement in Sp
America.

puenle F *pueril* L *puvil* s from *puer* boy
puerperal From L *puerperus* parturient
from *puer* and *parre* to bring forth

puff Limit of expulsion of breath and re-
sulting inflation Cf *buffoon* and other
buff words In literary and advertising
sense from 18 cent *Pouff* r puff is re-
corded c 1700

Pan ker s quid tu po f mercaion
(L b 417 s 331)

puffin Sea bird ME *posin* also Ned L
posso AF *poson* Perh from *puff* with
allusion to corpulence of the young bird
cf *plump* as a *posin* But as the earliest
associations of the name are with Cornwall
and Scilly it may be a Celt word

pug¹ As in *pu dog* *pu nose* App in some
senses for *puck* devil later applied to an
ape Also u el as term of endearment
which i perh ch of reason for name *pue-*
do (18 cent) whence *pu nose* In dial
applied also to fox rabbit squirrel and
other small animals cf *pu engine* small
locomotive

puerperum He a litt p rry or p e to play with
(Cotg)

*Tis q t impossible she should not comma fwh
matches sh pl sex when such pug i dwart } as
M s Hamilton can become puerperes
(L dy M Montar i i 11)

pug² Loam etc mixed for brick making
From verb to *pu* knead clay ? cf *puddle*

The mod F word is *lustrer*, to gloss For contr cf. *proffer*, *prune*² See also *preen*

Baignies le [le faucon] en laue froide et le metes au soleil en arbre u il se puisse espeluquier et pouroudre (*Aviculaire des oiseaux de proie*)

She [the hawk] proynith when she feteihth oyle with hir beke and anyonith hir fete & hir federis (*Book of St Albans*, 15 cent)

prunella, prunello Strong fabrie for clergymen's and barristers' gowns App of E. formation, quasi sloe-coloured, from F *prunelle*, sloe, dim of *prune*¹ Commonly misunderstood in quot below to mean something inferior or indifferent, whereas Pope's allusion is to externals of garb or appearance, as in the case of the cobbler and the "cloth"

Worth makes the man, and want of it the fellow
The rest is all but leather and prunella

(*Essay on Man*, iv 204)

prurient From pres part of L *prurire*, to itch

Prussian ModL *Prussianus*, from MedL *Prussi*, *Borussi*, etc, latinized from native name of a Lithuanian tribe conquered (12 cent) by the Teutonic Knights The lang. (extinct) is Slav *Prussian blue* was accidentally discovered (1704) at Berlin by Diesbach Cf *prussic acid*, F *acide prussique*, obtained from Prussian blue.

People don't shove quite so selfishly, don't scowl at each other so Prussianly

(*Daily Chron.* July 26, 1917)

pry¹. To be inquisitive ME *prien*, to peer inquisitively, look closely. Cf AS *be-prīwan*, to wink, *prēowt-hwīl*, moment, lit winking while

pry² [dial] Back-formation from *prize*³

prytaneum [hist] Public hall of G state L,

G *πρυτανείον*, from *πρύταις*, prince, chief psalm AS (p)*scalm*, L, G *ψαλμός*, twanging of strings, from *ψάλλειν*, to twitch Adopted by most Europ langs, with loss of initial *p*, which has now been restored (e.g. F *psaume*, Ger *psalme*) and is sounded, as in other *ps*- words, exc in E In ME *saume*, from OF, is common. With *psalmody*, from G *ψᾶδή*, song, cf *prosody* Psalmist has replaced *psalmwright*, found in AS *Psaller*, L, G *ψαλτήριον*, stringed instrument, used in Church L. & G for psalm-book, has been replaced in orig sense by the later borrowed *psallery*. Both are restored spellings (v. i.).

sauter a hoke psalter (Palsg).

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pumpkin Altered from *pumpion pompon* OF *pompon* a pumpkin or melon (Cotg) nasalized from *popon pefon* L *pepo-n* G *πρω* cogn with *πτρ* > to open took

pun App a 17 cent. clipped form (cf *mob cit* etc) of obs *punnit pundigion* found in same sense The latter may be an illiterate or humorous perversion of It *punglio* fine point used earlier in sense of verbal quibble Cf F *pointe* verbal conceit rouch used in 17 cent in very similar sense Cf also Ger *stechwort* a pun or quibble (Ludw) from *stechen* to prick

I shall be a d fine It (a pu) I be a conceit mrg from the use of th o words that agree in the sound but differ in th s also (Ad 7, 10)

punch Tool Shortened from *puncheon* Cf *pounce*

*punch*¹ Beverage Ori^o Anglo Ind and trad (since 17th cent) derived from Hind *pānah* five in allusion to five (?) ingredients Cf *Punjab* five rivers and Anglo Ind *punch* council of five F *punch* Du *punch* Ger *punsch* Sp Port *fonce* are all borrowed from E The trad etym is supported by the parallel of *charebichhra* described (1629) by Peter Mundy as a composition of *racke* (i.e. arrick) water sugar and juice of lymes This is app Hind *chā bakhra* four parts and the same mixture is called by Mandelslo *pale panti* app F *pale punch*

*punch*² To strike App combined from *punch* to pierce thrust (from *punch*¹) and *punch* a common ME contr of *punch* The latter is still a boxing term *Bounce* *binch* were also formerly used in same sense and may have contributed to mod meaning

Caym [Ca u] his yun w I punched seven-fold (Trev ii 23)

I pu k j boult j pounce (Palg)

I b che I heate je pounce (3)

*punch*³ Short fat person or animal esp in Suffolk *pun h* for earlier *punch horse*

Ident with *Punch* (v) a word which became very popular in Pepys' time

It's gun which I on the wharves and business, th y do call Punchin II (Pepys Ap 12 669)

St ying among poe people there in the all y did h ar th m all their fal hild Punch, th t w d being bec me word of common us for all th th is th k d short (b Apr 30 1669)

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Then e way to Polichinello and ther had three times in r sport than at th pl y (P pps, Ap 9 667)

*puncheon*¹ [archaic] Tool for piercing F *pointon* awl Late L *punctio* n from *pun* *cie* *punct* to pierce cf It *punzione* Sp *pun* *on* Now usu replaced by short ened *punch* See *pounce*

*puncheon*² Cask The earlier E & F forms are ident with those of *puncheon* and It *punt* *ne* also has both senses I suggest as origin F *Poinson* a common surname (whence E *Pinson*) from *Pontius* (Pilate) F rs nicknames for vessels are numerous (see *jerodream jorum tankard de nyjohn* etc) and usu unaccountable

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(Ch. uc D 489)

purge *Γ purger* *L purgare* for *purgare* from *purns* pure cf *castigare* from *castus* Leg use e.g. to *purge one's offence* is 17 cent *Pride's purge* (1648) is first mentioned under that name by 18 cent historians cf *Black Prince* (Dealk)

Purim Pl of *pur* lot prob borrowed by Heb from Assy or Pers See *Esther ix 26* **puntan** Cf *Γ purtain* applied (16 cent) opprobriously to Protestants Orig in *Γ* of advanced reformers in Church of England Cf Ger *ketzer* heretic from *G* *ab pos* clean pure Depreciatory sense survives in *punitanical*

purle Twisted gold wire etc as ornamental edging Earlier (16 cent) *purle* from archaic verb to *purle* (v i) Cf It *purare* to twirl round (Flor) from *probo* spinning top cogn with *pyronelle* Hence *pearl stitch*

I pyrie wy of gold or sylver I wynd t pon a whele as sylk women do (Palsg)

purle Drink Orig infusion of wormwood in hot beer In Pepys Origina unknown

purle To murmur (of brook) Impt cf Norw dial *purle* S v dial *porla*

purle (colloq) To bowl over For *purle* to spin round etc See *purle*

purieu Orig strip of land on edge of wood disafforested by a new perambulation or survey *L perambulatio* was rendered (13 cent) in AF by *puralee* a going through from OF *pouraller* This was contracted to *p rley* and later corrupted to *purieu* by a supposed etym from *L purus locus* by which it is rendered in early L dicta For a similar perversion cf *senie* For later senses cf *outskirt* We also find OF *pa aller* MedL *peralare*
F rests ch es and p lewes

(Rolls of Fm 1 48)

P lieu or *Pou lie* is a certain term n of ground adjoins g nto th forest d wall rosted again by the perambulation in def these en g of the n w forestes fro n th old

(M wood Law s of For st s 95)

purloin OF *porloigner* to remove put far away from loin far *L lon e* Cf *F dloigner* to remove

purple O'Northumb *purpel* for AS *purpure* *L purpura* *G π pē pa* name of the shell fish also called *murex* which gave the

Tynan purple For dissim of *rr* to *ri* cf *marble* In most Europ langs esp with ref to dress of emperors kings cardinals the last named still showing the orig bright red colour Born in the purple renders Late *G π pē purpuratos* member of Byzantine imperial family For *purple patch* see below

Incepti gra ib s plenitudo t en n p fesus
Purpureas late qui splende t nus et it r
Ad utur pannus (Hor De Art Poet 14)

A tquit my wh i task but illa e a gran i purpl
p t h i the el t of Lo d nd rry t w os
d i m st take time

(Ma aut y' Diary O t 5 54)

purport OF *porporter* to embody from *porter* to carry

purpose OF *porpos* (*propos*) from *porposer* (*proposer*) See *pose* With lo the *p rpos* cf *Γ d propos* and with dial a *purpose* for of *purpose* cf *F de prope* (*del bé*) With *noel* with a *p rpose* (late 19 cent)

cf *problem* play and Ger *endenroman* **purpresture** (leg) Encroachment AF cor rupt of *purpresure* from OF *porpre id e L* *pro* and *pre lere* (for *prehend re* to take)

purrl limit cf *F son owner*

purse AS *pirs* Late *L bursa* *G β pra* hide leather cf *F bourse* It *borsa* Sp *bolsa* Ori a small bag drawn together at the mouth by a thong *purse* *i i g* whence *purse net* and to *purse* *i e* wrinkle one's brow (lips) Idea of orig shape also survives in *long purse* *Purser* (naut) is 15 cent Hence *purser's name* false name given to purser by passenger travellers incognito

purstane Herb OF *porcelain* (cf It *porcella a*) altered app by influence of *porce* *i n* from *L po cileca* used by Pliny for *portulaca*

pursue AF *pursuer* from OF *porseu* pp of OF *porseure* (*porseure*) VL *prose* *querre* for *prosequi* to follow up prosecute Etym sense appears in *pursant* *pur nance* and *purs i vant* orig junior heraldic officer acting as follower of herald now officer of College of Arms *Pursus* is sometimes *persue* in ME OF *persure* to persecute and *persecute* *prosecute* often occur in same sense

Th K g army p oerut d th in ven t th s
clitv (Syd. P yate 224 36)

pursy For earlier *pu s t e* AF *pursif* OF *polisif* (*ponsif*) from *L p isa e* to throb frequent of *fellere puls* to drive S e

- Punic** L *Punicus*, earlier *Poenicus*, Carthaginian, orig *Phoenician* (q v) Esp in *Punic faith*, L *fides Punica*
- punish** F *punir*, *puniss-*, L *punire*, for *poenire* See *penal Punitive*, now usu with *expedition*, is MedL *punitivus*
- Punjaub head** [Anglo-Ind] Form of amnesia prevalent in *Punjaub* Also called *Burmah head*
- Then the Doctor told us that *aphasia* was like all the arrears of "Punjab Head" falling in a lump (Kipling, *Plain Tales*).
- punk** [chiefly US] Touchwood App for *spunk* (q v)
- punkah** [Anglo-Ind] Hind. *pankhā*, fan, from Sanskrit *pañśha*, wing
- punnet** Chip-basket for strawberries. ? F dial (Rouchi) *ponete*, "petit panier où les poules viennent pondre" (Hécart)
- punt**¹ Boat AS has *punt*, L *ponto*, pontoon (q v) But, as the word is not found again till c 1500 (*punt-boat*), when it occurs in EAngl, it was prob borrowed afresh from cogn Du *pont*, ferry-boat
- punt**² To bet Orig to lay stakes at cards F *ponter*, from *ponte*, Sp *punto*, point
- punt**³ At football First at Rugby (1845) Cf dial *bunt*, to kick, strike Prob the words are nasalized forms of *butte*, *put* (in orig sense)
- puny** Phonetic spelling of *pusne* (q v) Shaks has both spellings in current sense of *puny*
- The first-born child [Mont ainé] shall succeed and inherit all, where nothing is reserved for punies [Mont puisnés] (Florio's *Montaigne*, II 12)
- pup** Shortened from *puppy* (q v) With to *sell one a pup*, swindle, cf hist of *cozen*
- pupa** [biol] L, girl, doll, adopted as scient term by Linnaeus
- pupil**¹ Scholar F *pupille* (m & f), ward, minor, L *pupillus*, *pupilla*, dims of *pupus*, boy, *pupa*, girl, baby words of the *papa* type Orig sense, still in F, survives in *pupilage* Current sense from 16 cent The *pupil teacher* system was introduced from Holland (1839-40)
- To visit pupils and widows in her tribulations (Wye James, I 27)
- pupil**² Of eye F *pupille* (f), L *pupilla*, "the sight of the eye" (Coop), ident with fem form of *pupul*, from reflection of face seen in eye Cf obs. use of *baby*, also G κόρη, girl, doll, pupil of eye
- They may kiss and coll, lye and look babies in one anothers eyes (Burton)
- puppet** Later form of *poppet*, OF *poupette*, "a little babie, puppet, bable" (Cotg), dim from VL **puppa*, for *pupa*, girl, doll, cf. It *puppa*, Du *pop*, Ger. *puppe*, doll, also F. *poupée*. From 16 cent esp. doll worked by strings, whence fig use.
- puppy** F *poupée*, doll, plaything (vs). Orig (15 cent) lady's toy-dog, pet; cf *pug*¹. Current sense first in Shaks In earlier use not distinguished from *puppet*
- pur-** Norm, form of OF *por* (*pour*), L *pro* In OF & ME often confused with *par-*, *pre-* (see *appurtenance*, *prebense*).
- purana** Myth Sanskrit poems Sanskrit, from *purā*, formerly
- Purbeck marble** From Isle of Purbeck, peninsula in Dorset Mentioned 1205
- purblind** Already in Wyc dim-sighted, one-eyed, squinting, but orig (13 cent) quite blind App for *pure blind*; cf. dial *pure well*, quite well For change of sense cf *parboil*
- purchase** F *pourchasser*, to obtain by pursuit, procure (orig E sense), from *chasser*, to chase¹ (q v), cf It *procacciare*, to procure Current sense is first in *Piers Plowm* Not worth an hour's purchase is fig application of reckoning price of land by ref to annual value In sense of leverage orig naut, the verb being used of "gaining" power by means of capstan, etc Up to 17 cent *purchase* is still often used for piratical gain, booty
- pourchasser* eagerly to pursue, follow, prosecute, sollicite, instantly to seek, purchase, procure, compass (Cotg)
- Their servants do act only as privateers, no purchase no pay (Pepys, May 21, 1667)
- pardah** [Ind] Curtain, esp for screening women Urdu, Pers *pardah*
- pardonum** Trade-name for coal-scuttle, introduced by one *Purdon*
- pure** F *pur*, L *purus*, clean, pure For intens use, e g *pure* (unadulterated) *non-sense*, cf *clean crazy*, etc
- purée** [cook] F, ? from OF *purer*, to squeeze out, from L *pus*, *pur-*, ? or ident with OF *porée*, from L *porum*, leek Cf MedL *purea*, *porea*, pea-soup See *porridge*
- purfle** [archaic] To decorate with ornamental border OF *porfiler*, from *fil*, thread, L *filum*, cf It *proffilare*, Sp *perflar* See *profile*
- purfyle* off cloth limbus (Prompt Parv).
- purgatory** AF *purgatorie*, F. *purgatoire*; cf. MedL *purgatorium*, from *purigare*, to purge

and India mentioned by Herodotus and Homer now esp of dwarf races from Equatorial Africa whose existence may have been vaguely known to the ancients
pyjamas pajamas Urdu Pers *pāe jāmah* leg garment trouser In F incorr used of sleeping suit

pylon G πύλον gateway from πύλη gate
pylorus [anat] Lower orifice of stomach
 Late L G πύλως gate keeper (vs) from πυρ watcher

pyracanth Shrub L G πυρ α θ app from πυρ fire ακ νθα thorn but identity of G shrub with that known by the Linnaean name is dubious

pyramid Γ πυραμίδα L G πυραμς c πυραμς δ trad associated with πυρ fire (beacon) or πυρος grain (granary) but prob of Egypt origin

pyre L G πυρα hearth funeral pile from πυρ fire See *pile*¹

pyrethrum Plant L G πυρεθρον from πυρερ fever from πυρ fire from mod properties Cf its pop name *feverfew* (qv)

pyrexia Fever From G πυρεξια (vs)

pyrites I G πυριτης (sc λίθος) fire stone (vs)

pyrotechny Γ πυροτεχνία from G πυρ fire τεχνία art Orig in mil and chem senses
pyroxene [min] Named (1896) by Häuy who regarded it as a stranger G ξένος to the igneous rocks

pyroxylon Explosive from vegetable fibre
 Named (1846) by Pelouze from G ξύλον wood

Pyrrhic Dance and metrical foot Γ πυρρικός L G πυρρικός (sc πυρρική dance) war-dance of Ancient Greeks trad from its inventor Πύρρος The phalanx (vs) belongs rather to next

Y u h a e the Pyrrhic dance as yet
 Where is the Pyrrhic phalanx gone?

(Julius of Gracae)

Pyrrhic victory Gained at too great cost to victor like that of Pyrrhus G Πύρρος king of Epirus (3 cent BC) over the Romans at Asculum Cf *Caesarian*

Ctesiphon where General Townsend won his Pyrrhic victory (Daily Chron Jan 27 1917)

Pyrrhonist Follower of Pyrrho G Πυρρώνος sceptic philosopher of Elis (4 cent BC)

pyrus [bot]. MedL incorr for L *pyrus* pear tree esp in *pyrus japonica*

Pythagorean Of Pythaorae G Πυθαγόρας philosopher of Samos (6 cent BC) In

early use with spec ref to doctrine of transmigration of souls

Pythian From G Πύθιος of the Delphi Apollo (vs)

python L G Πύθων nam of serpent slain near Delphi by Apollo pyth from earlier name of Delphi Mod sense is cent

pythoness Of phthorise Late L pythonissa used in Vul of Witch of End (1 Sam xxviii 7) app connected with the prophets of the D Isthm rale (v)

And pek as enally d f re ad w
 A t h f h t o n and S m e i (Chau D 3 q)

pyx [e] Receptacle for consecrated bread Also pyxis L G πυξίς box from πυξ box tree See box¹ Also later (16 cent) used of the assay box at the Mint

Q ship Name given to mystery ships which lured the unsuspecting U boat Q for query in allusion to enigmatic character Cf *kush boat*

qua L in the capacity of fem abl of qui who used adverbially

quack Impt of Du *quacken* Cer quacken In sense of doctor short for *quacksalver* Du *quacksalver* one who sells his salves by his patter Cf synonym *marktschreier* lit market shrecker and see *chitlatan* Du has also *lopfächer* charlatan from *lopfen* to patch cobble

quad (Def) Short for *quadrangle*

quadragesimarian From L *quadragesima* is from *quadragesima* trib of *quadragesima* forty

quadragesimal Lenten. Late I *quadragesima* is in allusion to forty days

quadrangle Γ Late I *quadrangulum* from *quadr* (quat'cor four)

quadrant L *quadrans* *quadrant* fourth part The instrument (from c 1400) is a quarter circle

quadrate I *quadratus* from *quadrare* to square from *quadrare* four *Quadrat equations* (1 cent) are so call because involving the square of *x* Cf *quadrant* (squaring) of *the circle*

quadrennial From L *quadragesima* four years Cf *biennial* etc

quadriga L four horse chariot from *quadr* 4 four *quadrige* yoke

quadrilateral From L *quadrilaterus* from *latus* later side In mil sense of region defined by 4 fortresses esp in ref to the *Itala quadrilatera* (Mantua Verona Peschiera Legnano)

push, and of *jolly, testy* Orig short-winded, later associated with *purse* and suggesting a swollen bag

pursy in wynde drawynge cardiacus
(*Prompt Parv.*)

One said, yong Mr Leake was verry rich and fatt "True," said B Reid, "pursy men are fatt for the most part" (*Munningham's Diary*, 1602)

You must warrant this horse clear of the glanders, and pursyness (*Gentleman's Dict* 1705)

purtenance [archaic] OF *partenance*, from *partenir*, to belong Cf *appurtenance* See *Ev* xii 9

Caput cum pedibus ejus et intestinis vorabitur
(*Vulg*)

purulent F, L *purulentus*, from *pus*, *pus-purvey* AF *purveier*, OF *porveoir* (*pourvoir*), L *providēre*, to provide, by which it is now usu replaced Both had in ME orig sense of to foresee Cf *survey*

purview F *pourvu*, pp of *pourvoir*, to provide (vs), AF *purveu est*, *purveu que*, being used to introduce a provision or proviso Hence body of statute following preamble In mod use, e.g. *within the purview of*, influenced by *view*

pus L, cogn with G πῦρ, matter
Puseyite Supporter of Pusey (†1882), canon of Christ Church, Ox, and leader of Ox (Tractarian) movement

push F *pousser*, L *pulsare*, frequent of *pellere*, *puls-*, to drive Hence *push*, vigorous effort Sense of gang, lot (Austral) is evolved from that of throng, press

Pushtoo [Ing] Native name of Afghan lang, intermediate between Iranian and Sanskrit

pusillanimous From Church L *pusillanimus*, from *pusillus*, very small (cogn with *puer*, boy), and *animus*, spirit Used to render G ὀλιγόψυχος, small-souled

puss As call-name for cat found in many Europ langs, and even in Afghan Of course much older than the dict (NED 1530) *Pussyfoot* is a neol (1919) from US, where it was formerly used of a dainty gait

Ilyf le Messer vulneravit Robertum Pusekat juxta pontem de Corebrigge, ita quod statum obuit
(*Northumb Assize Roll*, 1256)

George came pussy-footing round the corner of the station in old man Cardigan's regal touring-car
(*Kyne, Valley of Giants*, 1918)

At a demonstration, on Saturday, to celebrate America's going dry the chairman, Sir A Pearce Gould, said it was not generally known how the name [Pussyfoot] originated It was an honoured name given to Mr Johnson by the Red Indians

because of his skilful and brave fight against the drunk traffic in the United States

(*Daily Chron* Jan 19, 1920)

pustule F, L *pustula*, ? from *pus*, purulent matter, ? or imit of "puffing" (cf. *blister*)
put Late AS *putian*, also *potian*, *pylan* Of obscure origin, prob ult cogn with *but* and synon F *bouter*, "to thrust, put, force, push, forward" (Cotg) Orig sense, to thrust, propel, survives in to *put the weight*, *put a horse (at a fence)*, *put a knife (bullet) into one*, naut *put back (to sea)*, and, with differentiated spelling and pronounce, in the golf *put* To *put up with* (an affront) was formerly to *put up*, i.e. to "pocket" To *put upon*, bully, earlier befool, was orig to *put the ass (fool) upon* With to *put one down (for an ass, etc)* of similar use of to *write*

Nor would she [the maid-servant] go into a family that did not put out their linen to wash, and hire a charwoman to scour (Defoe).

putative F *putatif*, Late L *putativus*, from *putare*, to think

putlock, **putlog** Transverse support in scaffolding App from *put*; second element doubtful

putrid F *putride*, L *putridus*, from *putrēre*, from *puter*, rotten; cf *putēre*, to stink.

putt [golf] See *put*

puttee Hind *putī*, bandage, cf. Sanskrit *putta* Late 19 cent

puttock [naut] In *puttock-shrouds*, now replaced by *fullock-shrouds* Cf Du *putting* in somewhat similar sense

putty Earlier also *potec*, F *potée*, "brasse copper, tinne, pewter, &c., burnt or calcinated" (Cotg), lit *potful*, from *pot* Sense has undergone various changes

puzzle Aphet for ME *opposal*, interrogation, etc, also *apposal*, cf to *pose* and *poser* The NED points out that the sense-hist of *puzzle*, so far as recorded casts some doubt on this otherwise obvious etym

What answers I sholde make
Unto hys unknowthe opposaylle (Lydgate)

puzzolana See *pozzolana*

pyaemia Blood-poisoning From G πύον pus, αἷμα, blood

pycnotic Of condensation G πυκνωτικός from πυκνόν, to condense

pygmy, **pigmy** L, G πύγματος, dwarfish dwarf, from πυγμή, measure of length from elbow to knuckles, also fist, cogn with L

pugnus Orig of dwarf races of Ethiopians

quadrille¹ [*archaic*] Card-game which superseded ombre (18 cent) and was superseded by whist F, ? Sp *cuartillo*, quarter, altered by association with *quadrille*²

quadrille² Dance F, Sp *cuadrilla*, orig troop of riders in four groups, cf It *quadrighio*, "a crue, a troupe, a compagnie" (Flor)

quadrillion Coined on *nullion*, *billion*

quadrivium L, meeting of four ways, from *via*, way, in MedL the math part of the liberal arts, viz arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, music Cf *trivium*

quadrone Earlier *quateron*, *quatron*, F *quareron*, Sp *cuarterón*, from *cuarto*, fourth, L *quartus*, because having one-fourth of negro blood Form has been influenced by numerous words in *quadr-* (v s)

quadruman Late L *quadrumanus*, coined, after *quadruped*, from L *manus*, hand

quadruped L *quadrupes*, *quadruped-*, from *pes*, foot *Quadr-* is a var of *quadr-*

quadruple F, L *quadruplus* Cf *double*, *triple*.

quaere L, imper of *quaerere*, to seek Used as comment on matter to be looked up or further considered Now usu *query*

quaestor [hist] L, from *quaerere*, *quaesit-*, to seek Orig official in charge of treasury

quaff Earlier also *quaft* Orig to carouse, the date (16 cent) and hist of the word suggesting that it came from the Low Countries (cf *booze*) This is also the statement of early etymologists The fact that *quass*, LG *quassen*, to eat or drink immoderately, is found in the same sense, suggests that *quaff* may have originated in a mis-reading of *quaff*

I q'auget, I drinke all out je boys dautint (Palsg)

The beastly man muste sitte all day and quasse,
The beaste indeede doth drinke but twice a day,
The beastly man muste stuffe his monstrous masse
(Turberville, 1576)

In our fathers days, the English returning from the service in the Netherlands, brought with them the foul vice of drunkenness, is besides other testimonies the term of *carous*, from *gar-aus*, all out, learnt of the High Dutch there, in the same service, so *quaff*, &c.

(Chamberlayne, *Present State of England*, 1692)

quagga Kind of zebra Given (1710) as Hottentot *quacha*, but now current in Kaffir in the form *iquava* "The true quagga is believed to have been exterminated about 1873" (NED).

quagmire From 16 cent, cogn with *quake*.

Earlier also *quakemne*, *quavemne* (see *quaver*)

Quai d'Orsay [hist] F. Foreign Office From address Cf *Ballplatz*, *Porte*, etc

quail¹ Bird F *caille*, of Teut origin; cf It *quaglia*, OSp *coalla*, MedL *quacula* VL *quaccola* (Gloss of Reichenau, 9 cent) Source may be OHG *quahtela*, imit of cry of Du *kwakkel*

quail². Verb Obs from c 1650, but revived by Scott Fig use of obs *quail*, to curdle coagulate (still in dial), F. *caille*, L *coagulare* Cogn It *cagliare* has the same double sense

cagliare to erud or congeale as milke doth Also to hold ones peece (Flor).

You could mark by the change of his skin and by the look out of his eyes how his courage was clabbering to whey inside him, making his face a milky curdled white (Irvin S Cobb).

quaint OF *cointe*, L *cognitus*, pp of *cognoscere*, to get to know Cf *acquaint* Orig clever, ingenious, pretty, etc For vague and wide senses cf *nice*, *fine*, etc Some early dict's have "quaint, see unknown," the word having thus gradually reached its opposite

coint quaint, compt, neat, fine, spruce, brisk, smug, smug, dainty, trim, tricked up (Cotg)

quair [Sc] See *quire*²

quake AS *cwacian*; cf OLG *quackian* vibrating, ult cogn with *quaver* Some times treated as strong verb in ME. (see *aspen*) The nickname *Quaker* was given (c 1650) to the Society of Friends, by whom it is not recognized (cf *Shaker*, com *vulsonnaire*)

Preacht at Games Coln, ye quakers nest, but no disturbancee (Diary of Ralph Josselin, Vicar of Earl's Colne, Essex, July 3, 1655).

qualify F *qualifier*, MedL *qualificare*, to describe, attribute a quality to, from *qualis* of what kind Sense of modifying (a statement) by closer definition is 16 cent Mod to *qualify* for (a position) is for earlier reflex

I am qualifying myself to give lessons (Bleak House, ch. xxxiii)

quality F *qualité*, L *qualitas*, from *qualis* (v s) For *people of quality* cf. similar use of *fashion*, *rank*, etc, with adj understood

Les gens de qualité savent tout sans avoir jamais rien appris (Précieuses ridicules, ix).

qualm Ong (16 cent) sudden faintness or fear, later esp in *qualms* of conscience (Milt) Du. *kwalm*, earlier, *qualm*, "steam, reek, vapour, must" (Sewel), whence

quest In medieval romance esp of a knight's enterprise

question F L *quaestio*-u from *q* *inquire*
(v.s) *Questionnaire* (ncol) is F Depre
ciatory sense of *questionable* from c. 1800

queue F OF *coue* *cue* L *cauda* tail of *cus*¹ As verb early in 1918 Quot below from a contemporary of the Revolution refers to the shortage in Paris c. 1902

Dès dix heures du matin les femmes angaises
de x à deux sur une longue ligne qu'un peuple
designa sous le nom de queue.

(M r t e r P r e s i d e n t L a R e v e l t o n)

quhair [Se] See *quair*¹

quibble Dim of obs *quid* clipped form of
L *quidus* abl pl of *qui* who which oc-
curring frequently in leg documents and
hence su...resting hair splitting tricks etc

quick AS *east* living COM Teut cf Du *kwik* Ger *keck* impudent OY Aistr ult cogn with L *vivus* alive G *βίος* life Orig sense in the *quick* and the *dead* and in numerous compds eg *quickness* (cf *h chaur vive*) *quickness* and *quickness* *hedge* (cf *F hait vive*) *quicksilver* (cf *F vif* a gent Ger *quicksilver*) also in Bibl to *quicken* Sense of rapid is evolved from that of lively (cf *look lively*) With to *cut* to the *quick* cf *F trancher dans le vif*

D th come on hem and go thei down qu k [as
lyvenf n to h lie (Wyc P liv 10)

quid¹ Of tobacco Var of *cu* (q v)

quid Sovereign earlier (17 cent) ginea
Slang use of L. *quid* something of F
quibus used for *de quibus* the wherewithal
the money (*Did Cant Crow*)

quiddity F *quidditas* schola tie L. *quidditas*
formed from *quid* what after *qualitas*
quantitas

quidnunc L *qui id nunc?* what now? what's the news?

quid pro quo L something for something
Orig substitution in medical prescriptions
of one drug for another. In English blunder
rather from a holistic phrase *quid pro quod*
i.e. elementary grammatical blunder which in
F. is altered to *quid pro quo*

quiescent. From pres part of *L. quiescere*
to become quiet, from root of *quies* rest

quiet *L. quietus* pp of *quiescere* (v.s.) Cf
con Hence *quietus* i f run of rel mysti
cism taught (c 1675) by Molinos a Sp
priest The noun may represent Af *quiete*
L. quies quiet common in phrase *en quiete*
et tea

quietus From MedL. phrase *quies* = he

is quit (of a debt etc.) In fig. sense first
in Shakes (*Hamlet* iii. 1)

quiff [slang] Oiled lock plastered on the head in Last End word (not in VED)
 * From It. *cuffia* coil *Quise* occurs as early var of E *coil*

The well-cared quilt, the most precious of her things that was on the cold girl's bed, and glory.

(May Aug 2 81)

quill Orig hollow stalk (*empt Par*) of
LG quiele Ger *kiel* Origin unknown
Hence archaic to quill orig to goffer a
ruil Cf F *quinter* to quill, from *twai*

quillet (*antq*, Small plot of land. Earlier
also *eylett* OR *collete* (*amendett*) top
from *cuel* or to gather. See *col* & *cull*

quillet³ Quibble Short for obs *qu U iv*
corrupt of *quidity* (q v)

Why might n it that be the skull f Is yr
Wh re be h quddis now bi quiet his ascs
his tenores d his tracks (H m! y)

quilt *OF* *costle* *cuile* (some) *L* *cushla*
cushment With ME *q* at point of counter
pane (*q v*) With slang (US) sense of to
quilt thrash cf. obs to *bumbast* (see *bom*
bass) and *Γ* *bouyer* to stuff w
flockes and haire also to beat or thumpe
(*Cote*)

quinary L quintus from q int distrib
of quinqv five Th is a sign for fmgie
and suffers distrib (V L c nique) in I omatic
See fig

quince Orig pl obs quine ME c in
royne OF cuis c in (coing) L coturnus
(Pun) for Cydonium L sanctor paylor
Cyd oan apple from Cydonia (in Crete)
Cf bodice lettuce and f converso change
cherry pres Cf also Prov coiding It
cotogna Ger q le (OHIC chi na) Du
kue AS cozzetti

quingcentenary *in* от 179 до 180, *en* 180, *na* 180, *ka* 180

quincunx. L. long five ounces from quincunx
five and a ounce also applied to arrange-
ment of trees like the pips on a five of
cards. In spec sense introduced by Evelyn
and common in describing the artificial
gardens of the period Cf I g n o c e

Le verger de l'abb. de Thélis, l'un des plus
riches fruitiers tous ordonnés en ordre symétrique
(R 11)

quingentary Coined from L. quingen-
five hundred after se / navy etc

quinine From qu na Sp spelling of Peru
Awa bark whence also by redup the
earlier qu aquina (1st cent)

(*de Rabelais*), paying time, with allusion to a trad incident in the life of Rabelais

quarter a quarter, coast, part, region, also, a quarter, or ward, in a town, also, the quarter of a veere, of a yard, a quarter of the moon, of mutton, &c, the fourth part of any thing thats commonly divided by quarters, also, a trencher, also, quarter, or fair war, where souldiers are taken prisoners, and ransomed at a certaine rate (Cotg)

quartern OF *quartern*, fourth part, from *quart*, quarter, e.g. a *quartern* of gin is a quarter of a pint and a *quartern* loaf is made from a quarter of a peck of flour.

quartette F, It *quartetto*, from *quarto*, fourth

quarto L (*in*) *quarto*, the sheet being folded in four Cf *folio*, *octavo*, etc

quartz Ger *quarz*, found in MHG, whence also Du *kwarls*, F *quartz*, It *quarzo* ? Pet-form (cf *Heinz* for *Heinrich*, *Kunz* for *Konrad*) of MHG *querch* (*zwerg*), dwarf, gnome (cf *cobalt*, *nickel*)

quash F *casser*, L *quassare*, frequent of *quatere*, *quass-*, to break See *cashier*? The F *cour de cassation* has the power of "quaslung" a sentence

Quashee. Nickname for negro From Ashantee or Fantee *Kwasi*, name commonly given to child born on Sunday.

quasi L, as if, for *quam si*

quassia Named (c 1761) by Linnaeus from *Graman Quassi*, a Surinam negro (see *Quashee*) who discovered the properties of the root (1730) Cf *sequoia*

quaternary L *quaternarius*, from *quaterni*, four together, from *quater*, four times

quaternion Late L *quaternio-n-*, set of four (vs) In Wyc (*Acts*, xii 4) In math sense introduced (1843) by Hamilton

quatrain F, from *quahe*, four, L *quattuor*

quatrefoil F. *quatre*, four, *feuille*, leaf, foil¹

Cf *hefoil*

quattrocento It, as *cinquecento* (q v)

quaver Frequent of obs *quave*, ME *cwaviene*, ult cogn with *quake* Cf *quiver*? Mus sense from 16 cent

quay F *quai* (12 cent), Gaulish *canum* (5 cent) Earlier spelling, now altered on ModF, was *kay*, *key*, AF *kate* See also *key*?

quean [archaic] AS *cwene*, woman Aryan, cf OHG *quena*, Goth *qino*, G γυνή, Zend *genā*, OIr *ben*, Welsh *bün*, cogn, but not ident, with *queen* (q v) For disparaging sense, which appears early, cf *hussy*, *wench*, and *Who are you calling a woman?*

To knowe

Other [either] a knyght fro a knyghte other [or] a queyne fro a queene (*Piers Plowm* C. ix. 46)

queasy Earlier (15 cent) *coisy* Ong ticklish, unsettled Sir John Paston observes more than once that "the world seems queasy," i.e. things are looking queer

Forms point to F origin, and obs *squeasy* suggests OF **escoisier*, to disquiet, from *coisier*, to settle, etc, VL **quietiare* (see *coy*), but *squeasy* occurs later (16 cent.) than *queasy* and may be due to influence of *squeamish*

queen AS *cwēn*, wife (of king or celebrity), cf OSax. *quān*, ON. *kuēn*, Goth *qēn*, woman; related by ablaut to *quean* (q v)

"What news, Mr Neverout?" "Why, Madam, Queen Elizabeth's dead"

(Swift, *Polite Conversation*).

queer First in Sc (c 1500) ? Ident with cant *queer*, not straight, "on the cross" Ger *quer*, across, athwart, ult cogn with *thwart*?; cf to *queer the pitch* (game), i.e. to thwart, and similar use of F. *travers*, "crosse, crosse-wise, thwart, overthwart" (Cotg) *Queer Street* is 19 cent

Queensberry rules For fair boxing Drawn up (1867) by eighth Marquis of *Queensberry* (†1900)

quelch Occ for *squelch* Cf *s-quash*.

quell AS *cwellan*, to kill, destroy. Com Teut, cf Du *kwellen*, Ger. *quälen*, to torture, ON *kvelja* ? Cogn with *kill* Wyc has *man quellers* for *murderers* (*Matt* xii 7)

quench AS *cwencan*, in *ācwercan*, to extinguish (fire, light), causal of *cwincan*, to be extinguished (cf *drench*, *drink*), cogn with Fris *kwinke* For application to thirst cf similar use of F *éteindre*, Ger *löschen*, to extinguish *Modest quencher* is Dick Swiveller's (*Old Cur Shop*, ch xxv)

quenelle Forcemeat ball F, ? corrupt. of synon Ger *knödel*, dim of *knoten*, knot.

querimonious From L *querimonia*, from *queri*, to complain

quern [archaic] AS *cwern*. Com Teut, cf Du *kweern*, OHG *quirn*, ON *kvern*, Goth *qairnus*, ult. cogn with Sanskrit *grāvan*, stone The replacement in the Teut langs of this word by derivatives of Late L *molinum* is a tribute to Roman efficiency (cf *kitchen*)

querulous From L *querulus*, from *queri*, to complain

query Altered from *quære* (q v). Cf *party*.

quest OF *queste* (*quête*), from *quaerere*, *quaesit-*, to seek; cf It. *chiesta*, Sp *cuesta* Sometimes apheet for *inquest*, e.g. *croaker's*

quiz Orig (late 18 cent) eccentric person oddity With verb to *quiz* cf to *fool* to *gull* etc App of arbitrary formation *Quos* was used at same period in somewhat similar sense

quod [sɪn] Perh orig the quad range of the prison From c 1700

quod Newgate also any prison tho t r d l t (D I Cant Crew)

quodlibet [archais] Dispute for practice medley L what you will

quoin Wedge esp arch also naut and in gunnery Var of *coin* (q v)

quoit Earliest in AP *jeu de coyles* (1338) In ME also *coile quoyte* These forms correspond phonetically to F *couette* cushion (OI *coite* L *culecta*) It is not known whether the word was orig applied to the missile or the target In 16 cent we find copious records of *cushion* some unknown game in to *miss the cushion* side of (be side) the *cushion* and both L *quoit* and F *coussinet* are used in spec senses for a flat disk of stone Early *quoits* were of stone (v.i.) and were perh orig slid instead of thrown hence dial *quoiting* for curling and verb to *quoit* in Shaks (v t) In naut, F *coiles* (*couettes*) are deux fortes pièces de bois qui placées sous un bâtiment en construction glissent avec lui quand on le lance à la mer (Littré) I am aware that this is all rather vague but it may help some other student to identify *quoit* with F *couette* an identity of which I personally am convinced

εϋν petrō d (P ompt I rē)

Quilt him d n[stairs] Ba d lph i k a sh e
groat shilling (2 Hen II c)

quondam I formerly In 16 cent used as a noun (cf *ex-devant*)

quorum L of whom occurring in commissions appointing certain persons *quorum* eos unum (duos etc) esse voluit

Mr North by the title always feels the likeness of the bee if it really is fish in a deep t H m t look in at the door to see if there is a quorum A q run wo l d do Auz gr at rarity (W de Morgan BA Gh d m m Chant)

quota MedL (sc *pars*) from *quot* how many
quote MedL *quotare* to distinguish by numbers from *quot* how many Cf I *color* Orig to mark with chapter numbers marginal references etc hence to be able to give chapter and verse Mod b n n s sense reverts to etym meaning

quoth Past tense of obs. *quethe* AS *cweðan*

Com Tent of OSax. *quethan* Olf. *quethan* ON *kvetha* Goth. *githan* Cf be *quethan* Archaic *quotha* is for *quo h te*

quothian F *quotidien* I q of dian is from *quotidie* every day from *quothus* how many days day

quotient L *quotiens* how many times from *quot* altered by association with participial forms in *ent*

quorum L neut of *quod* s from *qu* t cf *quota*

R The r month when oysters are in season are mentioned by Lord Chent r field The three P's reading riting rithmetic is said to have been first given as a toast by Sir W Curtis (1829)

rabbit [carpent] OF *rabat* ir m abatt to beat back *Rebate* is found in same sense

rabbi L G Heb *rabbi* my master from *rabb* master Jewish title of respect for doctors of the law The i in F *rabb* n MedL *rabb* us whence *rabbinical* may be due to association with *assassin cheri bin* etc

rabbit Orig the young rabbit, as distinguished from the coney Cf Walloon *robett* Flem *robbe* dim *robbeke* also F *rabouiller* rabbit burrow Prob nickname from *Robert* whence comes name *Pulberr* cf *rena d robis* jack tan etc The rabbit is called *roberr* in Dev

Th hare d th ons ar e d d in their ant years *hovers* and *robs* (T rbern 1876)

rabble Orig (14 cent) pack swarm of animals with idea of a string or s nest strongly suggested Origin unknown The analogy of *rasc* (q v) suggests an OF deriv n s e of *dr* rake L *rulabulum* with suffix as in *conville* *viletail* *pelican* etc

rabid L *rabidus* from *rabere* to be mad cf *rabies* (canine) madness whence *r*
race [B b] Chalke r d of d nobil mean
r g See Matt v 2

raccoon See *coon*

race Running current channel e c ON *ra*s Cogn AS *ra*s gave ME *rese* attack in urson cf Cer *asen* to rave *ra*c from LG

race Tribe family F earlier (17 cent) *rasse* It *ra* a (14 cent) Sp Port *ra*a ? from Arab *ra*s herl origin

race [ar h] Root (of ginger) Of a s L *ra*ra ad c root Cf *rad* s

raceme [bot] L *racemus* grape erron taken to mean cluster Cf *ra* s n

Quinquagesima [*eccl*] L, fiftieth (sc, *dies*), because about fifty days before Easter.

quinquennial From L *quinquennus* Cf *biennial*, etc

quinquina See *quimine*

quinsy OF *quinancie* (12 cent), MedL *quinancia*, G *κυνάγχη*, lit dog-throttling, from *κύων*, *κυν-*, dog, *ἄγχω*, to strangle. Commoner in ME is *squincy*, *squinsy*, F *esquinancie*, with prefixed *es-*

esquinace the squincy, or squinancy (Cotg)

quint Sequence of five at piquet F *quinte*, from L *quintus*, fifth

quinta Country-house (Sp & Port) Orig farm let for fifth part, *quinta parte*, of produce

quintain [*hist*]. F *quintaine*, cf It Prov MedL *quintana* ? L *quintana* (*via*), market-street of camp, orig quarters of fifth maniple. It is supposed that this may have been used for warlike exercises, but the hist of the word has not been traced

quintal Hundredweight F, Arab *qintār*, L *centenarium*, cf It *quintale*, Sp *quintal*, MedL *quintale*

quintennial Incorr., after *septennial*, for *quinquennial* (q v) Cf *quintagenarian* for *quinquagenarian*

quintessence F., OF *quinte essence*, MedL *quinta essentia*, substance of the heavenly bodies (outside the four elements), the discovery of which by distillation was one aim of medieval alchemy

quintette F, It *quintetto*, from *quinto*, fifth

quintillion Cf *quadrillion*

quintuple F, from L *quintus*, fifth, after *quadruple*

quip Short for obs *quippy*, L *quippe*, for-
'sooth. Prob associated mentally with *nip*, *whip*, etc, in sense of sharp and cutting, and often confused with *quibble*

Quips and cranks, and wanton wiles (*Allegro*, 27)

quipu Coloured thread used by ancient Peruvians to record events Peruv, knot.

quire¹ Earlier form of *choir* (q v)

quire² OF paper ME *quaer*, *quan*, etc, OF *quaer*, *caier* (*cahier*), VL **quaternum*, for *quaternio*, "a quier with four sheets" (Coop) Cf the *Kingis Quan*, i.e book, written, when imprisoned in England, by James I of Scotland

Quirinal [*hist*] Former papal palace, on Mons *Quirinalis* (Rome), from *Quirinus*, divine name of Romulus

quirk From 16 cent Orig sense prob

twist, turn, flourish, as in *quirk* (ornamentation) of stocking (16 cent) Later, quibble, quip, verbal conceit, etc ? Ult cogn with Ger *quer*, slanting, etc (see *queer*)

Quirks, it may be explained, are young enemy aviators in an embryonic stage

(*Sunday Times*, May 20, 1917)

quirt Riding-whip (US) Sp *cuierda*, cord

And cantering with him rode the frontier band,
Whooping and swearing as they plied the quirt
(*Masefield, Rosas*)

quit Adj F *quitté*, L *quietus*, discharged, cf Sp *quito*, MedL *quitus* The verb, F *quitter*, meant orig. to release, clear (cf *quittance*), hence, to give up, renounce, and finally, to depart from In some uses, e.g. *quit you like men*, it is aphet for *acquit* Something of earlier sense appears in US *quit*, to leave off, *quitter*, a shirker *Quit-rent* (leg.) is paid in lieu of service. In *to be quits with* (cf *to be even with*) the -s may be due to MedL *quitus* (cf *quietus*), but *doubles or quits* was earlier *double or quit* (Sidney's *Arcadia*). With *to cry quits* cf obs leg *quitclaim*, to acquit, OF. *quiteclamer* The noun *quitclaim*, formal release, is still in US use, cf synon Du *kwytschelden*

quiteh Grass AS *cwice*, cogn with *quack* Also called *couch*

quite Ident with *quit* (q v), in sense of clear, unburdened In early use often coupled with *clear* or *clean*.

quits See *quit*

quittance See *quit*

quiver¹ For arrows OF *cuvre*, *cuevre*, said to be of Teut origin and ult ident with AS *coacor*, Ger *köcher* ? Or simply a *cotter* For *quiver full* (of children) see *Ps cxxvii 5*
quiver² To shake Thinned form of *quaver* qui vive F, who (long) live? The abnormal use of the subjunct is explained by an ellipsis for *Qui voulez-vous qui vive?* Whom do you wish to live? on which side are you? Quot below seems to confirm this etym, and is much earlier than any record of the F phrase

Interrogati secundum communem modum loquendi "Qui [sic] vivat, qui vivat?" respondebant "Rex, Regina et Dux Burgundie," nomen Dalphini taceantes

(*Cronique du religieux de Saint-Denis*, 1419)

quixotic From *Don Quixote*, hero of Cervantes' (†1616) novel The name means *cuisse* (q v), hence Smollett called his imitation *Sir Lancelot Greaves*

rachitis [*med*] G *ῥαχίτις*, inflammation of the spine, *ῥάχις* Adopted (1650) by Glisson as learned name for *rickets*

rack¹ Mass of driving cloud In ME also crash, collision, rush of wind Cf ON *rek*, wreckage, from *reka*, to drive, cogn with *wreck*, *wrack*

The night rack came rolling up ragged and brown (Kingsley)

rack² Bar, framework in various senses Du *rah*, *rek*, cogn with Ger. *rechnen*, to stretch Hence archaic *at rack and manger*, in the midst of plenty For mech *rack and pinion* see *pinion*²

rah, *schotel-rah* a rack to put trenchers, plates, or platters in (Hexham)

rack³ Torture First (15 cent.) as verb Du *rekken*, to stretch, cogn with Ger. *rechnen*, and ult with *reach* (cf *rack*²) Hence *racking headache*, to rack one's brains, *rack-rent* In quot 2 confused with *rack*⁴

Here [in America] are no hard landlords to racke us with high rents (Capt John Smith).

He was often wracked by religious doubts

(*Times Lit Sup* Feb 19, 1920)

rack⁴ In *rack and ruin* Var spelling of *wrack* (q v.).

Alas! all then had gone to wrake,
Wold ye have slayne my son Isaac (ME *Mystery*)

rack⁵ [*equit*] Kind of amble Now only US., but once common in E Palsg has *racquassure*, not otherwise known Quots below suggest that the word may have lost an init *t*-, an abnormal phenomenon (but see *rankle*, *ruff*³, and cf obs Sc *rod*, path, for *trod*)

trac allure d'une bete de somme (*Dict Gén*)

destraqué put out of a raeke, or paece (Cotg)

traquenard a racking horse, or guelding, a hackney (ib)

rack⁶ Liquor Aphet for *arrack* (q v) Esp in *rack-punch*.

rack⁷ To draw off wine, etc, from the lees Prov (Gascon) *arracar*, from *raca*, dry residue of grapes ? Cf F *drèche*, residue of malt, grapes, etc, also OF *drache*, *drac*

racket¹, **raquet** For tennis F. *raquette*, cf It *racchetta*, "a racket to play at tennis with" (Flor), Sp *racheta* OF. *raquete*, palm of the hand, from Arab *raḥat* Cf F *pauze*, tennis, lit palm (of the hand)

racket² Disturbance, clamour, wild dissipation, hence, trying situation, as in to stand the racket ? cf *rake-hell*

rack-rent See *rack*³

raconteur. F from *raconter*, to recount

raccoon N Amer Ind., from a Virginian dial of Algonkian Early forms are numerous, e g *raugroughcum* (Capt. John Smith), *anahacoune* (*Travel into Virginia*) Cf *coon*

racquet See *racket*¹

racy Of anything having a distinctive flavour associated with its origin, *race*² *Racy of the soil* is mod, orig used in ref to Ireland, and perh. suggested by F. *goût de terroir*, used of wines and also fig

Turgenev is cosmopolitan in character, while his rivals are raey of the soil that bred them

(*Daily Tel* Nov 7, 1917)

rad [*pol*] Short for *radical* (NED 1831)

rada Governing body (1918) of Ukraine ? Borrowed from Ger *rat*, counsel

raddle, **reddle** Vars of *ruddle* (q v), red ochre Esp with ref to rouged cheeks

radiant From pres part of L *radiare*, from *radius* (q v) For fig sense cf *beaming*

radical F, Late L *radicalis*, from *radix*, *radic*-, root Earliest (14 cent) in ref to *radical humours* (*moisture*) Pol sense first in *radical reform* (18 cent).

Radical is a word in very bad odour here, being used to denote a set of blackguards (Scott, 1819)

The word radical in the United States is used to denote an extreme socialist

(*Daily News*, Apr 16, 1920)

radio- From *radius*, *radium* (q v) Also as abbrev for *radio-telegram*, wireless

radish AS *radic*, L *radix*, *radic*-, root, re-adopted in ME from F *radis*, It *radice*, the true OF form being *rais* (see *race*³). Ult cogn with *wort*¹.

radium [*chem*] Isolated by Mme Curie and named from its power of emitting rays without loss *Radiogram* in telegraphic sense dates from 1907

radius L, ray, wheel-spoke, ult cogn with *radix*, *ramus* Cf *ray*¹ The scient senses are mostly later than 1600

radix [*math*] L, root See *radish*

raffia Fibre for binding Malagasy Also *raphia*, *rofia*

raffish From archaic *raff*, as in *riff-raff* (q v).

raffle¹ Game of chance Orig (Chauc) dicing game; current sense from 17 cent F *raffle*, whence *rafter*, to make a clean sweep, Ult cogn with *rifle*, and perh. with Ger *raffen*, to snatch Cf Sp *risa*, contest, raffle

raffle a game at three dice, wherein he that throws

rake² Debauchee Short for *rake-hell* (q v)
 rake³ [naut.] Slant of ship's extremities (see
 quot s v bluff¹) or masts From Sw *raka*,
 to project (cf Norw *rage*), from Ger *ragen*,
 to jut out, cogn with AS *hrægan* in *ofer-
 hrægan*, to tower above In a *rakish-looking*
schooner prob associated with *rake*²

rake-hell Early associated (v 1) with *rake*¹
 and *hell*, but perh altered by folk-etym
 from ME *rahel*, rash, whence dial *rackle*,
 reckless

O rakel hand¹ to doon so foule amys

(Chauc H 278)

Such a felce as a manne should rake helle for

(Udall, 1542)

Is there ony news o' that rackle brother of thine?

(Lane dial, NED 1876)

raki Drink Turk *rāqī*, whence ModG *řakí*,
 brandy ? Cogn with *arrack*

râle [med.] F, rattle in throat ? Cogn with
 E *rattle*, ? or with *rail*⁴

rallentando [mus.] It, pres part of *rallente-
 rare*, to slow down, cogn with *relent* (q v)

rally¹ To bring together (again) F *rallier*,
 from *re* and *allier*, to ally (q v) Hence
 intrans to revive Cf *rely*

rally² To banter See *rail*⁴.

ram AS *ramm*, cf obs Du. LG OHG *ram*,
 cogn with ON *rammr*, strong The Aryan
 name is *wether* In AS also in sense of
battering-ram, whence the *ram* of a battle-
 ship, cf L *aries*, ram (zool & mil). Hence
 verb to *ram*, *ramrod* (for earlier *rammer*),
 and various mech applications, with which
 cf Ger *rammbock*, builders' rammer, lit
 ram-buck

ramadan Mohammedan fast of thirty days,
 of changing date, but supposed to have
 been orig instituted in a hot month Arab.
ramadān, from *ramada*, to be hot

ramble. From 17 cent in lit and fig sense
 Also *ramel* Superseded ME *rumble*,
romble, in *Piers Plowm* as var for *roam*,
 of which it is perh a frequent Change of
 vowel may be due to Du *rammelen*, Ger
rammeln, used of the night-wanderings of
 the amorous cat and cogn with *ram*.

rambler, a *rambler*, a night-walker, one that goes
 catterwauling (Ludr.).

ramekin, ramequin Cheese, bread-crumbs,
 etc made into small mould, also, earlier,
 a kind of Welsh rabbit ? Cf obs Flem
rammelen, grilled bread, etc, given by Kil
 as used at Bruges Some connect it with
 Ger. *rahm*, cream.

ramify F *ramifier*, MedL *ramificare*, from
ramus, branch

ramilhe [hist.]. Wig. From Marlborough's
 victory at *Ramillics* in Belgium (1706).

Cf *mayonnaise*, *stcenkerk*

ramose L *ramosus*, from *ramus*, branch.

ramp¹ [fort.]. Inclined plane F *rampe*, from
ramper, to clamber (v 1)

ramp² [her.] To stand on hind-legs F
ramper, to crawl, clamber Chiefly in pres
 part *rampant*, fig sense of which, eg.
corruption is rampant, seems due to asso-
 ciation with *rank*¹ (cf Sc *ramp*, *rank*).
 Origin and sense-development are both
 obscure In sense of nefarious stunt perh
 due to fancied connection with L *rapere*,
 to snatch. Wye uses *rampant* to render
 L *rapiens*; *apax*

rampage Orig Sc, from *ramp*².

rampant See *ramp*².

rampart F *rempart*, OF *rampar*, from *rem-
 parer*, to fortify, from *re* and *emparer*,
 Prov *amparar*, L *ante* and *parare*, to make
 ready The -t is due to influence of synon
boulevard (*boulevard*). Cf It *riparo*, "a
 rampire, a fort, a banke, a fence, a mound".
 (Flor) The OF. form survives in dial.
ramper, raised road For archaic *rampire*
 (v s) cf *umpire*

rampion Plant Cf F *raponce*, It *rapon-
 zolo*, Ger *rapunzel*, MedL *rapuncium*, all
 ult. from L *rapum*, rape, turnip

ramshackle Back-formation from *ram-
 shackled*, earlier (18 cent) *ranshakkled*, from
 obs *ransackie*, frequent of *ransack* (q v)
 Of late esp in the *ramshackle empire*
 (D Lloyd George, 1914)

ramson [dial.]. Garlic. Orig pl in -en of AS
hransa, cogn with G *krönwei*, onion

ranch. Sp *rancho*, rank, row, "a quarter
 among soldiers, their quarters; also a mess
 on board a ship" (Stevens), hence, row of
 huts, etc. Of Teut. origin (see *ran*²)
 Hence *rancheria*, *ranchero*.

Here the Spaniards have seated their *rancheria* of
 some twenty or thirty houses (Hald. 1600)

rancid OF *rancide*, L *rancidus*, "mouldie,
 putrified, stinking" (Coop)

rancour Archais F. *rancour*, L. *rancore*, en-
 "a rotten or stinking savour" (Coop), used
 in 17th for bitterness; cogn with *rancid*

rand AS *rand*, brim, bank, cf. Du Ger.
rand, bank, border, etc Oldest Teut. sense
 is shield-rim The L. word is dial. only,
 but as Du is now familiar in connection
 with the gold-bearing reef of *Johannesburg*

(Transvaal) whence also ironic *rand lord* gold magnate

randan Rowing with pair of sculls and two oars (19 cent) ? Fig use of archaic *randan* spree var of *random* ? or for *randem* (v 1)

randem Three horses harnessed in a line Jocular formation on *tindem* (q v)

In his dog-cart *randem tandem* (Miss Edgeworth)

random Earlier (14 cent) *random randum* Orig in *at random* OF *d (de) random* with impetuosity in headlong rush very common in OF epic poetry and often coupled in rhyme with *d landon* recklessly (see *abandon*) Dubiously referred to OHC *rand* in poet sense of shield (see *rand*) Chief current sense is from archery (*random shot*)

randy Orig Sc aggressive boisterous and esp applied to women ? From obs *rand* var of *rani* (q v)

ranee Hindu queen Hind *ranī* Sanskrit *rājñī* fem of *rajah*

The best man up n the side of the enemy (at the title of Gwallor 1838) was the woman I und de d th Ranee of Jhan i (Lord Stratthallen)

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rank¹ Adj AS *ranc* proud insolent cf Du LG *rānk* thus high grown For transition to overgrown coarsely luxuriant cf *proud* Later senses perh associated with *rancid* Intens use e g *rank heresy* from 16 cent

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rankle From obs noun *rankle* fester sore OF *drancle droncle* MedL *draunculus* lit little dragon Cf I' *su oncle* fester

L *furunculus* lit little thief (see *felon*) The loss of *d* before a consonant is abnormal but cf I' *rouche* used of the dialect of Valenciennes said to come from *drouche* here in this place It would be more satisfactory to find an OF *riou le* L *ranunculus* a plant regularly used by early vagrants for the production of artificial sores or rankles

ransack ON *rannsa* from *rann* house (cf Goth *rann*) *sakja* to seek In ON esp to search a house for stolen goods For formation cf Sc *h moken hame ucken*

Later senses perh influenced by *sack*

ransom ME *ransoun* F *ançon* OF *rans* n L *redemptio* from *redimere* *edempt* to buy back from *emere* to buy For final *m et* *gramm* *renous* etc U e of *erb* in scn e of extortion is after F *rin onner* to ransom to put unto ransom also to oppress pole despoyle exact or extort most of his substance from (Cotgr)

rant Archue Du *randen aulen* "to dot or to be enraptured (Hexham) ? cf MHG *rantzen* to spring about First in Shaks (v 1) Sc sense of lively tune from c 1700 *Panier* was applied (c 1645) to a sect of Antinomians and again (1814) to Primitive Methodists

na thou't mouth

I'll e as well thou (*ilam* v 1)

ranunculus L little frog also plant Dim of *rana* frog

ranz des vaches Herdsman's song Swiss f (Hibonrg) ? First element cogn with *rant*

rap¹ Sharp blow esp on door or knuckles Impt cf *clap flap* etc Hence to *rap on* (let fly) an oath Spirit *rapping* dates from c 1850

rap² Verb Only in archaic to *rap a friend* Sw *rappa* or LG *rapfen* cogn with Ger *raffen* to rap and ran to catch and snatch (Ludw) Lt origin seems most likely as the earliest form is *rape* and the latter word being the Fris cogn of *rend* Here *rape* is due to association with OF *rater* and L *rapere* (see *rape*)

Ye shuld wyne a nyi on that t f r

B lwaet e lth ty may e pe and rean

(Claur C 121)

rap Counterfeit half penny (Ireland 18 cent) mentioned by Swift (*D after Let*) Now only in not (to ca) a rap Ger *rappen rappe* Upper Ger var of a raven orig used (14 cent) of counterfeit

rake² Debauchee Short for *rake-hell* (q v)
rake³ [*naut*] Slant of ship's extremities (see
 quot s v *bluff*²) or masts From Sw *raka*,
 to project (cf Norw *rage*), from Ger *ragen*,
 to jut out, cogn with AS *hrægan* in *ofer-
 hrægan*, to tower above In a *rakish-looking*
schooner prob associated with *rake*²

rake-hell Early associated (v 1) with *rake*¹
 and *hell*, but perh altered by folk-etym
 from ME *rakel*, rash, whence dial *rackle*,
 reckless

O raket hand! to doon so foule amys
 (Chauc H. 278).

Such a feloe as a manne should rake helle for
 (Udall, 1542)

Is there any news o' that rackle brother of thine?
 (Lane dial, NED 1876)

raki. Drink Turk *rāqī*, whence ModG *řakí*,
 brandy ² Cogn with *arraak*

rāle [*med*] F, rattle in throat ² Cogn with
 E *rattle*, ² or with *rail*¹.

rallentando [*mus*] It, pres part of *rallente*,
 to slow down, cogn with *relent* (q v)

rally¹ To bring together (again) F *rallier*,
 from *re* and *allier*, to ally (q.v.) Hence
 intrans to revive Cf *rely*

rally² To banter See *rail*¹

ram AS *ramm*, cf obs Du LG OHG *ram*,
 cogn with ON *rammr*, strong The Aryan
 name is *wether* In AS also in sense of
battering-ram, whence the *ram* of a battle-
 ship, cf L *aries*, *ram* (zool. & mil) Hence
 verb to *ram*, *ramrod* (for earlier *rammer*),
 and various mech applications, with which
 cf Ger *rammbock*, builders' *rammer*, lit
ram-buck.

ramadan Mohammedan fast of thirty days,
 of changing date, but supposed to have
 been orig instituted in a hot month Arab.
ramadān, from *ramada*, to be hot.

ramble From 17 cent. in lit and fig sense
 Also *ramel* Superseded ME *rumble*,
romble, in *Piers Ploum.* as var for *roam*,
 of which it is perh a frequent Change of
 vowel may be due to Du *rammelen*, Ger
ran meln, used of the night-wanderings of
 the amorous cat and cogn with *ran*.

ran meler a Rambler, a night-walker, one that goes
 rattle-walking (Ludw.)

ramekin, **ramequin** Cheese, bread-crumbs,
 etc made into small mould; also, earlier,
 a kind of Welsh rabbit. ² Cf obs Flem.
ramwiken, grilled bread, etc., given by Kil
 as used at Bruges. Some connect it with
 Ger *ramm* *crumen*

ramify F *ramifier*, ModL *ramificare*, from
ramus, branch

ramilie [*hist*] Wig. From Marlborough's
 victory at *Ramilles* in Belgium (1706)
 Cf *mayonnaise*, *steenkerk*

ramose L *ramosus*, from *ramus*, branch
ramp¹ [*foit*] Inclined plane F *rampe*, from
ramper, to elamber (v 1.)

ramp² [*her*] To stand on hind-legs F
ramper, to crawl, clamber Chiefly in pres
 part *rampant*, fig sense of which, e.g.
corruption is rampant, seems due to asso-
 ciation with *rank*¹ (cf Sc *ramp*, *rank*).
 Origin and sense-development are both
 obscure. In sense of nefarious stunt perh.
 due to fancied connection with L *rapere*,
 to snatch Wyc uses *rampant* to render
 L *rapiens*, *rapax*

rampage Orig Sc, from *ramp*²

rampant See *ramp*²

rampart F. *rempart*, OF *rampar*, from *rem-
 parer*, to fortify, from *re* and *emparer*,
 Prov *amparar*, L *anle* and *parare*, to make
 ready The -t is due to influence of synon
boulevard (*boulevard*) Cf It *riparo*, "a
 rampire, a fort, a banke, a fence, a mound"
 (Flor) The OF form survives in dial
ramper, raised road For archaic *rampine*
 (v s) cf *umpire*

rampion Plant Cf F *raponce*, It *rapon-
 zolo*, Ger *rapunzel*, ModL *rapunculum*, all
 ult from L *rapum*, rape, turnip

ramshackle Back-formation from *ram-
 shackled*, earlier (18 cent) *ranshacked*, from
 obs *ransackle*, frequent of *ransack* (q v)
 Of late esp in the *ramshackle empire*
 (D Lloyd George, 1914)

ramson [*dial*] Garlic Orig pl in -en of AS.
hramsa, cogn with G *κρόμμυς*, onion

ranch Sp *ranch*, rank, row, "a quarter
 among soldiers, their quarters, also a mess
 on board a ship" (Stevens), hence, row of
 huts, etc Of Tent origin (see *ran*¹)
 Hence *rancheria*, *ranchero*.

Here the Spaniards have seated their rancheria of
 some twelve or thirte houses (Hakl 1600)

rancid OF. *rancide*, L *rancidus*, "mouldie,
 putrid, stinking" (Coop)

rancour Archaic F. *rancœur*, L *rancorem*,
 "a rotten or stinking savour" (Coop), used
 in *Fdg* for bitterness; cogn with *rancid*
rand AS *rand*, brim, bank, cf Du Ger
rand, bank border, etc Oldest Teut sense
 is shield-rim The F word is dial only,
 but as Du is now familiar in connection
 with the gold-bearing reef of Johannesburg

(Transvaal) whence also ironic *rand-lord*
gold magnate

randan Rowing with pair of sculls and two
oars (19 cent.) ? Fig use of archaic *ran-*
dan sprec var of *ranfom* ? or for *randen* ?
(v1)

randem Three horses harnessed in a line
Jocular formation on *randem* (q v)

In his dog-cart, *randem* tand m (W 22 Edg worth)

random Earlier (14 cent) *randon randun*
Orig in *otrandon* OF *d (le) rand n* with
impetuosity in headlong rush very com-
mon in OF epic poetry and often coupled
in rhyme with *d bandon* recklessly (see
abandon) Dubiously referred to OHC
rand in poet sense of shield (see *rand*)
Chief current sense is from archery (*random*
shot)

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esp applied to women ? From obs *rand*
var of *rand* (q v)

ranee Hindu queen Hind *ran?* Sanskrit
rajni fem of *rajah*

The best man upon the side of the enemy (at the
battle of Gwahor 1854) w sith war an found dead
the Ranee of Jhansi (Lord Strath aln)

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Later senses perh influenced by *sac*

ransom M *rans* n F *ra* m OF *ran* e
L *relept-on* from *l mere* re m i
to buy back from *emere* t buy For find
m cf *gr gra* i *reno* i etc Uo cf v i in
sense of extortion is after F *ra enner* to
ransome to put unto ransom also to
oppress pole de poyle exact or ext rt
most of his substance from (Cotg)

rant Archaic Du *ranten ranten* t l i e
or to be enraged (Hilxham) ? cf MHC
ra ren to spring about First in Shaks
(v1) Sc sense of lively tune from c 1700
Ranter as applied (c 1643) to a set of
Antinomians and again (1814) to Primitive
Methodist

Have nith ult mo th
Illustrate w lls thou (H m v 2)

ranunculus L little frog also plant Dms
of *rana* frog

rans-des vaches Herdsman's song Swi F
(Fribourg) ? First element *eiga* with
ra it

rap Sharp blow esp on door or knuckles
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OF *rap* r and L *rapere* (see *rape*)
Ye shal eat wyne a myle on th t half e
It was l al that y in y rape and et
(Lib us c 14 1)

rap Counterfeit halfpenny (Ireland 13
cent) mentioned by Swift (*Dialist* 1 et)
Now only in *and (to care) a rap* Cer
rapp *rapp* Upper Cer var of *ra e*
raven on, used (14 cent) of counterfeit

copper coin stamped with eagle The word may have been brought from Germany by Irish soldiers of fortune

acious From L *rapax*, *rapac-*, from *rapere*, to snatch Cf *audacious*

1st [hist] One of six divisions of Sussex

AS *rāp*, *rope*, for measuring

2nd Taking by force AF from OF *rapier*, to snatch, L *rapere* Cf synonym *ravish*

3rd Plant L *rapum*, *rapa*, turnip, cf G *ράπης* In some senses via Du *raap*

4th F *rapide*, L *rapidus*, from *rapere*, to snatch The *rapids* on Amer rivers, named (18 cent) by F voyagers, preserve F sense of steep

5th F *raprière*, orig (15 cent), adj qualifying *épée*, sword, ? Ir *rapane*, half-pike (see *rapparee*) For vague names of weapons cf *pistol* (qv), *glave* (qv) The sword-dancers' *rappier*, *rapeer*, is the same word

6th F, L *rapina*, from *rapere*, to snatch *rapparee* [hist] Ir freebooter, orig (17 cent) pikeman Ir *rapanidhe*, pl of *rapaire*, half-pike For use of pl cf *cateran*, *assassin*, etc

7th Snuff F. (*tabac*) *râpé*, rasped tobacco, i.e. snuff

8th Report F, from *rapporier*, to refer, relate chiefly in phrases imitating F *en rapport avec*

9th Approach F See *approach*

10th *rapscallion* Altered (? by association with *rabble*) from earlier *rascallion*, from *rascal* Lat L *raptus*, p.p. of *rapere*, to snatch Orig carried up to heaven, like Elijah Hence *rapture* (c. 1600) Cf fig senses of *ravish*

11th *raporial* [zool] From L *raptor* (v.s.)

12th *rapure* See *rapt*

13th *rare* F, L *rarus*, thinly sown, scarce, hence, precious *Raree-show* represents the pronunciation of *rare-show* by Savoyard proprietors of peepshows, cf *galanty-show* The *raree-show* which the NED quotes from T. Brown is also *rare-show*, *raily-show*, in an earlier edition

14th A pretty closet which is the *raree-show* of the whole neighbourhood (Evelyn, 1696)

15th They [the trippers to Ypres and the Somme] speak of this ghastly evidence of human agony as of some *raree-show* (Obs Dec 7, 1919)

16th *rebit* Perversion of (Welsh) *rabbit* Cf *catsup* for *ketchup*

17th *rabcal* OF *rascaille* (*racaille*), *rabble* (see *rabble*) F *racler*, to scrape, Prov *rascla*

**vasculare*, from *rastrum*, rake Applied to individual from 15 cent (cf. ModF use of *canaille*). In early use (14 cent) also for inferior animal, esp. deer, a sense common in Shaks, e.g. *As You Like It*, iii. 3. This may have been its first sense in E. Hence archaic *rascallion*, now usu. altered to *rapscallion*

And he smoot of the puple sevenȝ men, and fifti thousandis of the raskeyl [Vulg. plebs]

(Wyc. 1 Kings, vi. 19)

18th *rase* See *raze*

19th *rash*¹ Adj. From c. 1500 Du *rasch*, "quick or swift" (Hexham), cf. Ger *rasch*, swift, ON *ioskr*, valiant, cogn. with AS *horse*, active, quick-witted

20th *rash*² Noun Archaic F *rache*, OF *rasche*, cf. It *raschia*, "a scratching" (Flor.) Ult. from L *radere*, *ras-*, to scrape

21st *rasher* From 16 cent ? From obs. *rash*, to cut, slash, corrupt of F *raser* (see *raze*). It may even represent F *rasure*, "a shaving" (Cotg); cf. *batter*, *fritter*. Minsheu's explanation, "rashly or hastily roasted," is not very convincing. Sp. *raja*, slice, has also been suggested (cf. *lunch*)

22nd *rasores* [ornith.] L, lit. scrapers, name given (1811) by Illinger to his fourth order of birds

23rd *rasp* OF *raspe* (*râpe*), from OHG *raspōn*, to scrape together Cf *rappce*

24th *raspberry* For archaic & dial *rasp*, back-formation from earlier *raspis*, app. ident. with ME *raspise*, a kind of wine, MedL *raspecia*, of unknown origin. If the berry sense is the earliest there may be connection with OWalloon *raspoie*, thicket, of Teut. origin and cogn. with *rasp*

framboise a rasp, hindberry, framboiseberry, also, a pleasing smell or savor in wine, or fruits (Cotg.)

25th *Rasputinism* [hist.] From *Rasputin*, an obscene impostor supposed to have influenced the late Russian court Cf *Bolsism*, *Leninism*. Bolshevism is only Rasputinism under another name (Pall Mall Gaz. Jan. 26, 1918)

26th *rasse* Civet-cat Javanese *rase*

27th *rat*¹ Animal AS *ræt*, cf. Du *rat*, Ger *ratte*, also, F *rat*, obs. It. *ratto*, Sp. *rato*, MedL *ratus*, all prob. of Teut. origin, the animal having come from the East with the migrations; ? cogn. with L *radere*, to scrape, *rodere*, to gnaw. The usu. ME word was *raton*, F dim. of *rat* (cf. *chat*, with common var. *rotton*, which as surname, cf. *rattening*). Verb, is *rat*, that rats desert

a sinking ship (*Temp* i 2) or falling house
To smell a rat is 16 cent With the *Hanover*
rat said by Jacobites to have come over
 with George I of *Hessian fly Rats* is US
rat! For *rot* (in exclamation) cf *drat*
rata New Zealand tree Maori
ratafia F (17 cent.) App connected with
F. lafia Creole name for rum
rataplan F limit of drumming cf *rub a*
dub
ratchet [*mech*] F *rochet* ratchet of a clock
 dim from OHG *rocca* (*rochen*) spindle
 Cf *It rocchetto* the wheel of a mill whl h
 causeth the grinding stones to turne and
 goe (Flor)
*rate*¹ Amount quantity etc OF MedL
rata as in L. *pro rata* (sc *portione*) from
reri rat to think judge (cf *ratio*) The
 full *ratepo cion* is found in AF Here be
 longs at *any rate* Later applied to degrees
 of speed *First rate second rate* etc were
 orig (17th cent) naut the navy being
 divided into six *rates* or classes Cf *ratine*
 now (nav.) almost equivalent to man
*rate*² To chide ME also *ret arate* of which
ra-e may be aphet form OF *rater areter*
 to accuse blame L *reputare* to repute
 in Late L to impute It occurs in the
 Anglo-Norm transl of the Laws of the
 Anglo-Saxons and is very common in AF
 for impute cf OSp *rekar* to blame
 Associated also with *rate*¹ (cf to *tax one*
with) Quot s below is the reply of the
 lamb to the wolf
 Que ret s n fet si nui
 V ce pas p z sic m joo ciut (Mari de France)
 ["Why do you impute this to me? saith I
 was not born as I thnk."]
ratel Honey badger hAfrDu of uncertain
 origin
rath [*Ir*] Farthwork encl sure Ir *ráth*
 mound ult cogn with L *pratun* meadow
rathaus Ger council house to vn hall See
rede
rathe [poet] Quick h n e early Obs in 18th
 cent exc in *rathe rise* but rev ed by
 Scott as echo of Milton's *rathe p surprise*
 (Ly 1115 114) See *rather*
rather Compar of ME *raíthe* quick early
 (v s) orig adv IS *hráthe* corresponding
 to adj *hráð* cogn with DNG *hrad* ON
hráthr For sense-development cf F
plus tôt (*plus tôt* sooner) As strong affirma-
 tive (= not half) first recorded in Dickens
 Sense of inclined towards (*rather nice*) is

ellipt for *rather than not* *Rathest* was in use
 up to 17 cent
 Attirme is consun a man whi h was maad but r m
 for h wa ath [I lg p r] than Y
 (Wy J h i 30)
ratify F *ratifier* Late L *ratificare* from
rat is agreed and *facere* to make See
*rate*¹
ratio L from *reri rat* to judge etc (see
*rate*¹) ult cogn with *rede*
ratocination L *ratocinatio* n from *ratio*
cinari to calculate deliberate from *ratio*
ration F L *ratio* n proportion *ratio*
 L until recently (1918) usu pronounced to
 rhyme with *nation* but the ml pronunc
 rhyming with *fashion* has now become
 gen
rational L *rationalis* from *ratio* For senses
 cf *reason* (q v) *Rational* d ess dates from
 1883 *Rationale* fundamental reason etc
 is the L neut adj *Rationalist* free
 thinker is after F *rat onaliste* (16 cent)
ratline ratling [na it] Farther (15 cent) also
ridelyne Prob the *rat* and *line* are both
 folk-etym (cf *ma line bouline*) The
 analogy of Du *weveling* ratline lit weav-
 ing suggests that *radelyng* from dial &
 naut *raidle* to intertwine interlace from
raddle or *raddling* long slender rod used
 in weaving hurdles etc dm of obs *rathe*
 rail of a cart Cf F *englechure* ratline app
 from *flecher* to bend be flexible and also
 OF *flechiere* raddling of hedge The *rat*
 lines of early ship are pictured as forming
 a very wide network
 x li th ratil lyne empl ed ratil lyng of th
 m yon shewowdes (Y. cont 1495-97)
 flech as the rail ys th cordy lepa whereby
 mayners climbe p to th top of mast (Colg)
rattan Malay *rotan* from *rat* to trim strip
rat tat limit of sharp knock at door
ratteen [*chaic*] Fibric F *rat ne* (17th cent)
 ? from *rat rat* (cf *mole-skin*)
rattening [*hist*] Molestation of non union
 workers by tampering with tools in such a
 way as to cause accidents esp at Sheffield
 (1850-60) See Charles Read's *Put your*
self in his place From dial *ra ten rat*
 (q v)
rattle limit of Du *ratle* Ger *r s eln*
 G *peraler* clapper etc Prob in AS
 as the word is much older than *VED* re-
 cords e g *vattlebag* (VED 1583) was al-
 ready a surname in 1213 (*John Rattlebagge*
 in *Hund ed Folles*) *Rat letrap* is of similar

formation With *rattling* as intens of *thundering, clinking*, etc

ratty Out of temper Neol ? from US.

raucous. From L *rauus*, hoarse

ravage F, from *ravin*, to ravish (q v)

rave F *river*, to dream, OF also *raver*, *resver*, cf OF *desver*, to be mad Both are of unknown origin ? VL **re-aestuar*, **de-aestuar*, from *aestus*, tide, vehemence.

ravel Du *rafelen*, to tangle, fray out, cogn. with AS *ārāfian*, to unwind (thread), ? and ult with *reeve*²

Sleep that knits up the ravelled sleeve of care

(*Macb* II 2)

ravelin [fort] F, cf It *revellino*, earlier *revellino*, *revellino*, "a ravelin, a wicket, or a postern gate" (Flor). Perh ident. with archaic F *ravelin*, kind of shoe, OF *revelin*, AS *rifeling*, whence ME *riweling*, shoe of undressed hide The thing and name are still in use in the Shetlands The F terms of fort are often taken from articles of dress which their shape suggested, e.g. *bounet à prêtre*, *genouillère*, *fausse-brave*, etc

raven¹ Noun AS *hræfn* Com Teut, cf Du *raaf*, Ger *rabe* (OHG *hraban*), ON *hrafn*, Goth *hrabns* (in pers names), prob cogn with L *corvus*, G. *κόραξ*

raven² Verb OF *raviner*, to ravage, from *ravine*, L *rapina*, from *rapere*, to snatch Hence *ravenous*, now usu in sense of hungry

ravin [poet] Rapine (v s)

ravine F *ravine*, in archaic sense of violent rush (of water), or *ravin*, from *raviner*, to tear up, as in *des champs ravins par un orage* See *raven*²

ravish F *ravir*, *raviss*-, VL **rapire*, for *rapere*, to snatch Fig sense, to delight, transport, is in *Piers Plowm* (cf *rapture*)

raw AS *hræaw* Com Teut, cf Du *rauw*, Ger *roh*, ON *hrâr*, ult cogn with L *crudus*, raw, *crui*, blood, G *κρέας*, flesh Orig uncooked, hence, undressed, unsophisticated, uncovered, e.g. *raw-boned*, to *touch one on the raw* *Rawhead* (and *bloody-bones*), spectre, is in Johns

ray¹ Of light Archaic F *rai* (usu replaced by *rayon*), L *radius*, cf It *raggio*, Sp *rayo* Not in common use till 17 cent, and of the sun usu with ref to heat rather than light (*beam*)

ray² Fish F. *rate*, "ray, skate, thornback" (Cotg), L *raia*, cf It *raja*, Sp *raya*

rayah Non-Mohammedan subject of Sultan

of Turkey Arab *ra'iyah*, herd, subjects, peasants

rayat See *ryot*.

raze F. *rasei*, from L *radere*, *ras*-, to scrape, cogn with *rodeie*, to gnaw Now usu of buildings, fortifications, esp in to *raze to* (make level with) the ground Cf archaic naut *razee*, man-of-war cut down by removal of upper decks, F *rasé*, razor, OF. *rasoir* (replaced by *rasoir*)

razzia F, Algerian Arab *ghāziāh*, military raid, from *ghasw*, to make war

razzle-dazzle Recent US coinage, redupl on *dazzle*

re [mus] See *gamut*

re, in re L, in the matter, *res*, (of)

re- L *re*-, *red*- before vowels In E often via F *re*-, *ré*- Both in L & F it is often merely intens

reach AS *ræcan*, to stretch out (the hand) WGer, cf Du *reiken*, Ger *reichen* With obs past *raught* (Shaks) cf *leach*, *taught*. In sense of attaining from AS *geræcan* With *reach* (of a river) cf *stretch* (of country) and archaic Du *rah wegs*, stretch of road, from *iekkēn*, to stretch *Reach-me-downs* (mod slang), ready-made clothes, represents the customer requesting to be supplied with garments which he sees hanging in the shop

On voyant chez les fripiers des chapes et des rochets à vendre au "dicroche-moi ça"

(Hugo, *Quatre vingt treize*)

The shoddy, ready-made, reach me down sort of thing that has so frequently to be doled out now as a makeshift for education

(*Sunday Times*, March 9, 1919)

A stout, fatherly man whose clothes had the appearance of rather being made to measure than reached off a hook (Niven, *S S Glory*)

reaction Orig (17 cent) scient (cf *reagent*) Now used, after F *réaction*, in mil sense *Reactionary* in pol sense is 19 cent, after F *réactionnaire*

read AS *rædan*, to make out, interpret, etc Com Teut, cf Du *raden*, Ger *raten*, to counsel, ON *rætha*, Goth *rēdan* Orig. sense survives in to *read a riddle*, to *read one a lesson*, *reader*, lecturer, also in such modernisms as *how do you read the matter* ? See also *rede*, *riddle* With use of p p in *well-read* cf *well-spoken*, etc

ready Lengthened in ME from (2)-*rede*, prepared, AS *geræde* Com Teut, cf Du *gereed*, Ger *berett* (MHG also *gerett*), ON. *greithr*, Goth *garaihs* Prob from root of *ride*, *raid*, cf relation of Ger *fertig*,

recommend Farther *recommand* F *recom-*
mander orig to entrust hence to intro-
duce (favourably) See *command* *commend*
recompense F *récompenser* See *compensate*
reconcile F *réconciler* L *reconciliare* See
conciliate

recondite L *reconditus* pp of *recondere*
from *condere* to put away hide ompl of
da to give

reconnoître F *reconnoître* & archaic *re-*
connoître to rec gnize I from early
13 cent (War of Spanish Succession) Cf
reconnais once earlier also *reconnoissair*
Recong it e was used earlier in same sense

He [a commander] ought himself to see gnl e all
ay nces, whereby h s n mlet m v m al bu
(1657)

reconography[neal] *Reconnaissance* ketch
ing Till of book mentioned in *Tmes Lit*
Sup Jan 3 1919

reconstruction In current sense of re
organization after war first used in US
after Civil War of 1861-65

record First (13 cent) as verb Archaic F
recorder from l *recordari* lit to get by
heart cor cord cl lt *ricorda* & Sp *re-*
corda Hence noun *re cord* sporting sense
of which is late 10 cent the gramophone
record being still more recent The office
recorder was orig one skilled in law ap-
pointed by civic magistrates to record
their proceedings The *Recorder* of London
is still appointed by the Court of Aldermen
The obs mus *recorder* i from ME sense
of verb to practise a tune

recount OF *reconter* (replaced by *raconter*)
See *count*

recoup Orig to deduct F *recouper* from
couper to cut See *copiose*

recourse F *recours* L *recursus* from *re-*
cursus *recurs* to run back For sense of
resort

recover F *recouvrer* L *recuperare* to get
back ult cogn with *capere* to take
Intran sense to revive etc is for earlier
reflex

recreant [poet] OF pres part of *recreare*
later *recreire* to yield in trial by combat
lit take back one's pledge from OF *creire*
L *credere* to believe Cf *miscreant* The
pp *re-ru* in ModF worn out exhausted
was used in OE in same sense

Ja bons vassals nen iert vil recreuz (Rol 2088)

recreate From L *recreare* to refresh lit.
to create again

secrement Waste product I *récrément* L
recrementum from *cernere* to sift out
separate Cf *excrement*

recriminate From ModL *recriminari* from
crimen *crimin* charge crime Cf F *rd*
criminer to recriminate retort a crime
accuse an accuser (Cotg)

recrudescence From L *recrudescere* to be
come raw *crudus* again Chiefly in bad
sense of sore disease etc

recruit Obs F *recrute* dial var of *recrue*
pp fem of *revoltire* to grow again L
recrescere Orig reinforcement collectively
(see *creu*) Adopted as noun and verb by
most Europ langs in 17 cent Fig sense
(to recruit one's health) also occurs in 17
cent E Racine describes verb *recruter* as
a barbarous word coined by the *gastelles*
de Hollande

Presently came orders for our sending away to the
fleets a recruit 1200 soldiers
(Ppys, June 2 1660)

rectangle Late L *rectangulum*, from *rectus*
straight right, *angulus* angle Cf *recti-*
linear *rectify* F *rectifier* Late L *rectifi-*
care *rectitude* F Late L *rectitudo*

recto [typ] L *recto* (sc *folio*) Cf *verso*
rector L from *regere* *recti* to rule guide
Earliest (13 cent) in E m eccl sense of
uncumbent whose tithes are not unprop-
riate Also at Sc universities and schools
and at two Ox colleges (Lincoln Exeter)
used of the Head So also F *recteur* Ger
rek or

rectum [anat] L (sc *intestinum*) from
rectus straight

recumbent From pres part of L *recumbere*
to recline Cf *incumbent*

recuperate From L *recuperare* to recover
(qv) get back For intrans use cf *re-*
cover

recur L *recurrere* to run back

recusant From pres part of L *recusare* to
refuse from *causa* cf *accusare* Orig (c
1550) of Roman Catholic refusing to
attend service of Church of England Cf
rare verb to *recuse* F *recuser*

red AS *read* Com Tent cf Du *rood* Ger
rot ON *rauthr* Goth *rauths* cogn with
L *ruber* *rufus* G *riubos* Gael Ir *ruadh*
(cf Rob Roy) Welsh *rhudd* Often as
intens e g *red ruin* (*republican*) Spec
application to violent revolutionaries (*red*
fig etc.) date from adoption (1793) of
the Phrygian cap or *bonnet rou* in France
but in 17 cent the *red flag* was the naval

signal for fight *Redcoat* dates esp. from the Cromwellian troopers, though recorded for 16 cent. The *Red Cross* (of Geneva) was adopted (1863) by the Geneva Conference as symbol securing immunity for hospitals and wounded. Turkey uses similarly the *Red Crescent*. *Redhanded*, for earlier *redhand* (Sc law), was coined by Scott. *Red letter* refers to indication of saints' days and feasts in ecel calendars. With *redpole*, from *poll*, cf. *redstart*, from AS *steort*, tail, rump (cf *wheatear*). *Redskin* is 17 cent (cf F *peau-rouge*). *Red tape* in fig. sense is 19 cent.

She is nother fyslie nor fleshe, nor good red hearyng
(Heywood's *Proverbs*, 1546)

Send the papers to the Christchurch museum in New Zealand as an example of the red tape-worm of England (*Times*, Oct 26, 1917)

redaction F *rédaction*, L *redactio-n-*, from *redigere*, *redact-*, to reduce, from *re-* and *agere*

redan [fort] Outwork forming salient angle F, earlier *redent*, "a double notching, or jagg as in the teeth of a saw" (Cotg), from *dent*, tooth. Cf synon F *ouvrage à saie*

redd [dial] Sec *rid*

reddle Var of *raddle*, *ruddle*

rede [poet] Archaic spelling of *read* (q v), differentiated to express earlier sense of counsel, etc. Obs in 17-18 cents, but revived by Scott

redeem F *redimer*, L *redimere* (sec ransom). For vowel cf *esteem*. *Redeeming feature* (quality), *past redemption*, are 19 cent. *Redeemer* has replaced earlier *redemptor*, F *redempteur*

redemptorist Member of Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Naples, 1732)

red-gum Rash on skin of children. Folk-etym for ME *radegound* (*Piers Plowm*), lit red pus (see *groundsel*)

redif Soldier of Turk reserve. Arab *redif*, one who follows, second. Cf *uzam*

redingote F, from E *riding-coat*

redintegrate From L *redintegrare*, to make whole, *inleger*, again

redolent Now always with *of*. OF, from pres part of L *redolere*, from *re-* and *olere*, to smell

redoubt Artificial spelling of *redout*, F *redoute*, It *ridotto*, from L *reducere*, *reduct-*, cf F *réduit*, nook, refuge

redoute a blockhouse, or little fort (Cotg).

redoubtable ME *redoutable*, F, from *re-*

douter, to fear, from *douter*, to doubt, in OF to fear (see *doughty*). For restored -b- cf *doubt*

redound F *rédonder*, L *redundare*, "to overflow, reflow or return back, to redound" (Coop), from *re-* and *undare*, from *unda*, wave. Formerly common in lit. sense (cf *redundant*). For current fig. sense cf F *rejaillir*, to gush back

L'clat n'en rejaillit qu'à votre déshonneur
(Mol. *Don Juan*, iv. 6).

redowa Dance F or Ger, from Bohem *redovánk*, from *redovati*, to whirl round. *redress* Formerly current in various senses of F *redresser*, to put right again (see *dress*). Now usu in spec. connection with wrongs, grievances, etym. sense surviving with *balance*

I called the New World into existence to redress the balance of the Old (Canning, 1826).

redshort [metall]. Swed *rödskört*, 1cd brittle. Cf *coldshort*

reduce L *reducere*, to lead back. Lit. sense appears in *to reduce a dislocation*, *to reduce to the ranks*, cf *reduced circumstances* (19 cent)

reductio ad absurdum L, reduction to the absurd. Orig in geom.

redundant Sec *redound*. For sense cf. *superfluous*

reduplication [ling] Formation of past tense by doubling of root-syllable, e.g. L *tango*, *tetigi*, G *läua*, *lääuika*, also in Teut. langs, e.g. *hold*, *held* (AS *hield*, for **hehold*). Also a common phenomenon of baby speech (*papa*, *mama*), esp. in imit. words (*bow-wow*, *gee-gee*), and in popular words formed either by rime (*hurly-burly*, *poly-poly*) or by variation of orig. vowel (*see-saw*, *zig-zag*). In the last class of formations the fuller vowel is usu. the original. See *duplicate*

reebok SAfr antelope. Du, roebuck. Cf *springbok*, etc.

reed AS *hræd*. WGer, cf Du Ger *riet* (usual Ger word is *rohr*). *Reedy voice* is from mus. sense of *reed*

Thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed [*Vulg. baculum arundineum confractum*], on Egypt
(Is xxxvi 6, cf 2 Kings, xviii 21)

reef¹ In sail ME *riff*, ON *rif*, in same sense, prob. ident. with reef². F *ris* (Wacc) is from pl. (cf *lis*, *hly*) *Reefer*, midshipman (attending in tops during reefing of sail), is first in Marryat. Hence *reefer*, coat of naut. cut (late 19 cent)

reef¹ Rock. Earliest (16 cent.) *riff* Du *rif* ON *rif* reef rib of Ger *riff* from Du. Prob. ident. with reef². In gold mining sense orig. (c. 1850) in Austral.

reek AS *reokan* to smoke. Comp. Tent of Du *rieken* to smell. *rieken* to smoke. Ger *riechen* to smell. *rauchen* to smoke. ON *riku* to smoke. Now usu. replaced by *smoke* in picturesque and fig. use. Noun *reek* is still in gen. Sc. use of *Auld Reekie* Edinb'gh.

reef¹ For thread AS *hræd* cf. ON *hræll*. Fris. *raai*. Off. the reef is 19 cent. Hence verb to reef in early use but o.v. some thing of later senses to reef².

reef² Dance. Pesh. from reef¹ with idea of spinning round but cf. obs. E. *ray* dance. M.I.G. *reia* (reigen *reihen*).

reeve¹ [A. I.] Steward etc. AS *gerefa* whence also archaic *græfe* Cf. *portveie* *sheriff*. In AS a high official used lat. r. in various senses. The resemblance to Ger *graf* (Du *graaf* L. *grate* *gravi*) count earlier used of various officials is thought by the best authorities to be accidental but the correspondence in sense is remarkable e.g. *stra* c. E. *dike reeve* (Langt) = LG *dik-grave* Ger *dick* g. of

reeve² (naut.) Verb. From 17 cent. It refers to thrif (Torr) from *refe* any kinde of twisted sowing thred (Flor) ? Ger *reis* band rope ? cf. dial *reise* rope (of onions). Not connected with reef¹. With past *rois* cf. naut. *strove* (from *stare*).

Ree-log is drawing a rope throw a block or cylet to run up and down (Capt. J. H. Smith).

reeve² B. rd. Tem. of *riff* (q.v.)

refectory Med. L. *refecturum* from L. *reficere* *ref* cf. *remake* *repar*. For sense cf. *restaurant*.

refer F. *référer* from L. *referre* hit to carry back. Cf. *relate*. *Referer* was orig. used (early 17 cent.) of papal official dealing with monopolies cf. earlier *referendary*. *Referendum* (late 19 cent.) is a Swiss institution (cf. *plébiscite*).

refine F. *raffiner* from *affiner* from fin. fine² cf. It *raffinar* Sp *rafinar*. Orig. of metals.

reflect L. *reflectere* to bend back as still in ancient sense and in to reflect (credit due honour etc.) upon one whence *reflectum* animadversion. Reflex L. *reflexus* reflected is 19 cent. in sense of involuntary reform. F. *réformer* to begin again *réformer*

to improve L. *reformare* from *forma* shape. *Reformation* in Church sense was borrowed (16 cent.) from Ger. (Luther) *Reformat* *ry* i. 19 cent.

refract From L. *refrangi* *ere* *refract* to break back from *frangere*. *Refractory* is altered from earlier *refractori* F. *refractaire* L. *refractorius*.

refrain¹ Verb. From tonic stem (OF *r* *frein*) of F. *refrèner* L. *refrenare* to restrain from *frein* n. bridle ? cogn. with *fr* *nd* *re* to gnash the teeth. Current sense is for earlier reflex (Gen. xlv. 1).

refrain² Noun. F. hit break back from OF *refraindre* VL *ref* *an* *ere* for *refrain* *ere* cf. Prov. *ref* *anh* Sp *refran* OF & M. also had *refraint* *refret* L. *refract*.

r *e* *s* *d* *abalade* th. *ref* *e* *burthen* *rd* *wns* of a ball *d* (C. 12).

refresh OF *refrescher* (replaced by *ra* *frat* *h* *r*) from *frans* *fresh*. Earliest (14 cent.) in sense of physical restoration etc. With *refresher* (leg.) cf. AF *refreschement* instalment of pay (14 cent.).

H. me. *ry* *d* *d* *received* a *v* *ry* *disagreeable* *r* *teacher* on the *bjct* of *Mrs* *Bardell's* *ton* (F. *de* *xxxi*).

refrigerate From L. *refrigerare* from *frigus* cold. *Refrigerator* is substituted for earlier *refrigeratory* (c. 1600).

reft See *reave*.

refuge F. L. *refugium* from *fu* *ere* to flee. *late* (port house) of *r* *f* *i* *s* *are* modelled on *city* of *refuge* (Vulgar *frigitur*). *Refugee* 17 cent. al. *o* *refu* *ie* F. *refugid* was first applied to F. Huguenots who migrated after Revocation of Edict of Nantes (1685).

refund L. *refundere* hit to pour back in Lat. *f* to pay back. Cf. *verser* to pay in. *hit* to pour. Associated in sense with *fund*.

refuse Verb. F. *refuser* L. *refusare* ? from *refundere* *refus* to cast back etc. (v.s.) Noun is from F. *refus* and perh. 11 earlier adj. sense (refuse goods) from p.p. *refusid*. With *-d* *int* as in *costu* *si* *nat* *trone* etc. To have the *r* *f* *al* (option of acquittal) is 16 cent. Th. *great* *refusal* is Dante's *gran rifiuto* (Inf. 12. 60) *allu* *hu* to Celestine v. a renegation of the papacy.

refute L. *refutare* to repel. Cf. *fulle*.

regal Arch. F. *regal* L. *regalis* from *rex* *re* *king*.

regale F. *regal*. It *regalare* to present or give gifts unto to bestow a largesse upon.

(Flor), prob from *gala* (q v), but naturally associated with *regal* (v i)

se regaler to make as much account, and take as great a care, of himselfe, as if he were a king (Cotg.).

regalia L, neut pl of *regalis*, royal Earlier used also of royal rights and privileges. In sense of cigar it is Sp, royal privilege

regard First (14 cent) as noun F., from *regarder*, to look at, consider, from *garder*, to heed, etc See also *reward* For sense-development of *respect* It seems possible that *kind regards* (cf *best respects*), as epistolary formula (18 cent), may be partly due to Port *recados* (pl), "a greeting, commendation, salutation" (Vieyra), used by several early E travellers and spelt *recarders* by Fryer (17 cent) This is from *recadar*, to send a message, VL **recapitare*

regatta Orig boat-race on Grand Canal of Venice It (Venet), struggle, match; app related to archaic E *regaler* (q v) According to the *NED* the first E *regatta* was held on the Thames, June 23, 1775 (see *Annual Register*), but quot 3 relates to 1768

regalla the ply that children cal at musse Also a strife or contention for the maistrice, a coping or bief ering together (Flor)

regallare to wrangle, to shift for, to ply at musse. Also to sell by retaile as hucksters and brokers use to proule and shift for by prouling, to contend, to cope or fight for the maistrice (ib).

He [the Earl of Lincoln] planned what was termed a Regatta, to which all the gentlemen of the neighbourhood who kept boats were invited

(Hickey's *Memoirs*, i 96).

regenerate From L *regenerare*, from *genus*, *gener-*, race, breed

regent F *régent*, from pres part of L *regere*, to rule Hence *regency*, esp in France (1715-23) and England (1810-20), in each case with suggestion of debauchery

regicide Coined (16 cent) on *homicide*

regie Department controlling tobacco F, pp fem of *régir*, to rule, from L *regere*

régime F, L *regimen*, "regiment, rule, governaunce" (Coop), from *regere*, to rule Esp (lust) the old *régime*, in France before Revolution

regiment F *régiment*, Late L *regimentum*, in various senses of *regimen* (v s), e g *monstrous regiment of women* (Knox) Mil sense from 16 cent With *regimentals* cf *cauoneals*

region F *région*, L *regio-n-*, from *regere*, to rule Cf *kingdom*

register F *registre*, OF. also *regestre*, MedL *registrum*, *regestrum*, altered from Late L *regesta*, neut. pl., from *regere*, *regist-*, to record, from *gerere*, to carry (out), execute, etc Some senses (organ, stove) app influenced by association with *regeri*, to rule, control *Registry*, MedL *registarius*, is replaced by *register*, exc at Camb

Every person vicare or curate within this diocce shall for every church kept one booke or registre wherein ye shall write the day and yere of every wedding christenynge and buryeng

(F Cromwell, 1538)

regius L, royal Title of five professors instituted by Hen VIII

regnant From pres part. of L *regnare*, to reign, from *regnum*, kingdom, from *regere*, to rule. Usu after noun and esp in *queen regnant* Cf hist *regnal year*, MedL *regalis*.

regorge Cf *disgorge*

regreter [hist] Retailer, with suggestion of forestalling and monopoly Still in dial use for huckster F *regretter*, from *regratter*, explained as from *gratter*, to scratch, scrape But AF *regatour* and It *rigattare*, Sp *regatear*, suggest that *regretter* may be folk-etym Cf also It *recalare* (v i), ult ident. with F *racaler*, to buy back (see *cater*) See *regatta* For another doubtful -r- cf *broker*.

recalare to buy and sell againe by retaile, to regate, to retaile. Also to forestall markets (Flor).

Some hundreds of years ago we had statutes in this country against forestalling and regrating

(*Daily Chron* July 17, 1919)

regress L *regressus* Cf *egress*, *progress*, etc.

regret F *regretter* (11 cent), orig to bewail the dead Of Teut origin, cf AS *grētan*, OSax *grātan*, MHG *grazen*, ON *grāta*, Goth *grētan*, to weep, rage, etc, also Sc *greet*², to weep

regular OF. *reguler* (*régulier*), L *regulari-*, from *regula*, rule, from *regere*. Earliest E. sense (14 cent.), belonging to a religious order or rule, as opposed to *secular*. With a *regular fraud* cf a *genuine humbug* Cf *regulate*, from Late L *regular*, whence US *regulator*, vigilante, agent of lynch-law

We daily hear of new irregularities committed by the people called regulators (*Boston Chron* 1768)

regulus [chem] L, dim of *rex*, *reg-*, king (cf *basilisk*) Orig applied to metallic form of antimony, from its ready combination with gold, the royal metal. Also applied to the basilisk and the crested wren.

regurgitate From MedL *regurgitare* from Late L. *gurgulare* from *gurgus* gurgit abyss gorge

rehabilitate See *habilitate*

rehearse OF *rehercier* to repeat lit to rake or harrow over again (see *hearse*) Very common in ME theat sense from 16 cent only (*Dream* iii 1)

Whoso shal telle a tale aft a man,
H moote rehece as ny s ever he kan
Everich a word (Cha c A 731)

reichstag [hist] Ger parliament From *reih* empire ult cogn with *vajah* and *lag* assembly lit day (see *diel*) Cf *landtag* and Austr *reichsrat* from *rat* counsel rede

He (Bismarck) wa a man of infinite humour who called h ho nd R ichtag (H Macfady)

reify To materialize Coined (c 1850) from L *res* thing after nullify

reign F *règne* L *regnum* from *regere* to rule Cf It *regno* Sp *reino*

reim [SAfr] Thong strap Du *riem*

reimburse Coined from archaic *imburse* (Johns) after F *rembourser* from *bourse* purse (q v)

rein¹ Of horse F *réne* OF *resne* *reigne* etc cf It *redina* Sp *rienda* VL *retina* from *retinere* to hold back cf *retinaculi* a anys thing that holdeth back (Coop)

rein² Loun See *reins*

reindeer ON *hresndgr* whence also Du *rendier* Ger *renier* altered on *rennen* to run ON had also the simple *hresnn* whence AS *h an* (king Alfred) F *renne* (via Ger)

renette Apple See *rens*

reinforce For earlier (16 cent) *renfoce* F *renforcer* from *re* and OF *enforcier* to strengthen from *forca* (q v)

reins [archaic] Louns F L *renes* kidneys For Bibl use (Ps vii 2) as seat of feelings cf *heart liver stomach bowel*

reinstale From archaic *instale* (cf *install*) See *state*

reintegration For *redintegration* (q v) cf F *redintegration* MedL *reintegratio*

reiss¹ Fort money of account Port pl of real (q v) Cf *reiss*

It takes on th sa d r s to make a dollar (M k Twan)

reiss² Arab skipper pilot Arab *reis* from *reis* lead

reistbuck S Afr antelope Du *reishok* reid buck

reiter [hist] Ger rider trooper

reiterate From Late L *reiterare* from *iterare* to do a thing oftsoones or agayne (Coop) from *iterum* again

reive See *reave*

reject From L *reicere* *reject* to throw back from *ja ere* *Rejectionista* is ModL

rejoice OF *rejoir* (*réjoir*) *rejoiss* from *re* and *joir* See *enjoy* joy MF had also *rejoy* (Chauc)

rejoin See *join* Sense of replying orig leg esp of def ndant's answer to plaintiff is AF With *rejoinder* from infin *rejoindre* cf *remainder*

rejuvenate Coined (c 1800) after *renovate* from L *juvenis* young Cf *rejuvenescence* from MedL *rejuvenescere*

relapse From L *relabi* *relaps* to slip back backslide orig (16 cent) into heresy

relate F *relater* from L *rel* i p p stem of *referre* to refer bear back For senses cf *refer* report and F *rapporier* With *relation* kinsman (c 1500) cf concrete use of acquaintance *Pelitus* (pronoun) is in Wyc

relax L *relaxare* from *laxus* lax loose Cf F *relâcher*

relay Orig (c 1400) act of fresh hounds OF *relais* (*elais*) from *relayer* (13 cent) from OF *laver* to let (see *deley*) ModF *relais* is due to a association with OF *re laisser* to release *laisse* and *laiser* though quite distinct in origin being used in differently in OF

release OF *relaxier* VL *relaxare* for *relaxa* s (whence *reld* h r) Cf *lease* Current id oic use of the verb started with the film manufacturers

Only th mornng a daily paper of some lands g s ma k d that th g erment b d n t lased any olual n thw l s week

(Gl be Feb 2 1917)

relegate From L *relegare* from *legare* to send

releat Ult from L *lentis* slow viscous cf F *valentur* to slacken from OF *alent* r (12 cent)

He tired th coles td relent g
Th wex g s the fir (Ch uc 1 1278)

relevant From pres part of L *relevare* to raise up hence to be of help importance Cf It *relevante* of importance of worth of consequence (Flor)

reliable Chiefly current since 1850 and often criticized as a bad US formation It is howe er quite legitimate (cf *available*)

laughable, etc.) and is recorded in E. for 1569. Cf. *reliance*, first in Shaks. See *rely*.
relic F. *relique*, orig. (12 cent.) in pl., from L. *reliquiae*, from *relinquere*, *reliqu-*, to leave. Earliest in F. & E. in ref. to saints.
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In cest pais ave est taser
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 from *plicare*, to bend, fold For metaphor
 cf *retort* Spec leg sense survives in
plaintiff's counsel then replied, cf *replica-*
tion, formal reply of plaintiff to plea of
 defendant

report OF *reporter*, *raporter* (*rapporter*), I
reporture, to bring back (e.g. a message)
 Sense of noise springs from that of carrying
 back, re-echoing, a sound (v 1) Current
 sense of *reporter* is 19 cent

And that he wolde been oure gouernour,
 And of our tales juge and reportour
 (Chaucer A. 813).

The ragged hills and rocky towers reporte,
 By echoes voyce, the quest of noble hounds
 (NLD. 1589)

repose F *reposer* See *pose* Intrans sense
 is for earlier reflex (cf F *se reposer*)
 In some senses, e.g. to *repose confidence* in
one, rather directly from L *reponere*, *re-*
posit- Cf *repository*, OF *repositoire*, L.
repositorium

repoussé F, p p of *repousser*, to push back,
 repulse Cf *relief*

reprehend L *reprehendere*, "to pluck back
 againe, to take holde agam, to blame, to
 rebuke" (Coop), cf F *reprandre*, "to re-
 prehend, blame, check, rebuke, reprove,
 carpe, controll" (Cotg) *Reprehensible* is
 in Wyc (Gal ii 11)

represent F *représenter*, orig to bring into
 presence, hence to make clear, demon-
 strate, symbolize (cf *representative*), stand
 in place of First NED quot in parl sense
 is from Oliver Cromwell

repress From L *reprimere*, *repress-*, to press
 back, from *primere*

reprieve Orig (c 1500) to remand (to prison)
 Altered, app by association with ME
preve, prove, from earlier *repyr*, F *repris*,
 p p of *repandre*, to take back The fact
 that *reprieve* (ME *reprieve*) was a regular
 rendering of F *repandre*, to reprehend,
 may have helped the confusion

They were repyryed, and sent unto the Toure of
 London (NED 1494)

reprimand F *réprimande*, from *réprimer*, to
 repress (q v)

reprisal Orig (15 cent) in *letters of marque*
 (q v) and *reprisal* F *représaille*, It *ri-*
presaglia, "booties, prayes, prizes, prisals"
 (Flor), from *riprendere*, to take back Cf

to get a bit of one's own back. L. spelling
 has been affected by *reprise* (F), used in
 various senses, including that of *reprisal*
 reproach F *reprocher*, VL **reprobiare*, from
prope, near, cf *approach* Orig sense, as
 still in F, e.g. *reprocher à quelqu'un sa fai-*
blesse, is to bring near, home Cf. Ger
vorwerfen, to reproach, lit to throw before
 It shall not be reproched to me that ye fyghte me
 a foot and I on horsbacke (Carton).

reprobate L *reprobatus*, p p of *reprobare*, to
 reprove, reject, which in Late L had sense
 of to cast away from God Orig in Bibl
 lang, e.g. 2 Cor. xiii 5, where Tynd and
 Coverd. have *castaway* and Wyc *repret-*
able

reprove F *réprouver*, L *reprobare* (v s). Cf
approve

The stoon whom men bildinge reprovden
 (Wyc Luke, xx 17)

reptile F, Late L *reptile* (sc *animal*), neut.
 of Late L *reptilis*, from *repere*, *rept-*, to
 creep ? Cogn with *serpent*. The *reptile*
press renders Ger *reptilienpresse*, coined
 (1869) on Bismarck's use of *reptilien*

republic F *république*, L *res publica*, public
 thing, common weal In US politics *Re-*
publican is now opposed to Democrat, as
 Conservative to Liberal The *republic of*
letters is first in Addison

repudiate From L *repudiare*, from *repudium*,
 divorce, cogn with *pudor*, shame

repugn F *repugnare*, L *repugnare*, "to re-
 pugne, to resist, to say contrary" (Coop),
 from *pugnare*, to fight Now esp in *re-*
pugnant, *repugnance*

repulse From L *repellere*, *repuls-*, cf F
repousser

repute F *réputer*, L *reputare*, "to consider
 and weigh diligently" (Coop), from *putare*,
 to think

request First (14 cent) as noun OF *re-*
queste (*requête*), cf *quest*, *require* With *in*
request (16 cent) cf *in requisition* (early 19
 cent)

requiem L, acc of *requies*, rest, quiet, int.
 word of Introit in the Mass for the Dead,
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine Cf.
dirge, *magnificat*, etc

requiescat L, may he begin to rest (*in pace*,
 in peace)

require From tonic stem (*requier-*) of F
requérir, VL **requaerire* for *requirere*, from
quaerere, to seek, cf. *inquire* Now often
 preemptory, orig sense having been taken

over by *request* With requirement of *requisite*

One thing he desired of the Lord which I will require (Ps xxvii & P2)

requisite L *requisitus* p p of *requirere* (v.s.)

Requisition in mil sense is late 18 cent

requite Couped (16 cent) from obs *quite* early var of *quit* (q.v.)

reredos AF *areredos* *reredos* cf AL *re* *trador* orig n Lat *re* + *tr* back (see *rear* and *dorsal*) ME had several other compds in *re* e now obs or replaced by *rear* *Reredos* was also obs by 1550 exc in sense of back of open fire place but was revived by eccl antiquaries of 19 cent

Item to making of the reredos in the kechyn

(15th March A.D. 1461 1462 1463 4)

reremouse See *rearmouse*

rereward [archaic] For *rearguard* (18th c. xxix 2)

rescind I *rescindere* L *rescindere* to cut or break in sunder to abolish or do away (Coop) from *scinde* a *sciss* to cut cf *rescission* annulment

rescript L *rescriptum* the letters of a prince making answers to other letters the emperours letters (Coop) from *re* *scribere* *rescript* to write back In E first (16 cent) in Papal sense

rescue From stem of AF *rescure* OF *rescurre* [archaic *recourre*] from *re* and *escurre* L *excurre* to strike out cf *It rescuere* The noun was in ME *rescous* OF *rescouisse* [archaic *recousse*] representing VL *re-ex-cussa* *Rescue* home in late 19 cent

research Sense of original esp scient investigation is 19 cent Much overworked since c 1880 See *search*

reseda Colour I *reseda* mignonette L *reseda* a certain herb dissolving in postumes (Coop) imper of *resedare* to allay in formula *reseda morbis* used as charm when applying the leaves as poultice (Pliny xxvii 131)

resemble F *resembler* from *re* and *sembler* to seem L *simulare* *simula* e from *similis* like from *simul* together

resent F *ressentir* from *re* and *sentir* to feel Orig to feel strongly in any way current sense suggesting that our sense of injuries is much stronger and more lasting than our sense of benefits (Trench) Cf *retaliare*

I resented as I ought the news of my mother's law's death (Archbp. Sancroft)

reserve F *réserve* r L *reservare* from *servare* to save Cf *pre* *re* Mil sense of noun from 17 cent With *reserved* (in manner) first in Shaks (*All's Well* v 3) cf (r) *strückhalten* lit holding back *Mental reservation* is recorded from 16 cent usu with depreciatory sense of casuistry

reservoir F *réservoir* from *réserver* (v.s.) **reset** [leg] To receive a stolen good (Sc) earlier to harbour See *recite*

reside I *résider* L *residere* from *sedere* to sit *Residency* earlier used indifferently with *residence* is now obs exc in EInd

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 respect F, L *respectus*, from *respicere*, *respect-*, to look back at, regard, consider For gen senses of regard With *respectable* cf F *considérable*, Ger *angesehen*, E looked up to, and, for its degeneration, cf honest F *respectable* is still a dignified epithet See *respite*

Non est personarum acceptor Deus

(Vulg Acts, v 34).

Thucydides was a great and respectable man (Langhorne's *Plutarch*, 1770)

respire F *respirer*, L *respirare*, from *spirare*, to breathe Cf *spirit* The *respirator* was invented by Julius Jeffreys (1835)
 respite OF *respit* (*répit*), "a respite, a delay, a time or terme of forbearance" (Cotg), L *respectus* Cf *re-consideration* *Respect* is common in same sense in 16 cent
 resplendent From pres part of L *resplendēre*, from *splendēre*, to shine, be splendid
 respond L *respondēre*, from *spondēre*, to pledge, cf origin of *answer*, *answerable*, responsible ME had *responn(d)*, OF *respondre* (*répondre*) *Responsions*, preliminary examination (Oxf), lit answers, is recorded only from early 19 cent
 ressalidar [Anglo-Ind] Native captain in Indian cavalry Urdu *risāladār*, from *risālah*, squadron, from Arab *arsala*, to send, with agent suffix as in *sirdar*, *chokidar*, etc

rest¹ Repose AS *ræst* Com Teut, cf Du *rust*, Ger *rast*, orig stage of journey, also ON *röst*, Goth *rasta*, stretch of road, mile, cogn with Goth *razn*, house (see *ransack*) App a word from the nomadic period, cf Pers *manzil*, home, orig place of dismounting *Rest-day* is in AS, rendering of *sabbath* *Rest cure* is late 19 cent In the verb there has been association with *rest^{2,3}*, e.g. *his eyes rested* (F *s'arrêtèrent*) on the object, *he rested his elbow on the table*, etc Shaks *rest you merry* (*happy, fair*) is ellipt for trans use. Quot 2 is now often wrongly punctuated

God rest you merry, sir (*As You Like It*, v. 1)
 God rest you merry, gentlemen (*Xmas carol*)

rest² Remainder F *reste*, from *rester*, to remain, L *restare*, lit to stand back Has affected sense of *rest¹* The verb was formerly used in concluding letters for *I remain*, etc, cf *rest assured*

rest³ Of lance Aphet for *arrest*, but the simple *rest* is recorded earlier, and It *resta*, Sp *ristre*, have same sense; cf *rest-harrow*, a tough shrub which is a nuisance to farmers (MedL *resta bovis*, AF *restebrof*) See *rest²*.

arrest (*arrêtt*) the rest whereon a man of armes set-leth his lance (Cotg)

arreste-breuf the herbe rest-harrow, petty-whinne, graund furze, canimocke (*ib*)

restaurant F, pres part. of *restaurer*, to restore Current sense in Paris from c 1765, but found earlier (17 cent) in sense of strengthening diet

restitution F., L *restitutio-n-*, from *restituere*, to re-establish, restore, from *statuere*, to set up From 13 cent

restive OF *restif* (*rétif*), "restie, stubborn, drawing backward, that will not goe forward" (Cotg), from *rester*, to rest², cf Sc *reist*, to stand stock-still The sense has changed curiously See also *rusty²*.

Like froward jades that for no striking sturre,
 But wave more restive still the more we spurre
 (Sylv. 1 2)

restore OF *restorer* (*restaurer*), L *restaurare*, to repair, cogn with G *σταυρός*, stake For sense of giving back cf *restitution* *Restoration* was substituted (1660) for earlier *restamaton*

The happy restoration of his Majesty to his people and kingdoms (*Journal of H of C*, May 30, 1660)

restrain F *restreindre*, *restreign-*, L *restringere*, *restrict-*, whence also later *restrict* See *strain*. *Restraint of princes* is still used for embargo in mercantile insurance

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reveal² [*areh*] Vertical side of doorway.

For obs *reuale*, from OF *reualet*, to bring down See *vail*¹

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revel First (14 cent) as verb OF *reveler*, to make tumult, have a spree, L *rebellare*, to rebel. The current sense is the oldest (14 cent) in E., though that of riot also occurs occasionally (v 1), and it would appear that the word has been associated with F *réveillon*, a Christmas Eve supper, and with the gen idea of night jollifications (cf *wake*) See also *riot*, which runs parallel with *revel*, though with converse sense-development.

Men wene and the Dwke of Southfolk come ther schill be a schrewd revele (*Paston Let* ii 83)

veggie watches, sentinels, wakes, revels a nights (Flor)

revelly See *réveillé*

revendication F., as *revindication*

revenge First (14 cent) as verb F *revancher*, OF *revanchier*, *revengier*, L *revindicare*, from *vindicare* Cf *vengeance*, *vindicate*

revenue F *revenu*, p p of *revenir*, to come back, L *revenire* Cf *income*, *returns* Sense of public income (inland *revenue*, *revenue officer*, etc) is latest (17 cent)

reverberate From L *reverberare*, lit to beat back

revere F *révéler*, from L *revereri*, from *vereri*, to fear Much earlier are *reverence* (13 cent) and *reverend*, *reverent* With *reverence*, bow (*Piers Plowm*), cf *curtsy*, *obseance* *Reverend*, as title of clergy, dates from 15 cent, *reverent* being crron used earlier in same sense

reverie F *éverie*, from *réver*, to dream (sec *rave*) Current in ME in sense of wild joy, etc, and app confused with *revelry* Re-adopted in mod sense in 17 cent

revers F, L *reversus* (v 1)

reverse F *reverser*, from L *versare*, frequent. of *vertere*, to turn With mil sense of defeat, disaster, cf euph *selback*

revert OF *revertir*, VL **revertire*, for *revertire* (v s)

revet [*mil* & *areh*] To face with masonry F *revêtn*, OF *revestir*, from L *vestire*, to clothe

She [H M.S Cochran] grounded on a revetment (*Daily Chron* Feb 19, 1919).

review First as noun F *revue*, p.p fem of *revoir*, to see again, revise, etc (see *view*)

In literary sense from 18 cent

revile OF *reviler*, from *vil*, vile

revindicate See *vindicate*

revise F *reviser*, L *revisere*, frequent of *revidire*, to review. The *Revised Version* was executed 1870-84

revive F *revivre*, Late L *revivere*, from *vivere*, to live Trans. sense originated through conjugation of intrans with verb to be, e.g. *she was* (mod *had*) *revived* *Revival* in rel sense is quoted by NED from Cotton Mather (1702)

revoke F *révoquer*, L *revocare*, to call back

revolt F *révolter*, It *rivoltare* (earlier *revoltare*), L *re-* and *volutare*, frequent of *volvere*, to roll, cf *revolution* For strong sense of *revolting* (from c 1800) cf. *disgusting*, *repulsive*

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revolve L *revolvere* (v s). *Revolver* was coined (1835) by Colt

revue [*theat*] F, review (of recent and topical events)

revulsion L *revulsio-n-*, from *revellere*, *revuls-*, to tear back

reward ONF form of *regard*, which is common in same sense in AF Cf *award* and sec *guard* Orig of any form of requital, now limited in the opposite direction to *retaliate* Gen sense springs from that of looking favourably on, cf *for a consideration* Has almost supplanted *meed* (*Wyc Matt* v 12)

reynard, *renard* F *renard*, OF *regnard*, *renart*, orig *Renart le goupil*, Renard the Fox, in the famous beast-epic, *Roman de Renart* (13 cent), OHG. *Reginhart*, strong in counsel (cf *Reginald*), used as pers name of the fox The popularity of the poem was so great that *renard* has quite supplanted OF *goupil* Cf *chanteleer*, *bruin*, *monkey* The form *Reynard* was used by Caxton after Du *Reynaert*, cf dim *Reineke* in LG version *Reineke de Vos*.

"Oh, Mus' Reynolds, Mus' Reynolds!" said Hobden, under his breath "If I knowed all was inside your head, I'd know something wuth knowin"

(*Puck of Pook's Hall*).

rhabdomanicy Use of divining-rod From G *ῥάβδος*, rod

rhymed, the word acquired the meaning which it has in all the Rom & Teut langs

I or oother tile certes kan I noon,
But of a rym I lerned longe agoon

(Chauc. B 1898)

absurdus ag unst all ryme and reison (Coop.).

rhynch- From G ῥύγχος, snout

rhythm From 16 cent, orig as etymologizing var of *rhyme* (q v)

And what were crume

In prove, would be no injury in rhythm

(NED. 1677).

ria [geog] Estuary, such as those on the Sp coast south of the Bay of Biscay Sp, fem form of *rio* river, L *rivus*

riant F, pres part of *rire*, to laugh, VL, **rideic*, for *ridere*

rialto Exchange, mart From the *riauo* of Venice (*Merch of Ven* 1 3), from the canal, *rius altus*, deep stream, which it crosses

riata See *reata*

rib AS *ribb* Com Teut, cf Du *rib*, Ger *rippe*, ON *rif* In joc sense of wife with allusion to Gen 11 21 Bibl *fifth rib* (2 Sam 11 23) is an error of the AV translators for *belly*, which is restored in the RV

ribald OF *ribauid* (*ribard*), "a rogue, ruffian, rascall, scoundrell, varlet, filthy fellow, also, a ribauld, fornicator, whore-munger, bawdyhouse hunter" (Cotg), cf It Sp *ribaldo* Prob a spec application of the common personal name *Ribaud*, OHG *Ric-bald*, mighty-bold, cf AS *Ric-beald* This occurs as a surname in the *Pipe Rolls* (12 cent), i.e. a century older than the dict records of the common noun The choice of the name would be due to OF *riber*, to wanton, ? from OHG *hīpa*, prostitute Cf *mauid*

riband Archaic form of *ribbon* (q v)

ribband [naut] Prob from *rib bard*, which suits the sense

ribbon From 16 cent for earlier *riband*, OF *riban*, var of *riban* The -d of *riband* is excrescent, though the second element of the F word is prob Ger *band*, ribbon *Ribbonman* (hist) is from the *Ribbon society*, an Ir secret association of northern Catholics (early 19 cent) *Ribbons*, reins, is early 19 cent slang

ribes Gooseberries and currants MedL, Arab *ribās*, sorrel

ribston Pippin from *Ribston Park*, Yorks

Ricardian Of *David Ricardo*, economist (†1823) Cf *Marxian*

rice OF, *ris* (*riz*), It *riso*, VL **oryzum*, for *oryza*, G. ὀρυζα, prob. of Oriental origin. In most Europ langs, e.g. Rum *oriz*. *Rice-paper* is not made from rice, but from the pith of a reed found in Formosa

rich AS *rice*, powerful, noble, rich Com Teut, cf. Du. *rych*, Ger. *reich*, ON *rikr*, Goth *reiks*; cogn with L *rex*, Celt *-rix*, in names, and ult with *raja* Traces of orig. sense still survive in application to sound, colour, odour, etc *Riches*, now taken as pl., is F. *richesse* (cf *laches*), and *rich* is sometimes via F *riche* (from Teut)

Richard F, OHG *Ric-hart*, mighty-strong (see *ribald*) As one of the commonest names it is applied, in pet-form *Dicky* (q v), to various animals and objects For *Richard Roe* see *John Doe* For *Richard's himself again* see *perish*

Throw us out John Doe and Richard Roe,
And sweetly we'll tickle their tobies! (Ingoldsby).

ricinus L, castor-oil plant

rick¹ Stack AS *hrīac*, cf Du *rook*, ON. *hrankr* The form *reck* was literary up to 1700 For shortened vowel cf. dial *ship* for *sheep* See also *ruck*¹

rick² To sprain Var. of obs *wick*, ME *wicken*, cogn with *wring*, *wriggle*

rickets Softening of the bones Orig (17 cent) a Dorset word, perh. corrupt of *rachitis* (q v) Hence *rickety*

This nation was falling into the rickets, the head bigger than the body

(Burton, *Parl Diary*, Jan 12, 1657).

rickshaw See *jinricksha* Written 'rickshaw by Kipling

ricochet F, orig of flat stone slapping over water, making "a duck and a drake" (Cotg), earlier (15 cent) in *chanson* (*fable*) *du ricochet*, with recurring refrain ? From L *recalcare*, to retread

rietus L, from *ringi*, to open the mouth In current sense it is rather from F

rid ON *rythja*, to clear (land), cogn with Ger *reiten*, *roden*, as in *Baveut*, *Wernigerode*, *Rüth*, cf E *-royd*, clearing, common in northern place-names In some senses it falls together with unrelated Sc *redd*, to clear, tidy, Du *redden*, cogn with AS *hreddan*, to rescue, Ger *retten* In to be (get) rid of we have the pp *Good riddance* was earlier *fair*, *gentle*, *riddance* (*Merch of Ven* 11 7)

Ich sende min engel biforen thine nebbe, the shal ruden thine weie to fore the (NED c 1200)

riddle¹ Enigma AS *rædels* from *ræðm* to read (q v) cf *Du rædset* Ger *rätsel* For loss of s cf burial Wyc has *rædels* (Jud es xiv 16)

riddle² Sieve Late AS *kriddel* for earlier *Alder* cogn with Ger *reiser* a riddle range sieve bolter or sifter (Ludw.) and ult. with L *cribrum* whence F *crible* Now dial in lit sen e but still common in *riddled with wounds (holes)* cf F *criblé de blessures (de petite vérole)*

riddlemeerie Rigmorale Fanciful variation on *riddle me riddle*

ride AS *ridan* Com Teut cf *Du rýden* Ger *reiten* ON *ríða* Naut sens to *ride* (at anchor) is also AS Archaic *ride* and the ref's to practice of two people using one horse one riding on ahead and tying up the horse for his companion to find and ride in his turn To *ride for a fall* so as to have an excuse for retiring is from the hunting field In to *ride to death* hobby (q v) is understood. With *riding* corollary etc for earlier *riding* roll cf *riding* strength ening timber added to ship Little *Ped Ridin Hool* was used (1729) in transl of Perrault's *Peut Clapeton Rou e*

ride AS *hryc* pine back Com Teut cf *Du rýn* Ger *rücken* ON *hryg* r Northern form is *rig* as in *rigs o barley* (Burns) cf northern *rig and fur* ie ridge and furrow for ribbed stockings

ridiculous From L *ridiculus* from *ridere* to laugh

riding [s of] ON *thríðjungur* third part from *thríði* third init consonant having been absorbed by final of *north east west* with which it is always compounded into one word in early r cords

Omnis coram tu. hunder d w p ntaki et threth g (Wag a Ch r l)

ridotto [archaic] Entertainment It a company a knot a crew or assemblé of good fellows Also a gaming or tabling house or other place where good company doth meete (Flor) As *redun bt* (q v)

rifamento It remaking

rife Late AS *rife* cf archaic *Du rýf* LC *rife* ON *rýfr* copious abundant

riffraff From phrase *riff and raff* (14 cent) every scrap etc OF *rif et raf* for which Cotg has al o *rife et rife* app connected with *rife* and *raffle* but perh a redupl on one of the two syllables only Sense of scum refuse of society 15 cent

rifle F *rifler* to rifle ransacke spoze

make havock or clean work sweep all away before him (Cotg) in OF also to scratch cogn with *raffle* (q v) Of Teut origin cf Ger *riefe* groove (from LG) ON *rifa* cleft AS *gerifan* to wrinkle With sense of making grooves in bore of fire arm (17 cent) cf archaic sense of F *rifler* to score the back (by flogging)

rift ON *rýft* breach (of contract) whence Norw Dan *rýft* cleft cogn with *rute* and *rifle* Now ch efly fig

rig Verb From 15 cent with Sc ar *reck* from c 1600 Origin doubtful Prob not orig naut ? Cf Norw dial *iggr* to bind wrap p To *ri the narhet th mble* *rig* may belong here or to *ri*

He fast rygg ge hym [equipping hi lf] th *doze lse* Let 1478)

rig¹ Fun trick etc From 18 cent E p in to *run a rig* From obs verb *rig* to rnhp be wanton of unknown origin Peish ident with *rig* (cf senses of trick)

It little dr mt w l sh set :
Of unning b rig (J hn G l p)

rig² See *ridge*

rigadoon [a etc] Dan e F *rigadoun* said to be named from *Rigaud* a dancing master who according to Mtrial lived at Marseille (17 cent) But the E word is recorded earlier (1031) than the F (1696)

right AS *ryht* straight e et jut Com Teut cf *Du Ger recht* ON *the Góth ríhts* cogn with L *rectu* and *regere* The double sense (straight just) appears in all the Teut langs that f opposite to *left* bein of somewhat later development. Cf F *droit* L *directus* in the three main senses of the E word For noun sense cf *le droit* (eg *droit le homme*) Orig sense of straight survives in math al o in *right away* *right in the* *right* etc (cf also US *come right in*) For pol sense see ent e *Righteous* is altered after adjs in *-con* from MF *ryht* AS *ryhtus* cf OHG *rehtlîch*, knowing the right (co wist wot wîse) *Right hand* a was orig mil and about equivalent to *glorian* Pepys (Dec 4 166) speaks of hi brother in law Bal thasar Saint Michel being made a right hand man in the Duke of Albemarle's guards

rigid F g dus from *rigere* to be stiff

rigmarole Altered from *ra man-ro'l* used in sense of lit catal gue in 16 cent also earlier a toll used in a medie al game

called *ragman*. The earliest trace of *ragman* is its use (*rageman*) as title of a statute of Edward I (1276) appointing justices to hear complaints as to wrongs suffered in the previous twenty-five years, but allusions to the game are almost of same date. Origin doubtful. Perh. *ragman* = devil (see *ragamuffin*).

rigour OF (*rigueur*), L *rigor-ent* E+P, since 15 cent., in *rigour of the law*. Cf *rigid*.

rigsdag Dan., cogn. with *reichstag* (q.v.)

rig-veda Chief sacred book of the Hindus. Sanskrit, praise- & knowledge.

riksdag Sw., cogn. with *reichstag* (q.v.)

rile Earlier *roil*, to disturb, make muddy (still in dial. & US). From OF *rouil*, mud, lit. rust, from *rouiller*, VL **rubiculare*, from *rubigo*, rust.

rill From 16 cent., cf. Du *ril*, Ger *rille*, from LG, perh. cogn. with MHG. *rinnelein*, from *rinne*, to trickle, run. Cf *runnel*.

rim AS *rima*, in *dægryma*, dawn, *særima*, coast, cf. ON *rimr*, strip of land; ult. cogn. with Ger *rind*, edge, rim.

rimel See *rhyme*.

rimel Frost. AS *hrīm*, cf. Du *rym*, ON *hrīm*, ? ult. cogn. with Ger *reif*. Chiefly Sc. till 18 cent.

rind AS. *rind*, bark, cf. Du *ruin* (earlier *rinde*, *rende*), Ger *rinde*.

rinderpest Ger., from *rinder*, pl. of *rind*, ox, cogn. with obs. E *iother*, AS *lyðther*, ? and with *run*.

ring¹ Noun. AS *hring*, in the chief mod. senses. Com. Teut., cf. Du Ger *ring*, ON *hringr*. See also *harangue*, *rank*², *ranch*. It is interesting to note that a word meaning circle has given the longitudinal *rank* and the square (prize-) *ring*. With *ring-leader* (c. 1500) cf. ME to *lead the ring* (14 cent.). Ger *rädeführer*, ringleader, - from dim. of *rad*, wheel, 16 cent. Both are app. from dancing. The commercial *ring* is 19 cent. *Ringstraked* (Gen xxx 35) is for *-streaked*. With *ringdove*, from neck-mark, cf. It. *colombo torquato*, lit. collared dove.

Should'st thou be the ringleader in dancing this while? (*Misogonus*, ii 5, c. 1550)

If we had not been there to keep the ring, to see a certain measure of fair play

(D. Lloyd George, Aug. 4, 1917)

ring² Verb. AS *hringan*, cf. ON *hringja*. Prob. of imit. origin. Orig. intrans., as in to *ring true* (*false*).

rink. Orig. Sc. Earlier *rent*¹, course for tilting (Barbour), racing, etc., OF. *renc*, *rank*². For later vowel cf. *ink*. In ice sense first of curling (Burns), *skating-rink* being 19 cent. For early Sc. sense cf. cogn. It. *arringo*, tilting-ground.

rince F. *rincer*, OF. *reincier*, *reincier*; cf. MedL *reincierare*, *resincierare*, as though from L *sincerus*, pure, but these are etymologizing forms. Prob. *reincier* is VL **requinquare*, from Late L *quingare*, to purify, with allusion to the five-year periods between lustrations. Another suggestion is VL **reccicare*, by assim. from **reccicare*, from *reccus*, fresh.

riot F. *riote*, also OF. *riote*, *ri(h)ot*, cf. Prov. *riote*, It. *riotta*. Origin unknown. Earliest E. sense (13 cent.) is debauchery, *riotous living* (Vulg. *vivendo luxuriose*). To *run riot* was in ME. used of hounds running on wrong scent. The *Riot Act*, part of which must be read to mob before active measures are taken, was passed in 1714. See *revel*, which has followed the opposite sense-development.

rip¹. Verb. Late ME., of LG. or Scand. origin; cf. Fris. *rippe*, to tear, Flem. *rippen*, to strip off roughly, Dan. *rippede*, of a wound. Usu. with preps *up*, *out*, etc. Hence perh. *rip*, broken water, esp. in *tide-rip*. With *let her rip* (US) cf. *tear*² used of motion. With current sense of *ripping* cf. *stunning*, *rattling*, *thundering*, etc.

rip². Rake, wastrel. From 18 cent. and app. first used of inferior animal, jade. Perh. fig. use of one of the mech. senses of *rip* (cf. *screw*). Later associated with *rep*¹.

riparian. From L *riparius*, from *ripa*, bank of river.

ripe AS *ripe* WGer.; cf. Du *ryp*, Ger *reif*, cogn. with *reap*. For fig. senses cf. *mature*.

riposte F. It. *risposta*, answer, from *rispondere*, *rispost-*, to answer, L *respondere*. Cf. *repartee*.

ripple¹ [*techn.*] To comb flax. Cf. Du *re-pelen*, Ger *riffeln*, "to hatchel flax" (Ludw.), Sw. *repa*.

ripple² Of water. App. from *rip*¹ (q.v.). Not recorded till 17 cent., and then of stormy or dangerous agitation of water, in which sense it is very common in Hakl. and Purch.

Riparian [*inst.*] From MedL *Riparius*, name of a tribe of Rhine Franks. Connection with L *ripa*, bank, is doubtful.

roan¹ Colour of horse F *rouan*; cf It *roano*, *ioano*, Sp *roano*, earlier *iuano* ² Ult from L *iauis*, "a dull or sadde colour mixt with black and ycalow" (Coop)

roan² Leather ² From *Rouen*, regularly spelt *Roan* in ME Cf obs *roan*, Rouen linen

roan³ See *rowan*

roar AS *rārian*, cf archaic Du *reeren*, OHG *rāren*, of imit origin A roar of laughter is partly an echo of Shaks, whose roar (in quot below) is the unrelated ME *rore*, tumult (Chauc), of Du origin (v.1.), cogn with Ger *ruhr* (esp in *aufruhr*, uproar), cf. Ger *rühren*, to stir See *uproar* Here belong also partially *roaring blade*, *roaring trade*, and perh even *roaring forties*

roere motus, commotio *Al ir roere stellen* perturbare, inturbare omnia (Kil)

If by your art, my dearest father, you have
Put the wild waters in this roar, allv them
(*Temp.* 1. 2)

Your flashes of merriment that were wont to set
the table in a roar (*Haml* v. 1).

roast OF *rostar* (*rōlar*), OHG *rōsten*, from *rōst*, *rōste*, gridiron For quot below see also *roost*¹

What so ever ye brage ore hōste,
My mayster yet shall reule the roste
(*Debate of the Carpenter's Tools*, early 15 cent)

rob OF *rober* (whence *dérobber*), Ger. *rauben*, from *raub*, booty (see also *robe*); cf It *rubare*, Sp *robar* The E cognate of *rauben* is *seave*

roband, robbin [*naut*] Earlier also *raband* (Gavin Douglas), ² from obs *ra*, sailyard, ON *rā*, and *bara*¹, cf Du *raband*, which is perh source of E word Sometimes perverted to *rope-band* This is the accepted etym, but *robbyn* is the earliest E form (*Nav Accs* 1495-97), which suggests that the word may be only a naut application of the name *Robert*, cf *wylkin*, ram of iron (*ib*)

robbin [*naut*] See *roband*

robe F, cf It *roba*, Sp *ropa* From same root as *rob*, orig sense, still in OF, being booty, "spolia" In E usu associated with somewhat rich dress and often with allusion to station, profession, etc

Robert [*slang*] Policeman See *bobby*

robin Personal name *Robin*, OF dim. of *Robert*, ident with *Rupert*, OHG *Hrodeberht*, glory bright Like other common

font-names has been widely applied The bird robin is short for *Robin redbreast* (cf *Dicky bird*, *Jack daw*, etc) With *Robin Goodfellow*, Puck, cf *Hob goblin* Also in many plant-names *Round robin*, in current sense, is naut. (18 cent), but the adoption of the name seems to have been suggested by some earlier use (v.1.) *Robin Hood* is mentioned in *Piers Plowm*

Certain fonde talkers applye to this mooste holye sacramente names of despitte and reproche to call it jave in the bove, and round roben, and such other not onely fonde but blasphemous names (Cov. ord. 1546)

The Hectoures boate brought a petition to Sir Henrie Middleton, signed by most of them, in the manner of a circle, because itt should not be knowne howe was the principall of the mutiny (Jourdain's *Jo. m* 1612)

robust F *robuste*, or L *robustus*, from *robur*, strength. Hence *robustious*, common in 17 cent, but now usu an echo of *Haml* in 2 This word may have influenced later senses of *boisterous*

roc From *Arabian Nights*, but known in several Europ langs previously Arab *rokh*, whence OF. *ruic*, used by Marco Polo (1323)

rochet¹ Eccl vestment F., dim of OF. *roc*, mantle, Ger *rock*, coat, cf It *rocchetto*, "a bishops or cardinals rochet" (Flor), Sp *roqueta*, cogn with AS *rocc*, upper garment

rochet² Red gurnard F *rouget*, from *rouge*, red

rock¹ Stone ONF *roque* (*roche*), cf It *rocca*, Sp *roca* ² Ult from G *ρῶξ*, *ρωγ*, cleft, from *ρηγνύναι*, to break, cf *ρωγὰς πέτρας*, cloven rock, and relation of *cliff* to *cleave*¹. The *Rock* is Gibraltar.

rock² [*archaic*] Distaff Not recorded in AS, but prob Com Teut; cf Du *roh*, Ger *rochen*, ON *hrokkr*, also It *rocca*, Sp *rucca*, from Teut

rock³ Verb Late AS *roccian*, cogn with Ger *rüclen*, to move jerkily, ON. *ryðkja*

rocket¹ Plant F. *roquette*, It *ruchetta*, dim of *ruca*, L *eruca*, "the herbrocket" (Coop)

rocket² Firework It *rocchetta*, dim. of *rocca*, distaff, in allusion to shape Cf relationship of F *fusée*, rocket, to *fuseau*, spindle See *rock*²

rococo F. playful alteration of *rocaille*, rock-work, ornamentation of pebbles and shells, popular in 18 cent. F arch.

rod AS *rodd*, cogn with *ōd*, rood (q.v.). For use as measure cf *synon pole*, *perch*,

rope AS *rap* Com Teut cf *Du reep* Ger *reis* usu hoop OV *reip* Goth *raip* (in *stunda raip* shoe thou) To *give rope* prob from training colts (*f end of one's tether*) but now often contains a play on the hangman's rope To *break the ropes* is naut With cow boy to *rope in* cf to *round up* On the hi h ropes may be from *rope* dancing
roquefort Cheese from F villa^o of *Roquefort* (Aveyron)

roquelaure [hist] Mantle from Duc de *Roquelaure* (11738) Cf *spencer* etc

roquet At *croquet* of which it is an arbitrary alteration. Cf *ruff*

rorqual F (Cuvier) Now *rôyrt* f from OV *reith* in same sense and *walr* whrl

First element orig meant red

rorty (slang) ? Rimed on naughty

rosace F rose window

rosaceous From L *rosaceus* from *ro* a rose

Rosalie [hist] French bayonet Cf *Josephine* field gun also fr his *Pupert* etc

rosary Rose garden L *rosarium* Later used as fanciful title of book of devotion hence series of prayers string of beads for counting them cf F *rosaire* a rosary or Our Ladies psalter (Cotg) Sp *rosario* Quot below appears to be consid rably earl er than AED records

I s and them a pa per [p pec] of th rosary f r Lady of Coleyn (Col s)

(Ff mpt Corr 1483-6)

Roscius Of *Poscius* Roman actor (162 BC)

rose AS & F L *ro* s from G *podow* which is prob of Eastern origin As emblem of secrecy in *sub ro* a under the *ro* e a phrase wh ch prob originat d in Germany With bed of roses cf *crumpled rose leaf* supposed to cau e d scornful to *sybante* Rose of a garden cu may h e been sug ested partly by F *arrose* to water *arroseir* watering pot from L *ros dew* *Poscuod* is named from its fragrance With *rose colour* d spectacles cf F *ro r lout couc* d *de ro* e For I Wars of the Roses see 1 Hun VI 11 4 but the earliest authority for the story is 16 cent

rosemary Altered after *rose* and *Mary* from earlier *rosmarine* OF *ros marin* (roma in) L *ros maritu* lit sea-dew cf It *ro mari* io Also in ti e Teut langs

roseola German meas^{rs} ModL F *rosdole* prob coined (from *rose*) on *ro* i *role* needles

Rosetta stone With inscription giving clue

to Egypt hieroglyphics Discovered (1798) at *Rosetta* Egypt In British Museum

rosette F dim of *rose*

Rosicrucian Member of supposed mystic order trad founded (1484) in Germany by *Christian Rosenkreuz* and known in 1 cent L as the *Rosy* Cf ss f I *ro e oir* Sp r *saurus*

rosin See *resin*

rosinante Sprr jade Name of Don Quixote's charger Sp *Ro nante* from *rocin* jade ante before With *ocin* cf F *rousin* and ML *roun* of unknown origin

Al fin i vin illa as i lo na te pabr á s i pa e alta, sor ro i gní at d lo q ch bi sado e and to rock tes d i q ah a era e e a á tes y prim ro d todos los roe es del mund (Do Q jole cap)

rosolio Liqueur Orig earl er h l *ros solis* because orig made from the plant sundew latinized as *rosa solis*

roster [hist] Du *rooster* list table lit grid ron (roaster) with allusion to parallel lines on the paper

rostrum L beak (cogn with *rodere* to gnaw) the platform for speakers in the Forum being adorned with beaks of sh ps taken from the Antiates (338 BC)

rot AS *rotan* Com Teut cf *Du rotten* Off r *in* OV *rola* The pp is *rotted* *rotten* being OV *olinn* app an old strong pp of cogn origin See also *rei* *Rot* *rotter* in slang senses at 19 cent app first at Camb

rotal L whe l First used (1650) as titl of pol lub founded by J Harringt n to advocate rotation in holding of state offices Harrington also first (1656) used *rotal* on (v i) in this sense

I f d i seld a fth H m gton a mo f Wren bra Common alth d th so codle Th t has mad R labon h modle (R mp Song 1659)

rotation L r (tho n from *rotare* to revolve from *rota* wheel ult cogn th Ger *rad* t act Ir *roth* Welsh *rhod* *Rotat* o of crops is 18 cent See *rota*

rotch rottee [ornith] Little ank From Frs *rotte* pl of r s *ons* brant goose

rote [hist] Fiddle of med e al minstrel Of Celt origin cf Welsh *te h* Ir *trúif* Also found early in Ger & Du Revived by Scott See *cr m*

rote Orig habit practice Now esp in dv rose App var of *route* in sense of travelled way Cf *route* ne for which Cotg

gives *par rote*, "by rote." But the vowel suggests rather *L. rota*, wheel, used in MedL for a regular course.

rotgee See rotch

Rotten Row Occurs as street-name in many towns, in the north usu *rallon raw* Origin obscure. Perh orig street of ruinous houses inhabited by *rattens*, i.e. rats

rotund? Altered on L from earlier *rotunda*, esp the Pantheon, fem of it *rotunda*, round, L. *rotundus*, from *rota*, wheel. *Rotund* style (oratory) is after Horace's ore *rotundo* (drs Part 323)

roturier F., plebeian, from *roture*, L. *rupina*
(= *terrac*), earth-breaching, agriculture

ture. yeomanrie, the estate, condition, or calling of such as are not of gentle blood, also, waxage, or such an ignoble tenure (Cote.)

rouble Earlier (16 cent) rouble, rubble, etc
Russ. ruble Current spelling is F

roucou Tree and dye F, Tupi (Brazil) *arucu*
roué F, p p of *rouer*, to break on the wheel,
roue, L *rota* Nickname given (c 1720) to
dissolute friends of the Regent, Duke of
Orléans

rouge¹ Colour F, red, L. *rubeus*, ult cogn
with red

rouge? Football scrimmage. An I-ten word of unknown origin.

rough AS *rūk* WGer; cf Du *rug*, Ger *rauh* Orig of surface, later senses developing as those of *smooth* With *rough-shod*, orig of horse shod with nails projecting from shoe cf to *rough* (a horse) *Rough*, dangerous character, i. prob for *ru'-an*, as we do not use *adjs* in this way in Eng, e.g. we speak of *the rich and the poor*, but not of a *rich*, a *poor* *Rough-and-ready* is from the prize ring To *rough* it is to *rough* (18 cent) *hant*

roulade 'mæ] F., from *rouler*, to roll

rouleau *n*, dim of r^{le}, roll

couleur I. J. d. of wood, dim of tone.
which I. d. 1871

Reimann Non vanishing (q.v.)

Roundish Jar. 1. S. - Pen 40-1

[illegible]

up with a round turn (naut.) is done by throwing a rope round a belaying-pin. As adv. & prep. round is aphet. for around. *F. en rond* With to get round one of circumvent. With to round up (cattle), orig. U.S., cf. to rope in. *Roundhead* (hist.) is of the same date as *cowher* in spec. sense. *Roundhouse*, orig. (16 cent.) in sense of lock-up, is after *Du rondhuis*, guard-house, its naut. sense appears in Capt. John Smith. *The Round Table* is in Wace's *Brut* (1155); in connection with pol. conference it is late 19 cent. For some fig. senses of *round* cf. *square*.

What creature's this with his short hairs,
His little band and huge long ears.

That this new faith hath founder^d?

The Puritans were never such.

The Saints themselves had ne'er so much—

Oh, such a hunc's a Roundhead

(Kur-p Song, 1641)

round² [*archaic*] To whisper, ME *roun*, AS *rūnar*, to whisper, conspire (see *turn*); cf. Ger *raunen*, "to round, or whisper, something in one's ear" (Ludw.) For overescent -d cf. *round¹*, *bound²*. Very common up to 17 cent, usu. with *in one's ear*.

roundel. OF *roudel*, *rouderu* (q v) *Roude-*
lay is OF *roudelet*, with ending assimilated
to *lay**, or perh. suggested by *unrelay* (q v).
roup [Se] To sell by auction, lit to cry,
shout Du *roepen*, cf. AS. *hræpan*, Ge.
rufen, Goth. *hrāpan* Cf. obs. *unroop*,
auction, Du. *roepen*. "publicly crying out
of goods to be sold" (Hecnam)

encore a bidding, or outbidding, at a any party
sale, outcrop, or bargaining, whereby the bid
meets for a thing is to carry it (Col 4)

rouse [*tarchur*] Common Aphel horreorum.
phrase to make (*tal-*) + *rouse* being under-
stood as to make (*tal-*) a rouse. Prob. and
cited also with Sw. Dan. *rou*, Du. *rou*
less, much, bit of drought etc. See 2.
First in Shik.

It is long cloth w. 64 to 70 in. wide & 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 yds. long

roose". Very One, the rest, in fact, of
hand riding at leaders of, that in
cent) of the, the one that is shown,
last, the rest of the, the rest of the
rest of the, the rest of the, the rest of the

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[illegible]

less person (18 cent) from *rouse*² be coming *roust* in US by association with *roust*¹ root¹

route¹ Noun F *route* in archaic sense of band company esp of predatory soldiers I *rupia* (sc *parz* etc) from *rumfere* *rupi* to break cf It *rotta* Sp *rota* Ger *rotte* (from It) For sense of detachment In 17 cent of fashionable assembly whence *route seat* (cake) In sen e of complete defeat from c 1600 after OF *route* now replaced by *déroute*

An it the p leys road ther many a r te

Of lo des up n steedes and palfreys

(Chaucer A 2494)

route² Verb Esp in to *route out* Var of *root*²

route¹ I L *rupta* (sc *ma*) brok n way cf origin of *cruseus* Now with restored F pronunc and spelling but in mil use made to rime with *shot* as *route*¹ and formerly also spelt *ro it*

routine F from *route* Cf *rote*

rove Orig term in archery to shoot at random In current sen e app from OF *roer* *rouer* to wander provi (r placed by *roder*) L *rotare* perh influenced by obs *rove* to wander ON *rafa* It has naturally been assoiated with *roser* For unoriginal v cf *rove* burr of a rivet ON *ro* But it may represent an orig OF *th* from L *t* (cf *savory flavour*)

a d p ls at random, roving t rovers at larg (Cotgr)

rover Orig prate Du *roover* cogn with L *reuter* (see *reuter*) Hence obs verb to *rove* practise piracy which has influenced *rove* to wander e g in *roving commission*

row¹ Series AS *rdā* rare and doubtful var of *rdāw* whence obs *row* in same s nse cogn with Du *rij* Ger *reihe*

And leet comande anon to hakke and ben

The okes old and ly hem o as we

(Chaucer A 2564)

row² Verb AS *rdāwan* cogn with *rudder* (qv) *Forlock* (*rollock* *rullock*) is altered on *row* from earl cr *oarlock* AS *ā* loc lit oar fastening the oar beam² ong secured to the gunwale by a thong or withe cf synon AS *drustilre* lit oar withe

row³ Disturbance A very low expression. (Todt) App back formation from *rouse*² (qv) cf *cherry per* etc Row-de-dow partly suggested by *rowdy*

rowan roan For *rowan tree* ong Sc & north spelt *ountree* by James I Of Scand

origin cf Norw rogn Dan røn Sw rōnn Ult cogn with *red* from berries

rowdy Ong US lawless backwoodsman (early 19 cent) Origin unknown

rowel Of *roule* dim of *roie* wheel L *rota* But in the spur sen e F uses *molle* the w bnce *mullet*¹

rowlock *rotlock* See *row*²

roxburghe Book bndin² From third Duke of Roxburghe bibliophil (†1804) The Roxburghe lab wa. inaugurat² at the sal of his books (1812)

royal F L *reals* from *rex* *reg* king The Royal Society was incorporated (1662) by Charles II the nam for earlier *Philosophic Society* being app suggested by Evelyn Royal *real* only fig in L : F *chemin royal* the kings highway (Cotgr) *Royalty* on minerals later on books is extended from the sense of right granted to individual by the crown With *royal* of extra size etc cf *perpetual* and see *battle*

king Edw rd ro d a sig roall

And wanne the t wa [of Cal]

(L 81 [F 1] A Police 1432)

A a t p per i l l j re m d i j qu e i m l p p e (Va A ds 145-28)

Royston *crow* From Royston (Camb & Hertl) Cf Cornish *choi* h

rub Ong (14 cent) intrans and containing ud a of friction with rou h surface Hence noun *rub* inequality on bowling green v ry common in fig sense in 16-17 cents (see quot s v bias) as in *there's the rub* (Hart ul s) Of ob cure origin app cogn with Norw *rubba* to scrub Elns *rubben*

rub a dub Imat of drum

rubber Canatchio From earlier *ind a rubber* named from its use in erasing Hence US *rubberneck* inquisitive person who cranes his neck as though it were made of rubber

rubber² At whrt etc ong (c 1600) the dec lung game at bowls Earliest form a *rubbers* (vr) suggests perversion from F *d rebour* backwards altered by association with *rub* At *rebours* *rebours* occur in ME thour h not with b-wls

Since h h th big th mist est so often i the foreg me w n en play out a ru bers (Dekker 60)

rubbish In 15 cent also *robous* *robys* *rullies* etc Earliest form is AI *rubbous* cf MedL *rubbosus* In early use synon with *rubb* e both being applied to waste building-

- material App pejorative formation from OF *robe*, goods, plunder (see *rob*, *robe*), cf It *roba*, goods, *robaccia*, rubbish
- rubble ME *robeyll*, *rubel*, etc Evidently cogn with *rubbish*
- rucescent From pres part of L *rubescere*, to become red, *rubec*
- Rubicon Small stream flowing into Adriatic and marking southern boundary of Cisalpine Gaul Crossed by Caesar when he left his province to attack Pompey
- rubicund F *rubicund*, L *rubicundus*, from *rubec*, red
- rubidium [chem]. Named by Bunsen from L *rubidus*, red
- rubric F *rubrique*, L *rubrica* (sc *terra*), red ochre, from *rubec*, red ME. had also *rubrish*, OF *rubriche* Earliest E sense is connected with red-printed directions in liturgical books
- ruby OF *rub*, back-formation from *rubis* (used as sing in ModF), pl of OF *rubin*, VL **rubinus* (*lapis*), from *rubec*, red, cf It *rubino*, Sp *rubín*, Du *robijn*, Ger *rubin*, obs E *rubine*
- ruche Frull F, lit bee-hive (of plaited straw), OF *rusche*, ?ident with OF *rusche*, *rousche*, rush¹ (cf *fiail*?)
- ruck¹ Crew, band Esp. in the common *ruck* Orig stack, heap Of Scand origin and cogn with *rick*¹, cf Norw dial *ruka*, ON. *hrýga*, heap
- Pitt cole the rooke costes at pittes mys vjd A rooke of colles ought to bee 11 yeardes high and a yeard and quarter square (Rulland MSS. 1610).
- ruck² Crease Norw *rukka*, ON *hrukka*, wrinkle Of late appearance (Grose), but prob old in dial Cf dial *runkle*, wrinkle, Ger *runzel*, and L *ruga*, furrow, wrinkle
- ruckle [archaic] To gurgle, sound the death-rattle Cf Norw dial *rukla*, in same sense, Ger *rocheln*, "the rattling in the throat of a sleeping or dying person" (Ludw), ? ult eogn with L *rugire*, to roar
- rucksack Swiss Ger (16 cent), from *rucken*, back, with Upper Ger *u* for *u* A tourist word (cf *alpenstock*)
- ruction "A memory of the Insurrection of 1798, which was commonly called 'the Ruction'" (Joyce)
- It was after the rising 'rection 1' th' north, I remember well (*Misogonus*, iv 1, c 1550)
- It was in the time of the 'ruction' (Lover, *Legends of Ireland*)
- rudd Fish Cogn with obs *rud*, red, AS *rudu*, cogn with red Cf *ruddock*

- rudder AS *ioðhor*, steering-oar Com Teut, cf Du *roer* (earlier *roder*), Ger. *rudder*, oar; also ON *röðr*, act of rowing, ult. cogn with L *remis*, G. *ἐρεμύον*, OIr *ráme* See *row*²
- ruddle Red ochre for marking sheep From AS *rudu*, red Also *radde*, *reddle*
- ruddock [dial]. Robin. AS *rudduc* (see *rudd*)
- ruddy. AS *rudig*, from *rudu*, red In earliest use esp of complexion
- It schal be clere, for bevene is rodi (Wyc *Matt* xvi 2)
- rude F, L *rudis*, rough, raw, cf *erudite* Perh slightly influenced by obs *roia*, turbulent, OF. *roide* (*saide*), "rough, fierce, rude, uncivil, violent" (Cotg.), L *rigidus*
- Rudesheimer Wine Ger *Rudesheimer* (sc *wein*), from *Rudesheim*, on Rhine
- rudiment L *rudimentum*, "the first teaching, or instruction" (Coop), from *rudis*, rough
- rue¹ Plant F, L *ruta*, G *frutí*, cf It *ruta*, Sp *ruda*, also AS *rūde*, Ger *raute*, all from L Often used with punning allusion to *rue*²
- I'll set a bank of rue, sour herb of grace, Rue, even for ruth, shortly shall be seen In the remembrance of a weeping queen (*Rich II*, iii 4).
- rue². To repent AS *hrēowan*, cf Du *rouwen*, Ger *reuen*, also ON *hryggih*, sorrow, ruth Archaic noun *rue*, AS *hrēow*, survives in *rueful* The verb was orig impers, cf Ger *es reut mich*
- If I made you son in a pistle, now it rewith me not [*Vulg* non me paenitet] (Wye 2 *Cor*. vii 8)
- ruelle F, morning reception held by lady while still in bed, from *ruelle*, passage between bed and wall, lit alley, dum. of *rue*, street, L *ruga*, furrow Often in ref to F literary circles of 17-18 cents, and formerly used in E in bedroom sense
- Wo in winter-tyrne, with wakyng a nightes, To ryse to the ruel to rocke the cradel (*Piers Plowm* C x. 79).
- ruff¹ Fish Prob for *rough*, hence ModL. *aspredo* (16 cent), scient name, from *asper*, rough
- aspredo* a fish called a ruffe or a goldfish (Flor)
- ruff² Neckwear of 16 cent Orig used in sense of *ruffle* for wrist See *ruffe*¹
- ruff³. Atwhist Orig a card-game F *ronfle*, "hand-ruffe at cards" (Cotg), cf It *ronfa*, "a game at cardes called ruffe or trumpe"

(Flor) These are perh arbitrary purversions of *trionphe* It *trionfo* (see *trionf*)
The nasal is also lost in *Du troef*

ruff Bird Perh named from the ruff of feathers developed by male bird in breeding season But the existence of the fern *reue*² is against this and points to Teut origin with vowel change as in *fox* *cren*

ruffian From 16 cent Cf *I ruffian* It *ruffano* Sp *rufán* MedL *rufianus* all esp in sense of pander ? cogn with *ruffle*² ? or with second element of *adruff* Sense of word in Fr has been affected by association with *roué*

ruffle¹ For wrist Appears later than *riff*² but app belongs to *rifle*² in sense of creasing wrinkling

ruffle² Verb as in to *riffle the surface* Much older (13 cent) than *ruff*² *ruffle*¹ Cf LG *risselen* to crumple curl Oñ *ruffia* to scratch and second element of *dindriff*

I ruff *lithes or zithes* [I read *e lithes*] *the gth m*
out of the *plains fold* *ge* [phonetic (Fai)]

ruffle To swa ger Onb to contend App cogn with Ger *raufen* to pluck tear out whence *sich raufen* to fight cf Ger *ru⁺fen* to pluck (a fowl) *raufbold* ruffler ruffian Became obs in 17 cent but was revived by Scott

ruffly or debaly *d'accordo* (Fount Farr)

rufous From L *rufus* red cogn with *ruber* rug From 16 cent Of Scand origin Cf Norw dial *rog* a coarse coverlet *skinn ru ga* skin rug Sw *rugg* coarse hair cogn with *rau* (qv)

rugby Football From *Rugby School* where in 1823 W W illis first took the ball in his arms and ran with it (*Inscript non Doctor s uall*)

rugged App related to *ru* as *rager* *I* with which it was earlier synon to *ra* It is much older than *ru* ME had *al o ru*) cf Sw *ri* ¹⁰

Th cam this wot d Theban Palamoun

With fi tery berd and ruggy [w rugg d] a shy beeres (Ch A 8th)

Bourbon l Archamba t freu whose antient d ragged ca tle s deriv d th name of th present ror l sam ly f Fra (E elyn)

rugger For *r* by (qv) Cf *soccer*

rugose L *rigosus* from *ruga* furrow wrinkle

ruin Fr *ruine* L *ru na* from *ruere* to ru h down

rule Of *reule* (replaced by *règle*) L *re ula*

from *rehere* to govern direct Main senses appear in L including that of carpenter's rule cf *by rule* and *line* To rule out is to cancel by a rule line

The using p wien conquers re so still (Pope)

rum Spirit Short for earlier *rumble* hon app a jocular formation (? or F *bon d on* hot drink) from *rum*² cf *rum house* wine lit good liquor (16 cent)

rum² Adj App spec use of obs *rum* good a very common cant word (16 cent) which was prefixed with varying sen to a great number of nouns and is supposed to be ident with *rom* (qv) The *D of Cant Cret* gives fifty to ch compds including *rum core* This orig meant a great ro ue

Rumanian (In l) Lang of *Rumania* a Romance lang but owing to geo position now largely of alien vocabulary

Rumansh See *Pomansh*

rumble See *rhi mb*

rumble Imst cf *Du rommelen* Ger *rum meln* Hence archaic *rumble* of a cannon prob from its noisy character also called (c 1800) *rumble* and *rumble tumble*

rumbo [archaic] From *rum*

rumdustious Jocular variation of *robustious*

ruminate From L *ruminare* to chew the cud from *rumen* *rumen* throat used of first stomach of a ruminant

rummage First (156) as noun OF *arrimage* (*arrims*) from *arrimer* (*arrime*) to arrange the cargo in the hold cf *arruma* in same sense An older F f *ru* *a rier* from OF *rin* hold of a hp (see *run*) from AS *rum* room (qv) or one of its cognates for formation cf *arra g r* Quot t shows that *rumage* must have been preceded in Fr by an unrecorded *rumage* the MedL form occurs nine or ten times in the same text and always in connection with win-casks The word first used of casks prob came to En land with the wine-trade Later senses arise from the general dragging about and confusion incident on the stowing of cargo (see quot. 5) *Pumna* *agn* *sile* was orig used of safe at docks of unclaimed goods With Furetière's definition I quot 3

Ad d centum di ta d t que etu l pro ru gno d tarum dolorem (E l of Derby k ped to l 12 and li by La d 1390-93)

Arrum lra so t de pet ts off rs établi les ports, t surt l en G yria qu o t son de pla er et d ranger les marchandises dan un

vaisseau, et surtout celles qui sont en tonneaux, et qui sont en danger de coulage (Furetière).

The romeger whiche they appoynted to romege caske wares in the said shippe (NED 1544)

And that the masters of the ships do looke wel to the romaging, for they might bring away a great deale more than they doe, if they would take paine in the romaging (Hakl 1560)

to rummage the hold ehanger l'arrimage (Lesc)

rummer Du *roemer*, whence also Ger *romer*, "a rummer, brimmer, or primmer, a wide-footed drinking-glass" (Ludw), trad associated with *Romer*, Roman, but from Du *roem*, glory, boast, etc., cf *bumper* Quot below is in transl from Du Current spelling is associated with *rum*¹

They will drinke up whole romers full of aquavite at a draught (Purch)

rumour F *rumeur*, L *rumor-em*

rump ME *rumpe*, from Scand, cf Dan *rumpe*, Sw *rumpa*, cogn with Du *romp*, Ger *rumpf*, trunk (of body)

This fagge end, this rump of a Parliamt with corrupt maggots in it (NED 1649).

Boys do now cry, "Kiss my Parliament!"

(Pepys, Feb 1660)

Now if you ask who nam'd it "Rump," know 'twas so stil'd in an honest sheet of paper (call'd "The Bloody Rump") written before the tryal of our late Sovereign of glorious memory but the word obtain'd not universal notice till it flew from the mouth of Major General Brown at a publick assembly in the daies of Richard Cromwell

(Pref to Rump Songs, 1662)

The situation in Rump Austria is utterly desperate (Obs Jan 18, 1920)

rumple Also earlier *rimple*, cf Ger *rumpfen*, Du *rimpelen*, also AS *hrimpan*, only in p p *gehrumpen*

rumpus Swiss Ger (Basel), ? orig students' slang use of G *ρίμπος*, spinning-top, also commotion, disturbance

rum-tum Light sculling boat, first built and named at Putney (c 1888) Fanciful formation on *rum*², suggested by *funny* (q v) Said to have been named by a music-hall gent of sporting proclivities

run¹ Verb AS *runnan* (usu in form *ynnan*), strong intrans, *eanan*, *æman* (metath of **rennan*), weak trans Com Teut, cf Du *runnen* (obs), *rennen*, Ger *rennen*, *rennen*, ON *runna*, *renna*, Goth *runnan*, *ianujan* The rarity of *runnan* and absence of **rennan* in AS point to the words having been rather borrowed from ON Fig senses, e g to *run to earth*, to *run down*, to *make the running*, are characteristic of E love of hunting and racing In the long run was

orig *at long run*, perh after F *à la longue* To have a run for one's money (even if you lose your bet) is racing slang Cf *out of the running* The *runner up* was orig in coursing To *feel run down* likens the body to a clock

Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it (Hab 11. 2).

run² [naut] "The aftmost or hindmost part of a ship's bottom, where it grows extremely narrow, as the floor approaches the stern-post" (Falc) OF *run*, ship's hold, lit room (q v) See also *rummage* Falc still has *run*, *reun*, as synonyms of *cale*, hold, and also *donner unum à une roche*, to give room (a wide berth) to a rock. It is even likely that the *run of* belongs here (see quot 3)

run the hole, or hold of a ship (Cotg)

Le soubz-tillae ou la marchandise se met, le run, c'est encore plus bas, ou on jette les plus grosses besongnes (Godef 1622)

Pour son entree, et aussi pour avoir le run de la riviere, il paiera quarante solz parisis (Godef 1415)

runagate [archaic] Folk-etym from ME *renegat*, later replaced by *renegade* (q v) *Agale* is a ME adv, on the way, road (see *gale*²), and *run-agale* was no doubt suggested by *run-away*

runcinate [bot] Saw-toothed From L *runcina*, plane, formerly understood as meaning saw

rundale Joint occupation of land in small strips, esp in Ireland From *run*¹ and *dale* (deal¹), division, share. Cf synon Sc *runrig*

rune Dan, ON. *rūn*, mystery, dark secret, cf AS *rūn* (see *round*²) Spec sense of letter of earliest Teut alphabet was adopted (17 cent) from Dan writers on Norse antiquities Cf Ger *rune*, similarly borrowed by 17 cent antiquaries Evelyn speaks of *runic characters*

rung AS *hrung*, cf Du *rong*, Ger *runge*, Goth *hrugga* In E now only of ladder, but in Sc still used for a cudgel, staff

runlet¹ [archaic] Cask OF *rondellet*, double dim of *rond*, round

runlet² From *runnel* (q v), after *streamlet*, etc

runnel For earlier *rimel*, *rindle*, AS *rinnelle*, brook, from stem of *run*¹, cf Ger *rinne*, channel, gutter

runt Small cattle Du *rund*, ox, cf Ger *rind* (as in *rinderpest*), obs E *rother* Also applied to uncouth or undersized person,

Ger., suggests rather connection with Ger *raden*, corn-cockle, OHG *rāto*.

swroye darnell, r3, iveray (Cotg)

ryot Ind peasant Urdu *rayyat*, ult Arab (see *rayah*)

s- This is by far the largest init in E. and occupies about one-seventh of the diet. It includes a large number of words of init and Celtic origin (*slam*, *squeal*, *sizzle*, etc.) and many others which have been altered or influenced by such associations. There are also many long-standing words in s- of which the origin has not been actually cleared up, though in many cases it is easy to point to related words in Scand. and other Teut langs. Initial s- also differs from other sounds in its detachable character, and also in the fact that it is often prefixed as an intensive, esp in *sci-*, *spl-*, *squ-*. The classical example of the first phenomenon is the infantile *tummy*, while *s-mash*, *s-quash*, *s-catch*, *s-ciunch*, etc. illustrate the second. So also Nottingham was orig *Snottlingham*, *queasy*, *squeasy*, *quinsy*, *squinsy*, occur indifferently in early texts. Machyn in his *Diary* (1550-63) writes *stoich* for *toich* and *troug* for *strong*, and both Palsgrave and Addison use *scuttle-fish*. We find the same tendency in proper names, e g in ME Rolls the same individual will be entered as *Stacey* (from Eustace) or *Tacey*, *Spink* (chaffinch) or *Pink*, *Turgis* (AS *Thurgis*, Thor hostage) or *Sturgess*. The same peculiarity is noticed in F (see *Excalibur*, *scaffold*) and far back in the Aryan langs, e g *foam* is cogn with L *s-puma*, *s-now* with L *niv*, *nu-*. As I write (1917) there is a slang tendency to say *snice* for *nice*, etc. It will thus be seen that the s- words form a thorny district of etymology. It should be noted also that a large number of words in *sc-*, *sp-*, *st-*, correspond to OF. words which were normally spelt *esc-*, *esp-*, *est-*, e g *scarlet*, *spice*, *state*. This phenomenon is due to the VL tendency to prefix a vowel sound in order to facilitate the pronunc of L *sc-*, *sp-*, *st-*. ModF has now usually lost the *-s-* (*écarlate*, *épice*, *état*).

The freight and all hoder [other] scostys therof (Cely Papers, 15 cent)

Sabaoth L (*Vulg*), G (LXX), Heb *šebā'ōth*, pl of *šābā*, host, army. By early writers often confused with *sabbath*.

sabbath L, G, Heb *šabbāth*, from *šābath*, to rest. Orig Saturday, which is still the meaning of It. *sabbato*, Sp *sábado*, while L *sabbatum* is also the first element of F. *samedî*, Ger *samslag*. Mod sense dates from Reformation, the old *Lord's Day* being still preferred by some sects. F *sabbat* is applied only to the Jewish sabbath, or to a sorcerers' revel, "witches' sabbath," a relic of medieval superstition as to the Jews. *Sabbatarian*, in various senses, is 17 cent. *Sabbatical year*, one off in seven for hard-worked professors, is US.

Sabine [Ing] Ancient Italic dial., traces of which are found in L.

sable OF (replaced by cogn *zibelline*, It *zibellino*); cf MedL *sabeltun*, Du *sabel*, Ger *zobel*, all from Russ *sobol'*, name of the animal. Her sense of black is perh. due to the fur being artificially darkened in order to make a stronger contrast with the ermine which commonly accompanied it.

sabot F, cogn with *savate* (q v), both with orig *sa-*. *Sabotage*, malicious damage (done by strikers), is from slang *saboter*, to work badly, from contemptuous slang sense of *sabot*, rubbish, etc.

No longer will the [Russian] army be handicapped by the sabotage of the central authorities

(Daily Chron Mar 16, 1917).

sabre F, Ger *säbel*, "a sable, sabre, falchion, hanger, cutlass, scimitar" (Ludw.), introduced (c 1500) from the East (cf. *hussar*), and applied to the Turk curved sword, cf Russ *sabija*, Pol *szabla*. Origin unknown. The archaic *shabble* (Scott) is It *sciabla*, prob from Hungar *szablya*. *Sabretache* is F., Ger *säbeltasche*, from *tasche*, pocket.

sabulous L *sabulosus*, from *sabulum*, sand.

sac F, sack. In sense of dress in Pepys (Mar 2, 1669).

saccate [bot] Dilated. MedL *saccatus*, from *saccus*, sack, bag.

saccharine Adj From MedL *saccharum*, G *σάκχαρον*, sugar (q v). As noun for *saccharin*, F, discovered and named (1880) by Péligot.

sacerdotal F, L *sacerdotalis*, from *sacerdos*, *sacerdot-*, priest, lit offerer of sacrifices, from *sacer*, sacred, *dare*, to give.

sachem From early 17 cent N Amer Ind. (Narragansett), cogn with *sagamore*.

sachet F, dim of *sac*, sack, bag.

sack¹ Bag. AS *sacc* or F *sac*, L *saccus*, G *σάκος*, Heb *saq*, cf Assyrian *saqqu*. In most

Europ langs including Celt & Slav

This remarkable word has travelled everywhere together (as I suppose) with the story of Joseph (Skeat) The penitential *sackcloth* of the Bible was of goats or camels hair *Sack* plunder *I sac* It *sacco* orig in to put to sack is the same word cf sporting use of *bag* Also *sack* garment sometimes *sacque* a word belonging to the same kind of *Γ* as *éques trienne*

on i y a do nd so sac [et s e ul] &c. he h th his passport given him he is turned o t to grazing (said of a servant whom his master hath put awa) (Colr)

d s e d sac th word whereb a comm nd authori eth his so ld ers to sa k a place or peopl (sh)

sack¹ [archaic] Sp wine Orig (16 cent.) *wyne sek* *Γ* rin *sek* dry wine cf Ger *sekt* orig used of Sp wine Du *sek* *sack* (a sort of wine) (Sewel) mod Ger *sens* champagne being due perh to a blunder of the actor Devrient when playing Falstaff The altered form *sack* is from a mistaken idea that the wine was strained through a sack or bag

sackbut Kind of trombone *Γ* *saquebute* from OF *saguer* to drag *bouter* to shove the same word (*saqueboute*) being used in OF for a hooked lance with which a horse man could be brought down cf Sp *saca buche* sackbut pump-tube prob from *Γ* In *Din* it is a mistransl due to superficial resemblance of form of L *sacculus* C *σάββον* a strun ed instrument of Adam origin Wyc has *samēbute* Coverd *shan ne* See *hackbut*

sackless [archaic & dial] Innocent 15 *sac as* from *sa u* dispute at law crime (see *sake*)

sacque See *sack¹*

sacrament *Γ* *sacrament* L *sacramentum* an oath pl-dge etc from *sacra e* from *sa r* holy ult cogn with *saint* cf *Γ* *serment* oath, OF *sa rement* Adopted in early Church L as rendering of C *μυστήριον* mystery

sacrarium L sanctuary from *sacer* holy **sacré** F sacred euph for *sacré nom de Dieu* etc

sacred Orig p p of *MF* *sa re* to bless *Γ* *sacer* L *sacrare* (v 9) The verb also survives in *sac ing bell*

sacrifice *Γ* L *sacrificium* from *sacer* holy *facere* to make

sacrilege F *sacrilège* L *sacrilegium* from *sacrile* us stealer of sacred things from *lege* e to gather

sacristan *MF* *sacristanus* for Late L *sacrista* keeper of holy things whence also archaic *sacrist* See *q t n* and cf *ac* of which the pop form was *sexter*

sacrosanct L *sa rosand* from *a er* holy *san t s* holy cf *Γ* *acrsant*

sacrum [anat] L *os acrum* (t sacred bone *sac AS* *sad* *safed* Com Teut cf Du *sad*

Ger *salt* ON *saftr* Goth *saths* all in enee of saturated com ith L *saf sa s* current en e of l word was reached as that of settled order sober (as in *sad colore d dress*) esp in *sad sal m e* In dial still freely used of physical objects in sense of dense heavy etc e.g. *saf pastry* Mod fed up is a parallel to the curious hist of this word Shaks plays on old and current senses (Rom & Jul 1. 1)

The gr of God, send *sad esse* and I stane of lyf-dod to our ewe fraterniti

(14th Serch, 14th cent 130)

I wys sh y o thyng to sad as I old be wer (Parson Let 164)

saddle AS *sadel* Com Teut cf Du *sadel* *not* (er *sadel* ON *s* *thull* ult cogn with *sit* and L *se re* cf I *ella* saddle for *sedle* Fig to *sad t e* (e.g. with blame) is evolved from old *r* to lay the saddle on the right horse With *sad t e* cf I a *gon* from arc bow when e *de ar* owner to unsaddle unhorse *Saddles* (uncorr *saddelback*) upholstery imitates the carpet material used for saddle-bags carried on camels in the East

Sadducee Late I Late G *Saion* a ve Late Heb *Ṣadduṣ* from pers name *Ṣadduṣ* Zadok (*Sain* vul 17) from whom the priesthood of the captivity claimed descent Orig one of the three Jewish sects (cf *Fssene Phari ee*)

sadism [med] Sexual pervers on with love of cruelty F *sad sme* from *Com* (commonly called Marquis) de *Sade* who died (1814) in a lunatic asylum author of famous books

safari Procession caravan. Arab from *safa a* to travel

Long *sa*ans of surrend ed a *karis* and porters (Daily Ch on Nov 30, 19 7)

safe F *sau* L *salvus* cogn with G *lor* whole cf It Sp *salvo* and see *sal er* With *sife* and *sownd* (13 cent) cf *Γ* *sain* cf *sau* With *saf* conduct altered from

ME *sauf conduit*, *sauf coundyte* (13 cent), F. *sauf-conduit*, cf *safeguard*, F *sauegarde* Noun *safe*, orig for meat (*Prompt Parv*), is for earlier *save*, from verb

saffron F *safran*, ult Arab *za'fai'ān* In most Europ langs

sag From 15 cent, also *sack* Cf Du *zakken*, Sw *sacka*, to subside, also in spec naut sense, cogn with Norw dial *sakka*, ON. *sokkva*, to sink "It seems possible that the word is orig WScand, and has passed (? as a naut term) into Sw Du LG, and (perh through LG) into E" (*NED*) Ger has *sachen* (naut) from LG All cogn with *sink*

The sagge of the sea to leewards (Hakl iii 259)

saga ON, medieval prose narrative (Iceland and Norway) Introduced by 18 cent antiquaries (cf *rune*, *berserk*, etc) See *saw*²

sagacious From L *sagax*, *sagax*-, from *sagire*, to discern acutely, ult cogn with *seek* Orig of animals

sagamore From c 1600 NAME Ind (Penobscot) *sagamo*, sachem

sage¹ Plant F *sauge*, L *salvia*, from *salvus*, in allusion to preserving properties, cf It Sp *salvia*, Ger. *salbei*, etc For vowel cf *safe*, *chafe*

sage² Wise F, VL **sapius*, for *sapiens*, from *sapere*, to know, cf It *saggio*, Sp *sabio* As noun orig applied to the *Seven Sages*

saggar, seggar [*techn*] Fireproof clay enclosing fine porcelain in oven Corrupt of *safeguard*

sagittary L *sagittarius*, archer, from *sagitta*, arrow

sago Malay *sāgū*, cf F. *sagon*, Ger *sago*, etc. From 16 cent

Sahara Arab *ṣaḥrā*, desert

Lybia he calleth Sarra, for so the Arabians call a desert (Purch)

sahib. Urdu, Arab *ṣāḥib*, friend, used as respectful address to Europeans and also in some native titles (*Tippoo Sahib*, *Nana Sahib*) Now common in the services for "white man"

If ever I do meet one performing such a feat, I shall say, "There goes a sahib—and a soldier" (Ian Hay, *First Hundred Thousand*).

sail AS *segl* Com Teut, cf Du *zeil* (earlier *seghel*), Ger *segel*, ON *segl* Sense of ship (*forty sail*, *sail ho*) may go back to the period of the single sail With the verb,

AS *seglian*, cf F *cingler*, OF *singler*, nasalized from ON *sigla* *Sailor*, earlier (15 cent) *sailer*, is much later than *seaman*, *mariner*, which explains its absence from the surname list (*Saylor* means leaper, dancer; see my *Surnames*, p 118).

sainfoin F, lit wholesome hay, L *sanum* and *focnum*, but often understood as *saint foyn* and rendered in E by *holy hay*

saint F, L *sanctus*, from *sancire*, to consecrate (cf *sanction*), cogn with *sacer* In most Europ langs In ME it regularly coalesces with following name (see *lawdry* and cf educated pronunc of name *St John*) Quot below shows origin of *Tooley St*.

In saynt Towlles [Saint Olave's] in the Oll' Jury (Machyn's *Diary*, 1550-63)

Saint Bernard From Hospice of the Great *St Bernard*, pass between Italy and Switzerland Cf Ger *bernardiner* (dog)

Saint-Leger Race established (1776) by *Colonel St Leger*

Saint Lubbock Bank holiday (q v), cf *Saint Monday*, F *fête saint Lundi*

Saint Michael Orange One of the Azores Saint-Simonian Of *Saint-Simon*, F socialist (†1825) Cf *Fourierism*

sais See *syce*

sake AS *sacu*, dispute at law, accusation, crime Com Teut, cf Du *zaak*, Ger *sache*, ON *sök*, Gotl *sakþō*, quarrel, ult cogn with *seek* See *forsake*, *namesake* Sense has become much limited and the word is now only used with *for*, earlier meanings being replaced by *case*, *cause* Ger *sache*, thing, affair, still preserves sense of quarrel, cause, etc., for sense of thing cf F *chose*, L *causa* For consciences *sake* is in *Piers Plowm*

sake Fermented drunk from rice Jap *sake*.

saker [*hist*] Cannon Earlier, kind of hawk, F *sacre*, "a saker, the hawk, and the artillery, so called" (Cotg), It *sacro*, Arab *ṣagr* Cf *musket*, *falconet*, *culverin*, etc

saki Saker monkey F (Buffon) for Tupi (Brazil) *ṣaky*

sal, saul EInd tree Hind *sāl*, Sanskrit *sāla*

salaam Arab *salām*, peace, as greeting, cf Heb *shālōm* (*Judges*, vi 23-4) Du *soebatten*, to address cringingly, from Malay

sobat, friend, may be regarded as a parallel salacious From L *salax*, *salac*-, lustful, from *salire*, to leap

salad F *salade* L *salata* (sc *herba*) from *salare* from *sal* salt

My *sal* d d ya,
Wh n I was gr n m judgm t b d in blood

salade [hist] See *sallet* (A t & Cl p i s)

salamander F *salumandre* I G *salma*
μ *hpa* lizard supposed to be able to en-
dure fire prob of Eastern origin

sal ammoniac See *ammonia*

salary F *salair* L *salarium* soldiers pay
orig allowance for salt Cf *batta*

sale Late AS *sala* from ON See *sell*

Salem Nonconformist chapel from *Jeru-*
salem (see Heb vii 1) ? c gn with *salaam*
cf *Beth* l

salep Meal from dried tuber cf F Sp *salep*
Turk *salep* Arab *tha lab* for *thasyn* cf
tha lab orchid lit f v testicles

saleratus [US] ModL *sal aeratus* aerated
salt

sallet [hist] See *sallet*

Sahan From L *Salm* priests of Mars ? lit
leapers from *sal* re

Sahan² As *Salic*

Salic [hist] F *salique* ModL *Salicis* Sahan
Frank tribe near Zuyder Zee wh nce
prang the Merovingians Perh from the
river *Sala* (now *Yssel*) which runs into the
Zuyder Zee Esp in *Salic law* error sup-
posed to refer to exclusion of females from
succession invoked (1316) by Philip V of
France

salicional Organ stop Ger *salicional* from
L *salix* willow because sug esting tone of
willow p pe

salicyl [chem] F *salicyle* from L *salix*
salix willow

salient From pres part of L *salire* to leap
whence F *saillir* to jut out wh h has
given the C sense Now very familiar as
noun (mil)

saliferous From L *sal* salt after F *salif* &
saline VL *salinis* from *sal* salt cf *salinar*
salt pans So also F *alin* It Sp *sal no*
saliva L spittle

salleeman sallyman Sailor's name for
marine hydrozoan for *Sallee man* i e
pirate from *Sallee* (Morocco) Cf *Porti*
guese man-of-war

sallender Di ease in hock of ho se (16 cent)
Cf F *solandre* App in some way asso-
ciated with obs *mananler* (q v) wh h
occurs much earlier (Frompt *Paris*)

sallender are hop o mangy sores in the bending
of horse's h gh as th maldenders e in the ees
(*Cent Dict* 1705)

sallet *salade* [hist] Gen name for helmet
between the *bascinet* and the *morion* orig
a plain steel cap F *salade* It *cel ta* a
small helmet a morion a *sallet* a head-
piece (Flor) from *celare* to hide (or Sp
celada from *celar*) perh because ung worn
under a hood or like the bascinet under
the ornamental tilting helm Cf It *se-*
creta a thinn steel cap or lo e skull
worne under a hat (Flor) and obs F
secrete segrette an iron scull or cap of
fence (Ctg) *jacks* and *sallets* *jacked*
and *salletted* is the regular 15 cent de-
scription of varlike array (passim in
Paston Let) correspondent to F *jacque*
et *secrete* of the same period

sallow sally Willow AS *sealh* I OHG
salah (surviving in *saluete* sally w thy)
ON *selja* cogn with L *salix* C A t
Gael *seile ch* Ir *a leach* Welsh *heli*
F *sauie* a willow or withy tree
(Cotg) is from Teut

sallow Adj AS *salu salu* cf ar hai Du
sa i x OHG *sal* ON *sv* F *ste* dirty
is from Teut For form of *sallow* ? (see
for MC *se*) Cf *fall w fa you saal on* etc
sally F *saillie* p p fem of *saillir* to rush
L *salis* e to leap Cf *sortie* Fig outbreak
(of wit etc) from *sal* cent In early use
both noun and v sb a e usu follo ved by
out Hence also *sally* (bell ringing) first
movement later applied to the woolly
gnps on the rope

Sally Lunn Saud (by If ne 1827) to be
named from a young cman who first
cried them at Bath c 1780-90

salmagundi F *salmigondis* earlier *salm*
goudin a hachee (Cotg) app connected
with It *salam* salted meat from *sal* salt
Cf also F *salin* (s) explained as shortened
from *salm* *oids* but perh the original of
that word As th latter is app first re-
corded in *Kabelais* it may be one of his
fantastic coinages For fig sense cf *g I*
mauf ry

salm See *salmagu di*

salmiac Ger *salin ak* for *sal ammoniak*

salmon ME also *san on* *saumon* F I
salmo n cf L *salu* trout both prob
from Celt For Teut name see *lax*

saloon F *salon* from *sallo* hall OF *sale*
Ger *sal* cogn with AS *sal* ON *sal* cf
Goth *saljan* to dwell *Salon* was natural-
ized in 18 cent I but is now used only of
France esp in ref to art and literature
Later spec gen er of *saloon* are mostly US

saloop Var of *salep*

Salopian Of Shropshire, esp of Shrewsbury School AF *Sloppesberie*, for AS *Scrobbesbyrig*, by confusion of -r-, -l-, was further corrupted to *Salop*- For inserted vowel cf F *canif*, knife, *semaque*, (fishing) smack, etc

salpiglossis Plant Irreg from G *σάλπιγξ*, trumpet, *γλῶσσα*, tongue

salsify Vegetable F *salsifis*, earlier *sassefique*, *sassefrigue*, etc, It *sassefrica*, from L *fricare*, to rub, prob in allusion to some med property Cf *savifrage* (q v)

sassifrica as *sassifraga* (Flor).

salt AS *sealt* Waryan, cf Du *zout*, Ger. *salz*, ON Goth *salt*, L *sal*, G *als*, Ir *salann*, Welsh *halen*, Russ *sol'* Earliest E sense is the current one of sodium chloride, but many other chem senses date from ME Earliest allusive sense is *salt of the earth* (Matt v 13) With *true to one's salt* cf *salary* Worth *one's salt* is app mod and naut With *a grain of salt*, sometimes latinized as *cum grano salis*, is 17 cent Above (below) the *salt* refers to the large salt-cellar halfway down a medieval table With *salt*, sailor, cf *tar* To *salt* (a mine) is perh allusive to the *salt-lick* which attracts deer and cattle With *salted*, of horses immune to disease, cf fig use of *seasoned*

It is, a foolish bird that staeeth the laying salt on his taile (*Euphues*)

manger à un grain de sel to eat a man at a mouthfull (the crackle of a braggadochio,) also to eat his meate hastily, or greedily, without staying for any sawce, or seasoning, other than a corne of salt will yeeld him (Cotg)

saltarello [mus] It, from *saltare*, to dance

saltation L *saltatio-n-*, from *saltare*, frequent of *salire*, to leap

salt-cellar Altered (16 cent), on *cellar*, from *salt-seller*, pleon for ME *saler*, *seler*, F *salière*, "a salt-seller" (Cotg), from L *sal*, salt For pleon cf *pea-jacket*.

saltern Salt-works AS *seallein*, second element, *ærn*, dwelling, cogn with ON *rann*, house (see *ransack*)

saltgrade [biol] Going by jumps, L *per saltum*, cf *plantigrade*

saltire [her] F *sautoir*, St Andrew's Cross (x), orig stirrup-rope, Late L *saltatorium*, from *saltare*, frequent of *salire*, to leap Also in F. a sash worn cross-wise

saltpetre Altered, on *salt*, from earlier *salpetre* (Chauc), F *salpêtre*, MedL. *sal petrae*,

salt of stone, because found 'as incrustation on rocks

salubrious From L *salubris*, from *salus*, health, cogn with *salvus*, safe

salutary F *salutaire*, L. *salutaris*, from *salus* (v s)

salute L *salutare*, to hail, wish health, *salus*

salvage OF, from *salver* (*sauver*), Late L *salvare*, from *salvus*, safe Immediate source is prob MedL *salvagium*.

salvation Restored from ME *sauvacion*, OF *sauvacion*, *salvatum*, etc, L *salvatio-n-*, from *salvare* (v s), used in Church L to render G *σωτηρία* The Salvation Army (1878) is now translated into most Europ langs, e g F *armée de salut*, Ger *heil-armee*

salve¹ Ointment AS *sealf*, cf Du. *zalf*, Ger *salbe*, ult cogn with Sanskrit *sarpis*, clarified butter Replaced by *ointment*, exc in compds With verb, now also usu fig, cf Goth *salbōn*, to heal In some uses, e g to *salve one's conscience*, evidently associated with *salve*² (cf *salvo*²)

salve² To rescue Back-formation from *salvage*

salver Altered, on *platter*, *trencher*, from F *salve*, Sp *salva*, "a taste, a salutation" (Percyvall), from *salvar*, to save, orig applied to the "pre-gustation" of food and drink, partly as precaution against poison. See *credence* and cf Ger. *credenzen*, to pour out, from It

salvia Plant L, sage¹

salvo¹ Of artillery It *salva*, "a vohe or tire of ordnance" (Flor), orig *salute*, cf L *salve*¹ hail¹ For incorr -o in words from Sp & It cf *bastinado*, *ambuscado*, etc

salvo² [leg] Saving clause L, abl of *salvus*, safe, in such phrases as *salvo jure*, without prejudice to the right Cf *save*².

A salvo to conscience (NED 1874)

sal volatile ModL (17 cent), volatile salt Sam, Uncle. First came into use, as nickname for US government and contrast with *John Bull*, during war with Britan (1813) No doubt suggested by initials US Hence *Sammy*, Amer soldier, used in first US offic message from front (Oct 17, 1917).

Sam, upon my [slang] App for earlier *salmon* (in 16 cent cant), explained by contemporary writers as for *Salomon*, i.e Solomon To stand *Sam(my)*, 19 cent slang, may be of different origin

salvor the beggars sacrament or oath

(*Dict. Cant Crew*).

Samaritan Usu allusive to *Luke* x 33
 Late L. G. from *Samar* a Samaria
sambo Of part negro blood Sp *sambo*
 As nickname for negro perh Foulah
sambo uncle But a W Afr tribe called the
Samboses is mentioned repeatedly in the
 narrative of the Hawkins voyage of 1534
 and *Sambo* would be a natural brick for
 mation from this (cf *Chinse*)
Sam Browne Mil belt From Sir *Samuel*
Browne Indian general (19 cent)
sambur In han elk Hind *sabir* *sāmbūr*
 samr ON *samb* Com Teut. cf AS *sud*
sū a likewise OIIG *sama* Goth. *sai* a
 cogn with L *similis* G *upo* Ir *som* al o
 with *some* *some*
Saman Of *Samos* C island
samite [poet] OF *samit* whence also Ger
sa nit velvet cf It *scianito* Sp *jamate*
 ModL *examitum* MedG *ḥamīr* opp
 sit thread ² and ³ ros cf *dimity* *twill*
drill ⁴ Obs from c 1600 till revived by
 Tennyson
samlet Young salmon (Walton) cf earlier
salmonet
Sammy [neol] Ub soldier See *Sam* *uncle*
Samnite [h 16] Ancient Italic dial
samovar Russ lit self boiler (v a) with
 first element ult cogn with *samie*
Samoyede [h 16] Turanian lang of Mongol
 race in Siberia Russ lit self-eater (v s)
 cannibal a meaning given by Purch (1613)
sampan Chin boat Chin *san-pan* three
 board
samphire Altered perh after archaic *cam*
phire camphor from 16 cent *samfere*
sampier etc. I (*herbe de*) *sa nit* Pierre
sampire (Cot) a name perh due to
 association of *Peter* with *rock*
sample Aphet for ME *essample* illustra-
 tion parable etc (see *example*) current
 sense being later (15 cent) Cf *sampler*
 OF *esse* *plume* exemplar
mpla a pattern *sampl* or *sampl* (Cotg)
Samurai Jap orig mil retainer of the
 daimio
sanatorium ModL (19 cent) from *sanare*
 to cure Also in Ger
sanbenito [hist] Worn under Inquisition
 by impenitent heretic at auto-da-fé From
 resemblance to scapular introduced by *St*
Benedict
 My description of crown
 All the flames and the dais were turned up-
 down
 O this habit is a holy term of San Benito
 (J. G. S. 1849)

sanctify Restored from ME *sa r fy* Of
sanctifier (*sanct* *fy*) L *sancti* are from
sa ctus holy *facere* to make
sanctimonious From *sancti* + L *sanc-*
monia holiness Not always di paragin
 though first occurrence c (14 as *for* *Meas*
 1 2) has current sense
sanction F L *sanctio*-n law decree from
san re *sanct* to ratify make s cred
 Current sense of authoritative permission
 is latest.
sancity Restored from ME *sauncity* +
sa nctid L *sanctitas* *tit*
sanctuary Restored from ME *sa ncti* +
sanctery etc (see *sanctry*) OF *sa ncti*
(sanctuaries) L *sanctuarius* n irreg from
sanctus holy cf It Sp *sanctuari* Orig
 in rel sense esp of the Jews h h of
houses *Flight of sanctuary* in crim lal ca es
 was abolished 16 5 in civil cases 1 18
 and 1722 but the abbey of H lyrod is
 still theoretically a sanctuary for debt rs
sanctum L holy (place) Fig sense is 19
 cent. Prob for earlier *sanctum* + ne *san* m
 rendering G to *ay* or *two* *your* *Heb*
qōdesh *hagga* *qōdeshim*
sanctus L unit word of angelic hymn
 (Is vi 3) concluding preface of euchar. t.
sand AS *sand* *sa nct* Com Teut. cf Du
sand Ger *sand* ON *sand* Ub sense of
 pluck is a mod variation on *g i f v ar*
a sa i boy is explained (1843) in a *SLs* q
Dict with ref to the cheerful ragan uffins
 who drive the sand laden nedd es through
 our streets With US *sandman* personi-
 fication of sleepiness Ger *sandmann* cf
 Nor *Qu Ludo* the dustman Olaf St nt
 eye and see *Heb* *ll x ll* *ll nt* To *sand*
 be is chiefly L 9 See also *a trick*
 Host men hoc agum te q el p d re ucos
 Ducimus, et latus et ril v rambu 1
 2) vol 49)
 With sweating bro es I long h pl with the and
 (I rone 139c)
 What the [Germ] re of t on was being said
 tracked in Farham st. it was being sand tagged
 in the proletan t (Iw by New Mar 1 1 19)
sandal F *sanda* L *sandalis* pl of *san-*
dalius C o *calceus* dim of *sarcinallus*
 perh of Pers origin
sandal wood For earl. r *sandal* cf ModL
sandalum OF *sandie* *sa dre* whence MF
sandrs also It *sandalo* Sp *sa la o* Ger
sandul from OF and Arab *sandal* (It
Sanskrit *kandāra*)
sandarac Resin earlier red arsenic sulphide

- L *sandaraca*, G *σανδαράκη*, prob a foreign word In all Rom langs
- sandblind [*archaic*] Purbblind First element is AS *sam-*, half, common in such compds, cf dial *samsodden*, imbecile, lit half cooked, cogn with L *semi*
- sandwich Recorded 1762 "Said to be named from John Montagu, 4th *Earl of Sandwich* (1718-92) who once spent twenty-four hours at the gaming-table without other refreshment than some slices of cold beef placed between slices of toast" (NED). This explanation has the merit of being contemporary (Grosley's *Londres*, 1770)
- Sandy Nickname for Scotsman For *Alexander*, whence also *Sanders*, *Saunders* Cf *Paddy* and see also *Saamey* A Borderer named Sandy Armstrong is mentioned in *Privy Council Acts* 1557-8
- You'll please to remember the Fifth of November, Sebastopol powder and shot,
When General Liprandi met [at Inkhermann] John, Pat and Sandy,
And a jolly good licking he got (*Top song*, 1854)
- sane L *sanus*, healthy, ult cogn with *sacer* (cf relation of *whole* to *holy*), cf F *sain* Spee sense of E word is due to influence of earlier *insane* (q v)
- sangar [*mil*] Breastwork of stone A Push-too word
- sangaree Sp *sangria*, drink composed of red wine and lemon, lit bleeding
- sang-de-bœuf In ref to porcelain F, lit bullock's blood Cf *pigeon's blood ruby*
- sang-froid F, cold blood
- Sangrado Ignorant doctor, Character in Lesage's *Gil Blas* (c 1700), from Sp *sangrador*, bleeder
- sangrail [*poet*] OF *saint graal* (see *grail*, *holy*) The form *sangreal* (Scott, Meredith) is due to the spurious etym, royal blood, OF *sang-reial*
- sanguinary F *sanguinaire*, L *sanguinaris*, from *sanguis*, *sanguin-*, blood
- sanguine F *sanguin*, from L *sanguineus* (v s), applied to one of the four "humours" of medieval physiology
- Of his complexion he was sangwÿn (Chauc. A 333)
- sanhedrim Supreme council of Jews with 71 members Late Heb *sanhedrîn*, G *συνέδριον*, council, from *σύν*, together, *ἔδρα*, seat Incorr -m of E form is due to *cherubim*, etc
- A war cannot be carried on by a Sanhedrim (D Lloyd George)
- sancle Plant F, MedL *sanicula*, from *sanus*, whole, from healing properties
- sanitary F *santaire*, from L *sanitas*, health, from *sanus*, healthy This word, after its great 19 cent vogue, is being cut out by the more fashionable *hygienic*
- sanity L *sanitas*, -lat-, whence also F *santé*, health See *sane*
- sanjak Division of vilayet Turk *sanyâq*, lit. banner
- sans F, without, OF *sens*, VL **sene*, for *sine* (sine, if not), with adv. -s Fully naturalized, as *saun*, *saunce*, etc, from 11 to 16 cent, but now usu only as echo, of *As You Like It*, ii 7 *Sans peur et sans reproche* was orig applied to Bayard *Sans phrase* is from *la mort sans phrase*, attributed to Sieyès voting death of Louis XVI The writer often passes a house call, *Sans-gêne* (for F *gêne*, constraint, see *henna*) which before the War was c of *Sans-souci* (solitude), the name given to Frederick the Great to his palace at Potsdam
- sanseulotte [*hist*] F. revolutionary in sal-lit without breeches (*culotte* fr. posterior), usu explained as wearers instead of the knee-breeches "upper classes But in caricature, orig apt-time the "netlier garments of food and spicuous by their absence" (against poison)
- Sanskrit [*ling*] Sanskrit *sam-*, *zen*, to pour together, perfected, from *sa-* cogn with *same*, kr, to perfect
- create Cf Prakrit *salva*, "a volhe or (till 18 cent) secret", orig salute, cf oldest member of Ary, -o in words from by Purch (1617) *o, ambuscado*, etc
- Santa Claus Orig *Yause* L, abl of *salvus*, Du *Sint Klas*, *ses* as *salvo mine*, without *Niklaus*, patron light Cf *save*².
- santon Europ *n* (NED 1874)
- santon, hypocrite
- also F *santon* (cent), volatile salt
- sap¹ Of plants AS *sæp* WGer, cf. Du *sap*, Ger *saft*, juice (OHG *saf*), cogn with ON *safi*, and perh with L *sapere*, to taste (get to know), *sapa*, must boiled thick, whence, by association with Teut word, F *seve*, sap Some authorities regard the Teut words as borrowed directly from L *sapa* with other wine-words *Sapgreen*, after Du *sapgroen*, was orig prepared from juice of buckthorn-berries
- sap² To undermine Earlier (16 cent) *zappe*, It *zappare*, from *zappa*, spade,

- whence also *F saper* cf *Sp apa* spade
 Lat. *L sappa* (6 cent.) of unknown origin
 With *sap* to swot cf synonym *F piocher*
 from *pioche* pick mattock The Royal
 Engineers were till 1859 *Sappers* and
 Miners In fig sense to exhaust under
 mine prob coloured by *sap*
sap [slan_o] Simpleton Short for *ial*
sapski *ll* from *sap* in sense of soft wood
sanseri [*tyf*] Without *serif* serifish [*q v*]
 Is recorded earl: r than the word from
 which it is app: derived
sapajou *SAm r* monkey *F* from (Cayenne
sapan wood Adapted (16 cent.) from Du
sapa *i* *hout* Malay from some SInd lang
 cf Tamil *shappan am*
sapid *L* *sapidi* *s* savoury See *savient*
sapient From pres part of *L sapere* to
 know orig: to taste (cf *sap*)
spling From *sap*
nodilla Tree *Sp zapotillo* *lim* of *sap* *le*
g *lex* *zapoll*
 Te:aceous From *L sapon* *n* soap
sante *L* savour from *sape* *e* to taste
saka *a* See *sapodilla*
Samm^{ment} Ger oath disguised for *satra*
Samm^{it} *F* *saphique* *L* *G* *Sap* *e* from
samovar poetess of Lesbos (c 600 B.C.)
first el
Samoyede *F* *saphir* *L* *G* *sap* *pos* Heb
 race in Su Sanskrit *an priya* lit dear to the
 cannibal *e* turn
sampan *Ch* *ed* Septic poisoning From
 board putri! Cf *anaem a*
samphire Altere *s* *sarba* *id* lit head band
phire camphor *e* *L* *Saracenus* Late *L*
samper etc *F* *Sarrasin* *It* *Saraceno*
sampire (Cotg) *rou* *MI* *vars* chiefly
 association of *Peter* *w* *empt* at association
sample *Aphet* for *Mt* *aham* (cf *Ha areno*)
tion *parable* etc (see certain path from
 sense being later (15) cf *Oriental* *ina*
OF assemblage *etern* *rol* *ing* *east*)
Fu *to* *to* *to*
Saratoga trunk [US] From *Saratoga* *Sprin* *s*
 summer resort in New York State
sarawak (hence *uvr*) From *Sarawak* Borneo
 where Rajah Brooke established a kind of
 kingdom (1841)
 There is only one place now in the world that two
 strong men can *Sar a* *wh* *k*
 (kpl) *e* *blan* *wh* would be *king*)
sarbacane [*list*] Blo: pipe *ex* trumpet
F altered (on *car* *ne*) from earlier *sarba*
lenne a long trunk to hoot in (Cotg)

- Sp cerbatino* Arab *zabatana* *3* Cf *im*
lan
sarcasm Farlier (16 cent.) *arcasmo* Late
L Late *G* *sarxasmos* from *sarxas* *t*
 speak bitterly lit to tear flesh *e* *cf*
sarpe
sarcenet See *sa senet*
sarcoma Fleshy tumour *G* *ap* *ma* from
e *i* *sarp* flesh
sarcophagus *L* *G* *sarxophagos* lit flesh
 eating (*e*) *conf* *n* *ma* *!* of a stone reputed
 to consume the body *Hen e* Ger *sa* *g* *t*
dim *cc* *ene* *!* coffin
sard Gem *F* *le* *L* *sa* *da* *svn* *n* with
sa *diu* *sardine*
Sard *Sardinian* *It* *Sardo*
Sardanapalian Of *2* *pa* *aralos* (name
 for *A* *i* *ban* *p* *!* last king of Nineveh
 (3 cent B.C.) famous *luptu*
sardelle *It* *!* *lla* *dim* of *arda* *ardin*
sardine Gem (Per 193) *G* *e* *p* *er* *ar*
 reading of *a* *p* *os* *sardius* (*q*)
*sardine*² Fish *F* *It* *ard* *n* *L* cf *G*
sarxas *q* from *e* *p* *q* *app* from *Sardinia* *a*
G *S* *pon*
 Pro C *p* *u* *u* *salsorum* *voc* *torum* *s* *d* *na*
 (E 1 / Derby E *nd* 190-91)
sardus Gem *sard* *ne*¹ *L* (1 *q* *Et* *k*
xviii 13) *G* *sarxas* from *Sard* *e* *Sardin*
 in Lydia Cf *ch* *ed* *my* *usale* 1 *p*
sardonie *F* *sv* *on* *je* from *L* *ardoni*
 lit *Sardinian* *Sard* to be due to a poisonous
 plant *herba* *Sardonia* death from which
 was preceded by convulsive cramping
sardonix *L* *G* *nydare* *c* *compd* of *a* *p* *e* *e*
 and *e* *e*
saree *sari* Bright-coloured wrap *Hin* *!*
! *k*
sargasso Gulf weed Port *sa* *gi* *o* *?* from
s *ga* kind of grape
sarissa [*list*] Macedonian pike *G* *sa* *x* *na*
sark *Sc* *!* Shirt *ON* *k* *trgn* with *A* *s*
ser *cf* *br* *t*
Sarmatian From *L* *G* *S* *pus* *ai* *ong*
 S:ythian inhabitant of Poland whence
 poet *u* *e* *f* *r* *Polsh*
sarmentose [*bot* *!* *L* *sarment* *us* from *sa*
e *e* *t* *m* *twix* from *sa* *pere* to prune
sarong Malay garment Malay cf Sanskrit
s *an* *a* *variegated*
sarracenia Plant Named (1700) by Tourne
 fort from *Dr Sarrasin* of Quebec who sent
 him the plant Cf *fuck* *sa* etc.
sarsaparilla *Sp* *sa* *pa* *ra* *la* from *sa* *sa*
 bramble (? *Husq* *e* *ca* *mi*) *parra* vine
 trellis So explained in 16 cent.

sarsen [*loc*] Sandstone boulder (Wilts) For *Saracen*

The inhabitants calling them "Saracens' stones" (NED 1644)

sarsenet, sarcenet [*archaic*] Fabric AF *sarsinett*, from ME *sarsin*, Saracen (v s), perh after OF *drap sarrasinois* Cf *lartan*
sartorial From L *sartor*, tailor, from *sarcire*, *sart-*, to patch

Sarum Signature of bishop of Salisbury Also in *Sarum missal* (use) MedL, from first element of *Sarisbury*, now, by dissim of *r-r*, *Salisbury*

sash¹ Attire, orig part of turban Earlier *shash*, Arab *shāsh*, muslin, turban-sash. For loss of *-h-* by dissim cf *sash*²

tiara a turban, a shash (Litt)

sash² Of window Earlier (17 cent) *shash*, back-formation from *shashes*, F *châssis*, "a frame of wood for a window" (Coig), taken as pl Cf *cursh*, and, for loss of *-h-*, *sash*¹ See *chassis*

sasin Ind antelope Nepalese

saskatoon Canadian berry NAmer Ind (Cree) *misākwatomin*

sassaby SAfr antelope Sechwana *tsessēbe*
sassafras Sp *sasafras*, a NAmer tree which "hath power to comfort the liver" (Gerarde, 1597) Usu thought to be corrupted, perh by influence of some native name, from Sp *sassifragia*, obs for *savifraga*, *savifrage* (q v) Capt John Smith (1 207) even calls the tree *saeefrage*

Sassenach Gael *Sasunnach*, English, from *Sasunn*, Saxon, cf Welsh *Seisnig* and Welsh names *Sayce*, *Seyes*, etc Popularized by Scott (cf *Southron*), but much used in invective by fervent Irishmen

All loved their McClan, save a Sassenach brute
Who came to the Highlands to fish and to shoot (Bab Ballads)

sassy [WAfr.] Wood, bark, used as ordeal poison Said to be WAfr adaptation of E *saucy*¹

Satan L (*Vulg* in OT only), G *Σατάν* (once in LXX, once in NT), Heb *śāṭān*, adversary (in general), from *śātan*, to plot against, but also spec (e g in *Job*) the enemy of mankind Usu rendered διάβολος by LXX Wyc has *Satanas*, G *Σαταῖας* (NT), replaced, from Tynd onward, by *Satan* His *Satanic Majesty* is jocular after His *Catholic Majesty*, etc With *Satanic School*, applied by Southey to Byron, Shelley, etc, cf *Satanism*, F

satanism, worship of Satan, esp in ref to alleged 19 cent perversion.

satchel OF *sachel*, L *sacculus*, dim of *saccus*, sack. In Wyc (*Luke*, x 4)

sate Altered (17 cent) after *sahate* or L *sat*, *satis*, from earlier *sade*, lit to make sad (q v) First in Shaks (*Hamlet* 1 5)

assouvir to fill, content, satiate, satisfy, also, to cloy, glut, *sade* (Coig)

sateen Mod, after *velveteen*

satellite F, L *satelles*, *satellit-*, attendant, member of bodyguard Or rather, being gen used in L form till c 1800, back-formation from L pl *satellites* (cf *stalac-tite*) As astron. term adopted (1611) by Kepler

Or ask of yonder argent fields above,
Why Jove's satellites are less than Jove?
(*Essay on Man*, 1 42)

satiate From L *satiare*, from *satis*, enough Has influenced *sate* (q v) Cf *satiety*, F, *satiété*, L *satietas*

satin F, *archaic* It *setino* (sc *panno*, cloth), from *seta*, silk, L *sacta*, lit bristle, hair, whence F *soie*, silk, Ger *seide*, etc Hence *satinet*, F

satire F, L *satira*, for *satira*, (poetic) medley, fem of *satir*, full, as in *satira lanx*, full dish, hotch-potch, from *sat*, enough Often wrongly associated with *satyr* (q v) and the G satyric drama For sense-development cf *face*

satisfy OF *satisfier*, irreg from *satisfacere* (whence F *satisfaire*), lit to make enough Oldest sense of *satisfaction* (13 cent) is performance of penance

satrap L, G *σαρπάτης*, from OPers *hshathra-pāvan-*, country protector In Wyc (*Dan* iii 3), where the orig author has committed an anachronism by connecting a Pers title with the Babylonian empire Sense of domineering official appears in MedL and all Rom langs

Satsuma ware From name of province in island of Kiusu, Japan

saturate From L *saturare*, to satiate, its orig E sense (16 cent), from *satur*, full, from *sat*, enough

Saturday AS *Sætern(es)dag*, half-transl of L *Saturni dies*, day of (the planet) Saturn (v1), cf Du *zaterdag*, LG *saterdag* (for Ger *samstag* see *sabbath*), also Gael Ir *dia Sathairn*, Welsh *dydd Sadwrn* *Week-end* has now supplanted *Saturday-to-Monday*.

Saturn *L. Saturnus* Italic god of agriculture perh the sower (*serere sat*) later identified with G Cronos deposed by his son Zeus Also planet whence AS *Saturnes* *stearra* and medieval alchem name for lead (cf *mercury*) Hence *Saturnalia* *L. neut pl of Saturnalis* feast of unrestrained merry making in December *Saturnian* early *L. metre* or in ref to the golden age of Saturn *sa u nine* MedL *Saturnus* born under the planet Saturn (cf *jovial mercurial*)

Mars *Itren* *Merc n* quyk-silver w clepe
Saturnus *lead, a d* *Jupplter* is *tyu* (Chauc G 827)

satyr *F. satyre* *L. G. satyr* pos silvan god Often confused with *sature* (vi) With *satyriasis* *pnaphism of nymphomania*

The *satyr* *go* *Satyr* *b* *msell* *whome ey* *call* *msur* *is more s* *ere* *than need* (Gree e 1393)

sauce *F. L. salsa* *f m* of *salsus* salted of *It Sp salsa* With fig *sauy* *satebor* of *piquant* *spicy* etc *Saucer* (14 cent) *F. suiscide* vessel for sauce acquired current sense in 18 cent when tea-drinking became gen

sa cryto per *or komi e* *malap rt* (Fals)

sauerkraut From 17 cent Ger sour herb Hence *F. choucroute* made to conform with *chou* cabbage cole

saumur Wine From *Saumur* (Maine et Loire)

saunter From c 1660 to roam loiter an earlier and rare *sa nler* to muse hesitate being perh a different word Etymologists of 17 cent agree in deriving it from *F. sainte terre* Holy Land (vi) Although this etym is now denied it may be partly true I suggest as origin *Sp. sank o*

sometimes an hermit sometimes one that lives with the hermit, and goes about questing for him and his chapel (Stevens) This word was also used of a shrine crawler in gen We may compare *It romigare* to roame to roave or goe up and do ne sol time and alone as an hermite (For) from *romito* a hermit (ib) whence *romito del sacco* a begging hermite (b) Thus *romito* is from *L. eren ita* (see *hermit*)

On late rel aries and all santerers to a pre tended new Jeru lem (VED 1688)

saurian From *G. sa pos* lizard
sausage *ML. sausage* *ONF. saussuche* (*F. saucisse*) Late *L. silicia* from *salsus* salted of *It. salsiccia* *Sp. sal icha*

Another *vac* is that the *It* word is the original and represents a compd of *sai* salt and *It. ciccia* dried meat *VL. i. i. cium* for *insicium* *s* from *ins* care to cut *saut* [cook] *F. p p* of *sa* *der* to leap *L. saltare*

sauterne Wine From *Sauterne* (Cironde)
saue qui peut *F. save* (himself) who can
savage *F. sauvage* (OF *ihage*) *L. sil tatus* from *sika* word of *It. sika* *Sp. sahage* In *E* at first parallel with *wild* from which it is now differentiated in stronger senses

Sa age *tee* *kr* *besta* *i* *cyres* (VED 48)

savannah [geon] Obs *Sl. aia a* (*sibana*) *sai* (16 cent) to be Carib

savant *F. pres part* (obs) of *savoir* to know *VL. sapre* for *sipere*

savate Kick in *F* form of boxing ong old shoe of *It. ciabatta* *Sp. zapata* MedL *sabbatum* ? from Turk *shabata* galosh of *sabat* Hence *F. aether* Prov *sal tier* hoemaker

save Verb *F. sauver* *L. salva e* from *salmus* safe cogn with *salus* health Earliest in rel sense *Saviour* replacing AS *hærid* healer of *It. salvatore* *Sp. salvador* *L. saluator* used in Church *L* to render *G. sump* To save a face (late 19 cent) was ong Angl *Ch n* after *Chin. ti shen* to lose face and similar metaphors Current ense of to *save* *appearances* is quite altered it was ong used after *G. o s. rã phi voy n* of an hypothesis ad quirtly explaining observed facts *God save the king!* after OF

De a l *lett l* *ler A t* (Trust 2 eat)

Wh th y come t model *It. n*
A d al ut *th stars i* *w they will wld*
Th mghty fram *b w b lld* *v b ill* *ontri*
l sa *ppcar* *es* (*P. L. vii 60*)

Th p ly *in* *i* *proposal* *th* *ommiss* *ners*
could be appo atol (*li exim* *G. F b 7 19 8*)

save Quasi prep For earlier *safe* *sa f* used like *F. sauf* *saue* in constructions like the *L. abs* absolute e g *sauf l'honneur* = *sal o honore* But it also represents the *p p* as in *AF. saue et excepte* with ending lost as in *costue* *froce* etc. In *ML* it is followed both by nom e g *saue l* (Chauc.) and acc the latter construm being partly due to its being *f* it as imper of verb For *saving* as prep cf *excepting*

providing Saving clause, from the verb, contains the same idea

saveloy Mod corrupt (first in *Pickwick*) of obs *cervelas*, *cervelat*, F *cervelas*, It *cervellata*, from *cervello*, brain, L *cerebellum* Said to have been made orig of pigs' brains *cervellato* a kind of dry sausage (Flor)

savey, savvy To know, gumption Orig negro or pidgin after Sp *sabe usted*, you know Cf *comprce*

savin-e Shrub OF *savine* (replaced by *sabine*), L *Sabina* (se *herba*), Sabine herb, ef It *savina*, Sp *sabina*, Ger *sabenbaum*, Du *zevenboom*, also AS *safene*

savoir faire F, to know (how) to do, cf *savoir vivre*, to know (how) to live

savory ME *saveriey*, Late AS *sætherie*, from very early OF, L *saturcia* For *-th-* altered to *-v-* cf *gyve* and numerous examples in dial and childish speech, e.g. *wiv*, with But OF also had *savoreie*, perh influenced by *savein*, savour, the correct OF form being *sarrie*, whence ModF dim *sarriette*

savour F *savcur*, L *sapor-em*, from *sapere*, to taste, know

savoy Cabbage from *Savoy* (16 cent) Cf *Brussels sprouts*, etc Also *Savoy cake* (*biscuit*) Cf *Madeira cake*

savvy See *savey*

saw¹ Tool AS *saga* Com Teut, cf Du *zaag*, Ger *säge*, ON *sög*, cogn with L *secare*, to cut

I thought everybody know'd as a sawbones was a surgeon (*Pickwick*, ch xxx)

saw² [*archaic*] Saying AS *sagu*, cogn with *sag¹*, ef obs Du *zage*, Ger *sage*, ON *saga* (q v) Now chiefly after *As You Like It*, II 7

sawder [*slang*] Chiefly in soft *sawder* (*Sam Slick*), app from obs form of *solder* Being first recorded in *Lover*, the metaphor may be orig Ir (ef *blarney*)

Sawney Archaic nickname for Scotsman, ef *Sandy* Current sense of simpleton must be due to antiphrasis, ? or confused with *zany* "Sawney the Scot, or the Taming of a Shrew," was an adaptation of Shaks seen by Pepys (Apr 9, 1667) Couplet below may have suggested the famous definition of oats in *Johns*

Therefore, since Sawny does like Dobbin feed,
Why should we wonder at their equal speed?

(T Brown)

saxe Porecelain, etc F, Saxony

saxhorn Invented by C J Sax (†1865), a Belgian

saxifrage F, L *saxifraga* (sc *herba*), stone-breaker, from *saxum*, rock, *frangere*, to break, explained by Pliny as named from its med use against stone in the bladder, for formation cf *feverfew* But, as the *NED* remarks, *saxum* is not *calculus*, and the plant may rather have been named from its action on rocks Cf Ger *steinbrech*, "the herb stone-break, saxifrage, or parsley pert" (Ludw)

Saxon F, L *Saxo-n-* (ef G *Σάξονες*), from WGer name of tribe, AS *Seaxan*, OHG *Sahsin*, trad connected with AS *seax*, axē, knife (ef *Frank*, *Lombard*) See also *Anglo-Saxon*, for which it was used by early etymologists In mod philology *Old Saxon*, the language of the *Heland* (*Saviour*), a Biblical poem composed in 9 cent, is equivalent to Old Low German, and is of great value for comparative purposes as containing some words not recorded in AS or Du See also *Sassenach* *Saxon*, Englishman, as opposed to Celt, is mod (first in Burns), sense of base oppressor (chiefly Ir) being due to its repeated use in contrast with *Gael* in the *Lady of the Lake*

The filthy compound of burglary and murder, and sodomy, bigamy and infidelity, child-murder, divorce and sexual promiscuity that covers the standing pool of Saxon life

(Irish Bishop, Dec 1919).

saxophone, saxtuba Inventions of son of C J Sax (see *saxhorn*)

say¹ Verb AS *secgan* Com Teut, cf Du *zeggen*, Ger *sagen*, ON *segja* With to have a say ef to be in the know For an early example of parenthesis *I say* see *Ps* exxx 6

say² [*archaic*] *Fabrie* F *sait*, L *saga*, pl of *sagum*, mil cloak, G *saγος*; ef It *saya*, Sp *saya* In E prob confused with OF *scie* (*soie*), silk, for which see *salin* Colchester was once famous for "bays and says" (see *baize*)

sayyid, seyd Title of Mohammedan claiming descent from elder grandson of Prophet Cf *Cid*

sbirro It, police-officer Earlier also *birro*, "a serjeant, a catehpoale, a paritor" (Flor), from *lus* red cloak (see *biretta*)

sc Abbrev of *scilicet* (q v)

se- AS. *sc-* becomes regularly *sh-*, so that mod words in *sc-* are almost all of foreign (often Seand) origin

scab Orig. disease, iteli ON **slabbr* (ef.

has developed from Bibl *harry scalp* (Coverd) in *Ps. lxxviii 21* Contr of *scallop*, which, in 14 cent, was used of shell-shaped vessel. Cf Ger *hirsnschale*, brain pan, from *schale*, shell, scale To *scalp* is 17 cent For fig use cf to be on the *u-u-path*, *lappy hunting-grounds*, to *bury the hatchet*, etc

scalpel *L scalpellum*, dim of *scalprum*, from *scalpare*, to cut

scammony Drug *L, G μαμμωρία*

scamp¹ Noun Orig cant for rogue, highwayman (Grose) From obs *scampf*, to run wild, go on the highway, OF *escamper*, *eschamper*, to decamp See *scamper*. For formation of noun from verb cf *tramp*.

scamp² Verb Of recent adoption from dial ? From ON *skemma*, to shorten, whence also *skimp*, *scart*

scamper Frequent of obs *scamp* (see *scamp*¹) The latter is recorded for 16 cent in *scampani*, used in imit of *rampant* in a rogue's burlesque coat of arms Cf also obs Du *schampen*, "to escape or flee, to be gone" (He: ham), from OF

scan Earlier also *scand*, *L scandere*, to climb, also to analyse verse, the oldest sense in E (14 cent) Current sense, reached via that of examining, criticizing, is late (18 cent)

scandal ME *scandle*, in rel sense only, ONF *escandle* (*esclandre*), Church *L scandalum*, G *σκανδαλον*, cause of stumbling, supposed to have meant orig the spring of a trap and to be cogn with *L scandere*, to climb Mod form is due to *L scandalum* and learned F *scandale*, readopted in 16 cent, whence also Ger *skandal*, uproar, Du *schandaal* See also *slander* In Gal v 11, where AV has *offence*, RV *stumbling-block*, Rhemish V has *scandal* *Scandalum magnatum* (leg), slander of magnates, is described by NED as obs exc list, but I remember its use in the trial of an excited taxpayer who audibly cursed in church during the prayer for the Queen and the Royal Family

scanderoon Carrier pigeon From *Scanderoon*, *Iskanderun*, seaport in Syria, one of the many places named from *Alexander* Due to news of vessels being transmitted to Aleppo by pigeon-post

"What news from Scanderoon and Aleppo?" says the Turkey merchant (T. Brown, c 1700)

This [Aleppo] is the native country of the carrier-pigeon, formerly used by the Europeans for con-

veying expeditiously the news of a ship's arrival at Scanderoon. The pigeon thus employed was one that had left young ones at Aleppo

(Russel, *Travels to Aleppo*)

Scandinavian From Late *L Scandinavia*, for *Scadinavia*, from a Teut compd represented by AS *Scedene*, ON *Skáney*, southern extremity of Sweden Second element means island (cf *ait*, *Jersey*, etc) and is ult cogn with *L aqua* In linguistics used to include ON., Norw., Dan., Sw., Faroese

seanmag [slang] *Scandalum magnatum* See *scandal*

scansorial [ornith] From *L scansorius*, from *scandere*, *scans-*, to climb

seant ON. *skamt*, neut. of *shammr*, short, cogn with OHG *seam*. See *scamp*², *skimp*, and cf *thwart*¹ As naut verb very common in ref to wind "shortening" (Hall).

scantling Perversion of obs *scantillon*, ONF *escantillon* (*echantillon*), pattern, sample, dim, with prefixed *es-*, from OF *chant*, *chantel* (*chanleau*), cantle (q v) In some senses coloured by mistaken association with *scant*

scape¹. Aphet for *escape*, esp in *hairbreadth scape* (Oth 1 3) Hence *scapegoat*, coined by Tynd (*Lev xvi*) to render Vulg *caper emissarius* (cf F *bouc émissaire*), which is supposed to be a mistransl of Heb *Azazel* (RV), perh a proper name *Scapegrace*, one who escapes Divine grace, appears to have been coined after earlier *scapethrift* and *wantgrace* It is first recorded c 1800, but is prob older in dial

scape² Shaft of column, stall: *L scapus*, G *σκάπος*, cogn with *shaft*.

scape³ Back-formation from *landscape*, used for forming new compds (*seascape*, *cloudscape*) and nonce-words (see *earth*)

scaphoid Shape of boat, G *σκάφη*
scapular Orig short cloak worn by monks (of St Benedict) when at work. MedL *scapulare*, from *scapula*, shoulder, only in pl. in L Cf *scapulary*, F *scapulaire*

scar¹ Of wound Obs *scar*, cleft, incision, for *scarth*, dial for cleft, ON *skarth*, cleft, cogn with *score* Influenced by obs *escar*, *eschar*, OF *escare* (archaic F *eschare*), scab resulting from burn, L, G *εσχαρά*, hearth

escara vel *eschara* ignis, focus, also a crust that is made on a wound by a searing iron, an *escar* (Litt).

scar², *scaur* Rock ON. *sker*, *skerry*, cogn. with *shear*

the noun is not found in OF and there has evidently been strong contact with archaic F *sente*, path, track, L *semula*, as may be seen by a comparison of passages below.

Ayant recouvert la sente
Par ou le lièvre s'absente

(Gauchet, *Plaisir des Champs*, 1583).

When they have well beaten and founde the tracke
or sent of the harte (NLD 1576)

sceptic F, L *scepticus*, from G *σκέπτεσθαι*, to investigate, cogn with *σκοπεῖν*, to look.

Applied to disciples of Pyrrho (4 cent BC)

sceptre F, L, G *σκήπτρον*, staff, sceptre, cogn with *σκήπτεσθαι*, to lean upon

schako See *shako*

schanse [hist] Current during SAfr war.

Du, see *seance*

schedule Altered, on MedL *schedula*, from ME *sedule*, F *cédule*, L *scedula*, dim of *sceda*, *scheda*, "a leaf of paper, a serowe, a shedule" (Coop) In all Rom langs., also Du *cedel*, *ceel*, Ger *zettel*, "a note, cedule, schedule" (Ludw) Current sense springs from that of explanatory label attached to large document (cf *syllabus*)

scheme MedL *schema*, diagram, arrangement, G *σχῆμα*, form, figure Orig rhet & scient, current sense of (nefarious) design being early 18 cent

schenectady [golf] Putter, now barred From *Schenectady*, New York State.

scherzando [mus] It, from Ger. *scherz*, sport, jest

schiedam Gin From *Schedam*, Holland

schipperke Small dog Du dial, lit little skipper Said to be bred esp by Du boatmen

schism F *schisme*, L, G, *σχίσμα*, cleft, rent, from *σχιζαν*, to split, used in Church L of separation of any body of Christians from the Church

I recollected that in most schism shops the sermon is looked upon as the main thing (Southey)

schist [geol] F *schiste*, L, G *σχιστός* (sc *λίθος*), split stone (vs)

schloss Ger, castle, orig lock. See *sloft*

schnaps Ger, LG *snaps*, from *snappen*, to snap, swallow Cf *nip*

schnorrrer Jewish beggar. Yiddish, from Ger *schnurren*, to beg, orig with the *schmurrpfeife*, instrument played by vagrant musician, of imit origin

scholar, scholast See *school* *Scholarship* in sense of free education is 16 cent

school¹ Place of learning ME *scole*, OF

escole (*école*), L *schola*, G *σχολή*, leisure, a^s sense passing into that of otiose discussion, place for holding such. In most Europ langs, with the range of senses which appears in *final honours school*, *ragged school*, cf double sense of *scholar* Replaced AS *lārhus*, loie-house

The schoolmaster is abrid (Brougham, 1828)

school² Of whales Du *school*, crowd, etc. See *shoal*

Bristlings of water, which, if it were faire weather, would seeme a skull of fish (Hakl)

schooner Earlier *scooner*, *skooner*, type of vessel first built (c 1713) at Gloucester (Massachusetts), and named there prob. from verb to *scon*, send over the water, still in Se use For the idea of *sloop*, perh cogn with *slip*, F *golette*, schooner, orig. kind of sea-gull (skimming the water), and contemporary (Apr 1918) *scooter* The "anecdote" usu. given dates from 1790 and is prob apocryphal (cf *chouse*)

schorl [min] Tourmaline Ger. *schörl*, earlier *schirl*, *schull*, etc., of obscure origin

schottische Ger, Scotch (sc dance) Perh. introduced in Paris, which would account for pronunc

schuyt [naut] Du *schuit*, flat bottomed river-boat Also found in E as *scout*, *scoot*, *shout*, cf ON *skíla*

sciamaehy G *σκιαμαχία*, fight with shadows, G *σκιά* Cf *sciagraphy* (also *skia*)

Skiagrams of the elbow-joints and knee joints were produced (*Daily Chron* June 27, 1919)

sciatica MedL (sc *passio*), fem of MedL *sciaticus*, corrupt of L, G *ισχιαδικός*, ischiatic (q.v)

He hath hadde a cyclica that hath letted hym a gret while to ride (*Paston Let* i. 50)

science F, L *scientia*, from *scire*, to know, ult cogn with *scindere*, to cut, divide Distinction from *art* is in Trevisa (1387) The *dismal science*, economics, is from Carlyle

select L, to wit, for *seu licet*, it is permitted to know Cf *videlicet*

scilla Plant L, G *σκόλλα*

scimitar Cf F. *cimeter*, It *scimitarra*, Sp *cimitarra*, all with many early vars Described in 15 cent. as Turkish sword, but no Oriental etymon has been found, unless we accept Pers *shamshir* My own conjecture is that it is no more Oriental than *assagai* is Zulu, but simply E *smiter*, which was used for *scimitar* in 16-17 cents

scooter, motor-boat, a coinage of the War, cf *schooner* Also *shoot* (q v)

Our scooters were busily employed [at Zeebrugge] (*Lv News*, Apr 24, 1918)

scope Orig mark to shoot at, but current sense is earliest (16 cent) in E It *scopo*, "a mark or but to shoote at, a scope, purpose, intent or roome" (Flor), G σκοπός, cogn with σκοπεῖν, to look For extended senses cf *range*

-scope From G σκοπεῖν, to look Extended from *microscope*, *telescope* to many mod inventions, e g *laryngoscope*, *periscope*, etc
scorbutic Cf F *scorbut*, scurvy, Du *schicurbuk*, ? for earlier **scheur-bot*, lit rend-bone, with second element assimilated to *buk*, belly, cf archaic Du *schicurmond*, scurvy of mouth, *schicurbeen*, scurvy of bones Prob a Du sailors' word adopted by other Europ langs, e g It *scorbuto*, Ger. *scharbock* But some authorities regard MedL *scorbutus* as orig form and derive it from Russ *scrobot*, scratching As in the case of so many naut words the origin is obscured by uncertainty of chronology and influence of folk-etym

scorch App altered (by influence of OF *escorchis*, now *écorcher*, to flay, Late L *excorticare*, from *cortex*, *cortic-*, bark) from earlier *skorhen*, *skorkle*, cogn with ON *skorþinn*, shrivelled Chauc (*Boeth*) has *scorchith*, var *scorklith*; for L *torret* Like *parch*, *singe*, used earlier also of effects of cold Slang senses are late 19 cent

Hogs grease health burns and scaldings, yea though one were scorched and sendged with snow (Holland's *Phiny*, xxviii 9)

score ON *skor*, notch, tally, cogn with *shear* Oldest sense (11 cent) is twenty, perh from counting sheep, etc orally and notching a stick at each twenty Runs at cricket were formerly *notches* (*Pickwick*, cli vii) scored on a stick So also on the *score* (account) of With to go off at *score*, orig of horses, cf sporting use of *scratch* For gen sense-development cf *tally* (q v)
Score it upon my taile [tally] (Chauc B 1605)
Our fore-fathers had no books but the score and the tally (2 *Hen VI*, iv 7)

scoria L, G σκωρία, refuse, from σκῶρ, dung

scorn Earlier (c 1200) *scarn*, OF *escarnir*, *escheimer*, of Teut origin; cf OHG *skernōn*, obs Du *schernen*, also It *schernire*, "to scorne, to flout" (Flor), from Teut Later uses perh colored by OF *escorner* (*écorner*),

to disgrace, lit unhorn, It *scornare*, "to skorne, to mock, to deride" (Flor)

Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned,
Nor hell a fury like a woman scorned
(Congreve, *Mourning Bride*).

scorpion F., L *scorpio-n-*, from *scorpius*, G σκορπίος In all Rom & Teut langs In mil slang used of natives of Gibraltar, *rock-scorpions*

scorzonera Plant, "viper's grass" It, from *scorzone*, "a snake, an adder" (Flor), ? from Late L *curtio-n-*, because used as antidote against snake-bite.

scot Contribution, as in to pay one's *scot*, *scot and lot*, and esp *scot-free* (cf. AS *scotþēo*) ON *skot*, cogn with *shot* (q v) Some senses via synon OF *escot* (*écos*), from Teut, cf Ger *schoss*, "scot, cess, tribute" (Ludw), and *schossfrei*, scot-free, a compd found also in Du & Sw

Scot AS *Scottas* (pl), Irishmen, Late L *Scotti*, *Scoti* (c 400), of uncertain origin Irish Gaels settled in N W of Great Britain in 6 cent, whence later meaning *Scotch* is contr of *Scottish*, and *Scots* (*man*), as in *Scots Greys* (*Fusiliers*), of northern *Scotts*, cf Sc *Inghis*, English The Se lang, called *Inghis* by Barbour, is a dial of north E strongly saturated with ON With *Scotch cousin*, distantly connected, cf F *oncle à la mode de Bretagne* With *Scotch collops* cf *Irish stew* *Scotched collops* is an etymologizing perversion (*NED*)

scotch To cut From c 1400, and therefore hardly for obs *scorch*, to slash, score (v i), which is recorded much later (16 cent) The latter word is supposed to be an extension of *score* due to *scratch* I suggest that *scotch* is AF **escoche*, from F *coche*, "a nock, notch, nick" (Cotg) This would also explain *scotch*, a support, check (see s-) To *scotch the snake* (*Macb* iii 2) is Theobald's emendation of *scorch*

Scotist Adherent of John Duns Scotus See *dunce*

scoto- From G σκότος, darkness

Scott, great ? Euph alteration of *Great God!*
scoundrel From 16 cent, orig in sense of mean fellow, very common in Cotg App from AF *escoundre* (Rymer's *Foedera*), OF *escondre*, common in sense of evasion, excuse, L *ex* and *condere*, to hide For formation cf *wastrel* But late appearance makes this origin dubious

scour To cleanse OF *escurer* (*écurer*), "to scowre, fey, rinse, cleanse" (Cotg),

from *ex* and OF *civere* L *curare* to care for cf MedL *scurare* Du *schuren* Ger *schuern* (? from OF) Some regard the Teut forms as the original of synonym ON *skora* AS *scorin* to reject With fig sense of *offscouring* (1 Cor iv 13) cf *scum*

Richard Gwyn esquier have not skoured his ditch
(*St They Papers* 1614)

scour¹ To move swiftly App combined from obs noun *scour* rush onset ON *skur* storm shower and ME *d scoure* *discure* discover (see quot s v *scout¹*) used in ME and in Shaks of reconnoitring (2 Hen IV iv 1) For form cf *curfew* and archaic *scornfit* for *discomfit* See also *scurry* Influenced by *scour²* It may also be partly from OF *escorre* to run out the normal E form of which would have been *scur* Cf F *courir* to *plays* to *scour* the country

The d scourours w them c moude
(Barbo & Bruce)

Send tw skourours to wery [examine] weyl th
pl yn (Blind Harry It linc)

scourge AF *escorge* from OF *escorgue* (*scourge*) from *ex* and OF *corgire* scourge VL **corialis* from *corium* hide cf OIt *scuriada* and F *excoriale* It is uncertain whether the hide was orn that of the implement (cf *conhide*) or of the sufferer **scouse** [naunt] For earlier *lobscouse* (see *lob*) ? *Scouse* from *conscious* (q v)

scout¹ Watchman etc Orig act of spying reconnoitring OF *escoute* (*scoute*) from *lcount* to listen VL *evacuare* for *auscultare* For sense development cf *redette* *sentry* *recruit* etc Hist of E word ranges from *scout watch* (14 cent) sentinel to the boy *scouts* organized (1908) by Gen ral Baden Powell For former use at cricket see *Pitcher* ch vii ? Hence also the Oxf *scot* corresponding to the Camb *gyp*

scot a spl ve-drope pry g comp n on
also scout sco t watch or se thell th is
co error or fore ru r f a nam (Cotg)

scout² To reject with scorn (from c 1700) ? ident with *scout* to deride taunt (*Semp* iii 2) NED denies from ON *skuta* taunt which considering the late appearance of the word is unlikely It *scute* to shake L *excutere* satisfies both senses if we suppose that Shaks *scout* had the sense of F *berner* "to flout (Cotg) hit to toss in a blanket *berne* cloak (cf. MedL

sagatio to toss in a blanket from *sa* un soldier's cloak) It *scutere* is used in s nso of to disregard make light of (punish ment)

scow Flat bottomed boat Du *schouw* earlier *schoude* cogn with LG *schalle* punt pole *Scouhanke* though used as naut form of *abus* is un connected it is of Austral origin var *skullbunker* and means loafer

scowl Of Scand origin cf synonym Norw *skule* ult cogn with AS *sceolh* ON *skjal* r oblique used as in Ger *schel* *anschen* to look askance scowl at See also *skulk*

scrabble Du *sch abbelen* frequent of *chral* ben to scrape scratch In sense associated with *scribble*

scrag Lean individual (whence *scrags*) neck of mutton For earlier *crag* in both senses the lean person perh being likened to the neck of mutton See *craw* Cf to *strag* throttle orig slang for to hang

scramble ? Altered by influence of *scrabble* in sense of *claw* from earlier *scamble* in same sense *Scamble* and *scamble* are used early (17 cent) both of clambering and of struggling for money

f e a l a g a p p o b to pl v t m sse to shuffle or skamble to (Flor)

t c a m b l e e r t m r p e r (Litt) t m b l e e r t a l m r a p r e (D)

To agreed trall
With tho and w t h e s doth thir kin be-
scramble (Sylv H d e r i)

scran [slang] Broken utensils grab ? cogn with *scrannel* Hence Anglo-Ir *la'scran* to

scrannel Lean meagre (*Lycids* 124) In mod use only as echo of Mid on ? corner of the world of New *Kan* I'an shrilled ON *sk alna* to bribe

scrap Fragment ON *skrap* leavings at table cogn with *scrape* Hence *scap* of paper used in l by Herr von Retmann Hollwee (A c 4 1914)

In world full f no illerter pr j d v s scrap
of pape n a y sta t the boner
(Z ngwill CA d e n f G h e t B k l l h i i 32)

We w r e d t e r m i n e d , a t a n y c i t h t h u t r i y
sh u l d o f b e s c r p o f p a p e r
(D Lloyd George in H of C, J l 1, 1910)

scrap² Fight over nefarious scheme (cant) App from *scrape*

Th y a s e n g r e a t f c R e t P y n s h o u l d
b e a g t h e m l o i y s c r a p p e (NED 1679-8)

scrape AS *scrapian* or ON *skrapa*, cogn with Du *schrapen*, Ger *schöpfen*, earlier *schrepfen* (from LG), and ult with sharp With to *scrape acquaintance*, "a low phrase" (Johns.), cf obs to *scratch acquaintance* With *scrape* as accompaniment of bow cf synon Norw *skrabud*, lit scrape out See also *scrap*¹ 2

scratch Combination of earlier *scrat* (still in dial) and *cratch*, cf Sw *krata*, Ger *kratzen*, Du *krassen* (earlier *kratsen*), all from a Teut root which appears in F *gratter*, to scratch (grate²) For *scrat* see s- and cf. *scrag* Hence to *scratch* (erase) a name, *scratch*, line, as starting point in racing or between two pugilists The latter was earlier used of the crease at cricket, and to *come up to the scratch* may belong to any of these forms of sport

Scratch, Old The devil Altered (cf *scratch*) from earlier *Scrat*, ON *skratte*, goblin, monster, used in ME in sense of hermaphrodite Cf Ger dial. *schrat*, *schetel*, wood-spirit, satyr

scrawl¹ To write badly App a new sense given to ME *scrawl*, var of *crawl*, by association with *scribble*, *scrabble*, *scroll* See *s-griffonner* to write fast, and ill, to scribble, to scrawl it (Cotg)

grouiller to move, stirre, scrawl (ib)

scrawl² [Linc] Small crab (Tennyson, *Sailor Boy*) ? Cf OF *escrouelle*, "a little shrimp-rescbling worme" (Cotg), which is prob cogn with *scrawl*¹ and ult with *crab*¹

scream Imit, cf *screech*, *shriek*, and Sw *skräna*, to scream

scree [north dial] ON *skrittha*, land-slip, cogn with AS *scrifthan*, to glide, Ger *schreiben*, to stride Back-formation from pl *scree(th)es* in which consonant is lost as in *clothes*

screech Earlier *scritch* Imit, cf *scream*, *shriek*, also ON *skrakja* Shaks wrote *scritch-owl*

screed Northern var of *shred* Current sense springs from that of list on long strip Perh partly due to obs *screeet*, writing, list, Port *scritto*

screen OF *escren* (*écran*), OHG *scern* (*schirni*) Ong, in F & E, of a fire-screen, cf It *schermo*, "a fence, a defence, a warde, a shelter" (Flor), and see *skirmish* For *screen*, sieve, cf double sense of ME *siddle*, sieve, curtain, the common idea being that of separation.

screever [slang] Pavement artist From East End *screeve*, to write, ? It *scrivere*, L *scribere* Cf *scriving-board* for plan of vessel (ship-building).

screw OF *escroue* (*écrou*, female screw, nut), cogn with Du. *schroef* (earlier *schrüec*), Ger. *schraube* (MHG *schrübe*), all supposed by some authorities to come from L *scrofa*, sow, used fig of mech appliance Cf Sp *puerca*, female screw, L *porca*, sow, and It. dial. derivatives of *scrofa* in same sense See also *porcelain*, *scroll* The naut *screw*, at first manual, is as old as 1788 To *put on the screw* is from torture (thumb-screws, etc.) To *screw up one's courage* is an echo of Shaks (v 1) Senses of inferior horse and salary are both 19 cent. slang of obscure origin (? for former cf *rip*²) *Screwed*, drunk, is perh a variation on "light"

Screw your courage to the sticking place

(Macb 1 7)

scribble MedL *scribillare*, from L *scribere*, to write, cf OHG *scribilōn*, F *écrivailleur* Orig as stock formula in ending a letter.

Scryhyld in the moste hyste at my castel or manoir of Yngland, Jan 27, 1489, Your own trewe luffier and frende, John Duresme (*Paston Let* iii 363)

scribe F, L *scriba*, from *scribere*, to write, ong to *scratch* (cf *write*) Earliest in Bibl use, Vulg *scriba* rendering G *γραμματεὺς*, Heb *sōphēr*, professional interpreter of law, from *sāphar*, to write

scrim Upholstery lining Origin unknown

scrimmage Alteration of obs *scrimish*, for *skirmish* (q v), cf F *escrime*, fencing Pegge (*Anecdotes*) gives *skrimidge* as a coinageism for *skirmish* In football sense earlier *scrummage* (Tom Brown), whence *scrum*

scrimp As adj from c 1700 Cf Dan Sw. *skrimpen*, shrivelled, Ger *schrumpfen*, to shrivel (MHG *schrimpfen*), ult cogn with AS *scrimman*, to be paralysed, shrink

scrimshaw Naut slang (19 cent) for small objects, ornaments, etc, made by sailors in their leisure Also *scrimshander* Cf mil slang *scrimshanker*, shirker, of later appearance Origin unknown

It was the army that gave us "strafe" and "blghty" and "napoo" and "wind-up" and "skrimshanker" (*Sat Rev* Aug 11, 1917)

scrip¹ [archaic] Wallet OF *cscrepe*, ON *skieppa* (see *scarf*¹) In ME usu coupled with *burdon* (pilgrim's staff) after OF *escrêpe et bordon* Immediate source of E

scullion Notorig connected with *scullery*, but app a composite from F *soillon*, *scullion*, orig dish-clout, "swab," from *souiller*, to soil² (q v), and OF *escouillon* (*écouvillon*), oven-brush, mop, etc., dim from L *scopa*, broom Cf obs *malikin*, *maulkin*, kitchen-maid, mop, orig dim of *Mary*, also Du *scholje*, varlet, ident with *serllion*

sculp To carve L *sculpere* A 16 cent. word now regarded as jocular back-formation from *sculpture*

sculpin Small spiny fish Corrupt. of Sp *escorpius*, L *scorpius*, cogn with *scorpion*

sculpture L *sculptura*, from *sculpere*, *sculpt-*, to carve, cogn with *scalpere*, to cut Used by Evelyn for engraving.

scum Orig foam, froth OF LG origin, cf Du *schuim*, Ger *schaum* (OHG *schūm*), as in *meerschauim*, also, from Teut, OF *escume* (*écume*), which may be one source of E, It *schuma*, Sp *escuma* Cf *skim*

scumble [paint] To soften effect by a film of more opaque colour From *scum*

scuncheon [arch] Also *scunch*, *squinch*. OF *escoussor* (*écousson*), "a scunche, the backe part of the jambic of a window" (Cotg), from *com*, corner, wedge For formation cf *éousson*, *escutcheon*

scupper¹ [naut] First in *scupper-nail* (*skopor nayll*, 1485), also *scupper-keather*, both compds occurring repeatedly in *Nav Accts* 1485-97 Connection with *scoup* (q v) seems likely Or it may be an altered use of OF *escubier* (*écubier*), hawse-hole

scupper² [mil slang] To surprise and massacre First recorded in connection with the Sualin expd (1885) Also *cooper* Origin unknown

scurf Late AS *scurf*, altered under Scand influence from *secoif*, *scruf*, cf Sw *skorv*, Dan *skurv*, cogn. with Du *schuift*, Ger *schorff*, and ult with *scarf-skin*

scurrilous From archaic *scmrl-e*, archaic F *scurrile*, L *scurrilis*, from *scurra*, buffoon

scurry Back-formation from *hurry-skurry*, redupl on *hurry* (q v) Cf *hurry-scurry* Perli partly suggested by *scow*²

scurvy First as adj From *scurf* For fig senses cf *shabby*, lit scabby As name of disease (see *scorbutic*) it varies in 16 cent with *scorbute*, *scubby*, *scorby*, etc, regarded by sailors as a "scurvy" disease *Scurvy-grass*, supposed remedy for the disease, was earlier *scnby-grass*

scut Tail of hare, deer, etc App from ME

scut, short, short garment, hare (*Prompt Parv.*), ? ult cogn with *short* and *skirt* sentage [hist]. Tax on knights' fees MedL *scutagium*, from *scutum*, shield

scutch To beat (flax, etc.) OF **escoucher*, whence *escouche* (*éconche*), *scutching* instrument, VL **excucare*, from *cutis*, skin

scutcheon Aphet. for *escutcheon* (q v)

scutella, **scutellate**, **scutellum** [biol]. L *scutello*, little dish, dim of *scutra*, but used in scient lang as though from *scutum*, shield

scutter Mod alteration of *scuttle*¹

scuttle¹ Reeceptacle, now usu for coal AS *scutel*, L *scutella*, dish (see *scullery*), whence also Du *schotel*, Gei *schussel*, dish

scuttle² [naut] OF *escortille* (*écontille*), hatchway, "cover or lid of a hatchway, sometimes taken for the hatchway itself" (Lesc), Sp *escotilla*; orig the lid of the hatchway, which appears to be also its first sense in E. (v.a.), cf F. *panneau*, hatchway, lit panel ? From Du *schutten*, to shut (cf dial *shuttle*, part of flood-gate) Later sense is square hole, in hatchway or elsewhere, whence to *scuttle* (a ship)

A chayne of yron for the skottells of the haches (*Nav Accts* 1495-97).

The mildest-manner'd man
That ever scuttled ship or cut a throat
(*Don Juan*, iii 11)

scuttle³. To make off, etc Also (17 cent) *scuddle*, frequent of *scud* (q v)

seye [sailing] Arnhole Sc & Ulster dual word, of unknown origin

Scylla Rock on N side of Straits of Messina, opposite whirlpool of Charybdis

Incidis in Scyllam cupiens vitare Charybdim
(*Quintus de Crastillon*, 13 cent)

scyphr-, **scypho-** From L *scyphus*, G *σκύφος*, cup

seythe Altered, on L *semdie*, to cut (cf *scissors*), from *sithe* (Johns.), AS *sithc*, for **sithr*, cogn with ON *sithr*, and ult with Du *zeis*, Ger *sense*, and L *secare*, to cut As attribute of Death it is borrowed from the Time of the ancients

Seythian From L, G *Σαυθία*, part of Russia orig inhabited by nomad race Sometimes used for the Ural-Altaic group of langs

se- OL *se*, *sed*, without, apart, prob cogn with *se*, self, thus *sedatio* = going for oneself, on one's own

sea AS *sæ* Com Teut, cf Du Ger *see*, lake, ser, ON *sær*, Goth *sarus*, sea, marsh The last is perli the orig Teut sense The compd *high sea* (cf F *haute mer*, L *altum*

F *siège*, L *sedes*, as in *sedes belli*, seat of war

sebaceous [*biol*] From L *sebaceus*, from *sebum*, tallow

sebesten Fruit Arab *sabastān*, Pers *sapistān*, ? for *seg-pistān*, dog's teats

secant [*math*] From pres part of L *secare*, to cut

secotine Coined (1894) by inventor from It *secco*, dry, L *siccus*

secede L *secedere*, to go apart Hence *secession*, esp in ref to US hist (1861-65), whence colloq US *secesh-er*

secern L *secernere*, to separate away

seclude L *secludere*, from *claudere*, to shut

second F, L *secundus*, from *sequi*, *secu-*, to follow As noun for MedL *secunda minuta*, lit second minute, i.e. further subdivision In gen sense AS had *ōther*, other (cf OF *autre*, second, Ger *anderthalb*, one and a half, also *second self* for L *alter ego*, G *ἄλλος αὐτός, ἕτερος αὐτός*) The *second* in a duel orig fought Here, and in verb to *second* (one's efforts), we have some influence of the subsidiary sense of L *secundus*, favourable, orig following With *secondary education* (c 1860) cf *primary* *Second sight* is translated from Gaelic Verb to *seeōnd* (mil), detail for extra-regimental duty, is from F *second* in phrase *en second* (v1) With *seconde* (fenc) cf *theree, quart*

I have layd doune a resolueon to purchase them [viz books] at the second hand, out of libraries that are to be sold (Josselin's *Diary*, 1645)

second captain, or *lieutenant en second* one whose company has been broke, and he is joynd to another, to act and serve under the captain or lieutenant of it (*Mil Dict* 1708)

secret F, L *secretus*, p.p. of *secrevere*, to separate Hence *secretary*, F *secrétaire*, MedL *secretarius*, confidential agent, also used in F & E of a private desk Offic title of cabinet minister has developed from that of private secretary to the crown (temp Eliz) The *secretary-bird* is so named from head-feathers suggesting a quill behind a writer's ear Etym sense appears in med *secrecion*, separation

sect F *secte*, L *secta*, from *sequi*, to follow (cf *Shiah*), with sense influenced by a supposed connection with *secare*, to cut (cf *schism*) So also *seclator* from frequent *seclari*, to follow Vulgar use for *ser* has the authority of Chauc (E 1171) *Secretary*, used of schismatics from 16 cent, is now

usu replaced by *sectarian*, orig. applied (temp Commonwealth) by Presbyterians to Independents See also *set*, *suit-e*.

section F, L *sectio-n-*, from *secare*, *sect-*, to cut

sector L, cutter (v.s.), used in Late L to render G *τομή*, cutter, employed by Archimedes in current sense Spec. mil sense, now so familiar (not in *NED*), is after F *secteur*

secular OF *seculer* (*seculier*), L *saecularis*, from *saeculum*, century, used in Church L for this world as contrasted with eternity Cf *temporal* There is an increasing tendency to give to the word the sense of venerable, of long standing, after F *séculaire*, learned form of *seculier* *Secularism*, as a "religion," was propounded (c 1850) by G J Holyoake

secure L *securus*, remote from care, *cura* Traces of etym sense survive in to *dwell secure* (*Judges*, xviii 7) Cf *sure* AS had *sieow*, from L, surviving in dial (*Sc sicker*)

They were secure where they ought to have been wary, timorous where they might well have been secure (Macaulay)

securiform [*bot*] From L *securis*, axe, from *secare*, to cut

sedan First, "covered chairs called 'sedans,'" in 1634 Peter Mundy (1637) speaks of "sidans att London" Later (18 cent) called *sedan-chair* App introduced from Spain by Prince Charles and Buckingham (1623), but popularized by Sir Sanders Duncombe, who secured a monopoly for them (1634) He may have coined the word from It *sedere*, to sit Johnson's derivation from *Sedan* (France), often repeated, is a mere guess Quot 1 shows it as a new word, quot 2 its use as a kind of hearse

Then the Dutch younker took her up into a (what doe you call it?) a sedan, and away they went (Glaphorne, *Hollander*, v. 1, 1640)

June 21 Payd for the whole chardges of my Lord George's corps bringinge downe to Belvoyre, cxviiij xvijs ijd June 23. Payd the men that carried my Lord George in the sedan, jh xvjs (*Rutland MSS* 1641)

sedate L *sedatus*, p.p. of *sedare*, to settle, set, allay, causal of *sedere*, to sit, cf synon. Ger. *gesetzt*, lit set, F. *assis* *Sedative* is much older

sedentary F *sédentaire*, L *sedentarius*, from pres part of L *sedere*, to sit
sederunt. Sitting, meeting L, sat (v.s.),

preceding in minute-book names of those present

sedge AS *secg* ident with rare *secg* sword com'n with *sau*¹ and F *secare* to cut Cf L *gladiolus* which it renders in early glosses

sedle [arch] L from *sedere* to sit Uen in pl *sedilia*

sediment F *sediment* L *sedimentum* from *sedere* to sit settl

sedition F *sédition* L *sedition* from *sedere* (q v) and *ire* to go

seduce L *seducere* to lead away Gen sense appears in *seductive* chief current sense in *seduction*

sedulous From L *sedulus* from adv *sedulo* honestly OI *se dolo* without guil

See enson i one of h es as i li u how h pl yed the sed l us ap to llahtit Sr Thoma B n e Montaign and oth r writers of the p L A d the composers f all o r high toned n us papers keep th f r go g sent n set p in type al ys so can ta tly doe t com trippi g off the p f all h gher ton f r vi wers
(Wb Brerb hnt Christmas Cal d)

sedum L house-leek with var *sadium* Prob not a L word

see¹ V rb AS *seon* Com Teut cf Du *zien* Ger *sehen* ON *sjá* Goth *saihan* In sense of to escort (see out home etc) first in Shaks Sense of to experience now chiefly with *letter days service* is in AS *Let me see* is 16 cent *Seer* orig rendered L *telens* (Iul) G *βλέπω* (LXX)

Cometh a 1600 wet th see
(Wyc s A g ix 9)

see² Noun OF *sie* VL *sedes* (for *sēles*) from *sedere* to sit Replaced in F by *siège* VI *sedicium* as in *la sainte siège*

F th fyrst g tun f Phara th i sat n hi se unto th fyrst got of the califf woman th i was in prison (Wyc E xi 20)

seed AS *sed* Com Teut cf Du *zad* Ger *saat* ON *sith* Goth *siths* (in *manasiths* mankind) cogn with *soa*² Bibl sense of offspring is also AS *Seedcake* was perh orig emblematical of sowing (v i) the conclusion of which was celebrated by a fast With colloq *seedy* cf *run to seed*

We some times thi w k ith weath holdeth r An d of wh t sow g w make f r thi yea Re mber yo therf if i d t n t
The seed cake a d pa ties and f time ty pot
(T swet)

seedy boy *sidi* boy [Anglo Ind] Negro Ironic use of *sith* Urdu *sith* Arab *savud* my lord (see *Cid*)

seek AS *sēcan* past *sōhte* Com Teut cf Du *eken* Ger *suchen* ON *sēkja* Goth *sōkjan* cogn with L *seger* to scent out G *sy oña* to lead Mod form f *seek* (still in dial) as in *beseech* is due to Norse influence Almost repia ed colloq by to look for and *each* but cf *Asl-a-ist* *seeh* Archaic gerundiv to *seek* (Chance) I ard to find sur ives is an chn of Poru n s epigram— The Germans in Creek are sadly to se k

seel *fale* j See *stal*

seem ON *sema* from so i fitim seemly cogn with AS *sēman* to reconcile and with *san* Orig sense survives in *seem* *seemly* With archaic *what seemeth* is a good *me seem* with dat pronoun cf *me thinks* Later senses may have been influenced by obs *semble* F *sentir* I *simila* e from *su* ul together

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seer¹ From *seer* Cf *sight* *seer*

seer² [is to Ind] Weight offic a kilogram Hind *ser*

seersucker Fabric Corrupt of Pers *sāsh* w *sāshkar* malk and sugar striped garment Cf *pepper and salt*

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With see saw k down like a sawyer
(N D 64 i)

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Thou shalt seethe k d m bly with r m
(F 11 9)

segar Early st F spelling of *segar*

The i cendary wa se ed above in the s t of settig f i e to the fuso w t is bited se ar
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segment L *segre* h m for *segmentum* from *secare* to cut

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Taking your grafted trees out of the seminary you shall transplant them into this nursery (F. Hyn)

semiology See *semesiology*

Semite [*si* n.] From Late L. *Sem* G. Heb. *Shem* eldest son of Noah First used in Ger. *semitisch* for group of languages including Hebrew Aramaic Arabic Ethiopic ancient Assyrian Cf. *Hamitic* *Japhetic*

semolina Altered from It. *semolino* from *semola* bran, L. *simila* wheat meal Cf. *simnel*

sempiternal F. *sempiternal* Med. L. *sempiternalis* from L. *sempiternus* from *semper* always with ending as in *aeternus*

sempstress See *seami*

sen Copper coin Jap

senary L. *senarius* from *seni* distrib. of *sex* six

senate F. *sénat* L. *senatus* lit. council of old men from *senex* old Hence governing body esp. of univ. Sense of upper legislative body first in US whence adopted at Revolution by France

send AS *sendan* Com. Teut. cf. Du. *senden* Ger. *senden* O.N. *senda* Goth. *sanþan* all causals of a lost Teut. verb meaning to go cf. AS *sitt* Goth. *sintis* journey Ger. *gesinde* retinue orig. leader's train of warriors Used already in AS of Divine ordinance whence *God send* *send him victorious* etc. To *send mad* (to *sleep into fits*) is 19 cent.

sendal [*hi* t.] Fabric OF *sendal* cf. It. *sendale* Sp. *sendal* also Ger. *sendel* ult. from G. or Sw. *enne* linen lit. stuff of India (q.v.) Cf. *Scinde* Obs. from 16 cent. but revived by mod. poets

And th. body taken Joseph Wilpde t. in a *clis* *sendel* (Wye *Mass* xx ii 39)

senescent From pres. part of I. *senescere* from *senex* old

seneschal OF *seneschal* (*stendchal*) of Teut. origin with second element as in *marshal*

(q.v.) and first cogn. with L. *senex* old Cf. Goth. *sinista* eldest Found in Frank. 14 L. as *seniscalcus* and adopted by all Rom. lan's Ger. *seneschall* like *marschall* is borrowed back from F.

senhor Port. see *senior*

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senna Arab. *sana* ME. had also *send* *senny* via F. *send*

seneschal [*S*] Gaelic teller of tradition Gael. *seanachaidh* from *sean* old (re *senior*) Cf. Gaulish name *Seneca*

senright [archaic] For *seven* n. lit. a comp. already existing in AS Cf. *firstnight*

sennot sinnet cinet [*naut*] Flaut of rope grass etc. Explained since Falk. as *seven knut* but Capt. John Smith defines it as of two four six eight or nine strings and Cotg. as of three If var. *ridnet* (v. 1) is genuine above etym. is impossible

Send or set is a line or string m. d. f. open y. ro. of tw. or pl. tied one over another (See *Did* 108)

senor Sp. see *en* o

Senoussi See *Senussi*

sense F. *sens* L. *sensus* from *senti* & *sens* to feel ult. cogn. with *send* and with Ger. *sinn* *sens* Lillip. use for good *sens* is first in Shaks. In 16 cent. also as verb but now only as Americanism *Sens* live still preserves its three orig. meanings of perceptible to the senses capable of feeling (*sens* ite) a totally perceiving, from the last of which is evolved current use for intellect discreet only in low conversation (Johns) From Late L. *sensus* grafted with *sense* comes *sensationalism* of which latest *sense* belongs to second half of 19 cent. *Sens* ality is from Late L. *sensualis* *Sensus* was created by Milton to avoid the associations of *sensual* ant. revived by Coleridge

sensitive plant From 17 cent. also *sens* live (v. 1) orig. as rendering *mimosa*

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casino sentinelle, ou maisonnette de sentinelle sur la courtine, ou sur les rempars et bastions (Duez)

sentry Quite unconnected with *sentinel*, though naturally associated with it by early etymologists Also frequently spelt *cent v* It is the popular form of *sanctuary*, as in *sentry-fields*, common in dial for Church fields (also *centry-gate*, *centry-garth*) The order of senses is sanctuary, place of safety, shelter for watchman,

watchman, cf F. *guérite*, sentry-box, OF sanctuary, refuge (from *guern*, save), which would now also prob mean sentry if *sentinelle* had not been introduced from It Cf archaic F *prendre la guérite* to take sanctuary, make off Cf also *custodia*, keeping, watch and ward, watchtower, the watch, watchman Sentry go v orig imper, as order to soldier to retire previous sentry

He hath no way now to slyppe out of my bar but to take sentrie in the Hospital of Warwick (Nashe, 1591)

garite (*guérite*) a place of refuge, and of s retrayall in a rowt, disaster, or danger, also sentrie, or litle lodge for a sentinell, buid on hill (Cot)

Through the thiek senteries and stations thiek Of angels watching round (Par L 11 412)

Senussi, Senoussi Mohammedan sect a league (NAfr), named from founder, based in Algeria (c 1800)

sepal [bot] F *sépale*, ModL *sepalum*, com (1790) by Necker, after *petalum*, from σκῆπη, covering See NED, viii 2 addend

separate From L *separare*, from *se-* (q) and *parare*, to make ready Cf *sever*.

sepia L, G σηπία, cuttle-fish

sepoy Port *sipae*, Urdu, Pers *sipāhi*, hon man, soldier, from *sipāh*, army Cf *spa*.

Sadhu Sing had been a sipahee, or soldier (Surgeon's Daughter, ch xii)

sept [antiq] Division of Ir clan Artific spelling of *sect* So also OF *sette*, sect, sect and It *setta*, are sometimes latinized *sept* in medieval documents Cf AF *quinte* 1 *quille*

There are another sect of the Borkes, and division of the Irishshery, towards Sligoo (NED 1536)

September L, from *septem*, seven Replace AS *hærfestmōnath*, *hāligmōnath* Hen *septembris*, Port revolutionary (1830)

September massarer (Paris, 1792)

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septic G σηπτικός, from σήπew, to putrefy septillion F, from *sept*, seven, after *million* etc

septuagenarian From L. *septuaginta* as from *septuaginta* distrib of *septuaginta* seventy

Septuagesima L. (sc dies) It is uncertain whether this and *Sextagesima* were merely suggested by *Quadragesima* *Quinquagesima* or whether as (about) seventieth and s xlieth days before octave of Easter Both conjectures are in Alcuin (8 cent)

Septuagint L. *septuaginta* s^c enty from the (untrue) tradition that the C version of the OT was the work of 72 Jews of Palestine who completed the task in 70 days (Abbrev LXX)

Th v were then stor and t n that turned Holy Writ out of Hebrew to Grece (Fr i 243)

septum [ci nt] Partition L from *sa pite* to enclose from *sepes* bed^o

sepulchre F *sepulchre* L *sepulchrum* from *sepelire* s full to bury On^o only of Holy Sepulchre Cf *sepulture* OF L *sepulchra*

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sequester Late L. *sequester* are to separate put in safe keepin^g from *sepe* stor atorney mediator third person called in as umpire from *sequi* to follow *Sequester* is of later formation

sequim [hi i] F It *sechino* from *secco* mint Arab *sikkah* counting die Cf *et chon* h s ard

sequoia Tree wellingtonia. Named (1847) by Endlicher after *Sequoia* a Cherokee Indian Cf *quassia*

serac [alp] Ice tower on glacier Swiss F *serac* kind of cheese From shape.

seraglio It. *seraglio* an enclosure a close, a palace a park a cloister or seclusion (Flor) from L. *sera* lock error used owing to superficial resemblance of form and sense to render *serai* (q v)

serai Turk *serai* orig Pers lodgng, residence pala^s F p of Sultan's palace at Constantinople wrongly called *seraglio* (q v) Cf *carata serai*

serang [i lo Ind] Lascar boatwain Per sarakang commander

serape Shawl Mex Sp

seraph First used by Milton as sing of older *seraphim* (pl) found in AS Late l [ful] (*seraphim* (LXX) Heb *seraphim* (only in Is 37 pl of *seraph* regarded by some as ident with *seraph* serpent used in apposition with *nahash* serpent (Numb xxi De s vii) For earlier use as sing cf *herubim* also I *seraphim* It. *serafino* Sp *serafin* all sing *seraskier* Turk pronunc of pers *serasker* from *sar* head a *har* army Cf *lar askeri*

Serbian His now replaced earlier *Seroin* an incorr form perh due to some vague association between *Ser* and *serfs* From native Srb S b The lang i Slav

Serbian bog Midn^g name (Fa L u 392) For Late S *nomia* (Egypt) G *Seppur* (A pur)

White or he we do w must get out of the Ser bonian bog (Ph Nov 16 319)

serel Adj AS *serer* dry withered cogn with Du *zoor* whence F *seru* in *harer* sau red herring Cf *seru* now only poet exp in the *seru* the yellow leaf (Macb i 3)

seré See *sera*

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serf F L *servus* slave orig (cattle) keeper from *seru* are to preserve Described by Todd as obs but reval by hist writers and n ref to R 333

serge F L *serica* (sc *serici*) from the *Seres* (2 per pr b the Chinese (see *silk*) cf I am sd ca in most Europ langs from F In Chauc (A 7308)

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Latin *sentinella*, en phantasmatis de sentinelle cur la sentinelle pour le temple et barrière (Du-Roi)

sentry Quite unconnected with *sentinel*, though naturally associated with it by early etymologists. Also frequently spelled *centry* It is the popular form of a *century*, as in *centry felle* common in dial for *century felle* (also *centry*, etc. *centry*) The etym of *centry* is *century*, place of safety, stronghold for watchman,

watchman; cf F *guérte*, sentry-box, in OF sanctuary, refuge (from *guérte*, to save), which would now also prob. mean sentry if *sentinelle* had not been introduced from It Cf archaic F *prendre la guérte*, to take sanctuary, make off. Cf also L *custodia*, keeping, watch and ward, watchtower, the watch, watchman *Sentrygo* was orig imper, as order to soldier to relieve previous sentry

He hath no way now to slyppe out of my hand, but to take sentrie in the Hospital of Warwick (Nashe, 1592)

garite (*guérte*) a place of refuge, and of safe retrayll in a rowt, disaster, or danger, also a sentrie, or little lodge for a sentinell, built on high (Cotg)

Through the thick sentries and stations thick
 Of angels watching round (Par. I. ii 412)

Senussi, Senoussi Mohammedan sect and league (NAfr), named from founder, born in Algeria (c 1800).

sepal [bot] F *sepale*, ModL *sepalum*, coined (1790) by Necker, after *petalum*, from G *σάλη*, covering. See NED viii 2 addenda separate. From L *separare*, from *se-* (q v) and *parare*, to make ready. Cf *sever*.

sepia L, G *σηπία*, cuttle-fish.

sepoy Port *sipac*, Urdu, Pers *sipāhi*, horseman, soldier, from *sipāh*, army. Cf *spah*.

Sadhu Sing had been a sipahce, or soldier (Surgeon's Daughter, ch. xii)

sept [antig.] Division of Ir clan Artificial spelling of *sect* So also OF *sette*, sect, set, and It *setta*, are sometimes latinized *setta* in medieval documents Cf AF *quinte* for *quinte*

There are another sect of the Borke, and divers of the Inschery, to warden Sligoo (NED 1531)

September L, from *septem*, seven Replaced AS *herfestmōnath*, *Aligornmōth* Their *septembrius*, Port. *revolucionary* (1831), September massacrer (Paris, 1793).

septenary. L *septenarius*, from *septem* distrib of *septem*, seven (q v)

septennial From L *septennarius*, space of seven years

septentrional L *septentrionalis*, from *septem*, seven, *trion*, east *septem trion*, seven ploughmen, the Gr at Paris. *Trion* derived from *trion*, *trion* from *trion*, to plough, etc., a ten *trion*

septic G *σηπτικός*, from *σηπείν*, to rot, septicity F, from *sept*, seven, after *septem*, etc.

Law L *serviens ad legem* For wide range of meanings of the title of those of *marshal*, *constable* The *sergeant-major* was orig a commissioned officer (see *general*)

sergent a sergeant, officer, catchpole, purveyor, apparitor, also (in Old French) a footman, or souldier that serves on foot (Cotg)

sericulture Production of raw silk Altered from F *sériciculture* (see *serge*, *silk*)

series L, from *serere*, to join, connect, cogn with G *сіреу*, to bind, Lithuanian *serif*, thread *Serialium* is MedL, after *gradatim*, etc *Serial* is 19 cent and, in chief current sense, was perh. first used of Dickens' novels

serif See *ceriph*

serin. Bird of canary tribe F, ? VL **citrinus*, lemon-coloured

seringa Shrub F, Port, L *syringa* (q v)

serio- Earliest in *serio-comic* (18 cent)

serious F *sérieux*, MedL *seriosus*, from L *serius*, orig heavy, cogn with Ger *schwer* (cf sense-development of *grave*)

serjeant See *sergeant*

sermon F, L *sermo-n.*, discourse, ? cogn with *swear* First in E (12 cent) in Church sense

sero- From *serum* (q v)

serotinous [bot] Late-flowering From L *serotinus*, from *sero*, adv of *serius*, late

serous See *serum*

serow Asiatic antelope Native name (N.W. Himalayas)

serpent F, L *serpens*, *serpent-*, pres part of *serpere*, to creep, cogn with G *сіреу*, Sanskrit *syṇ*, ? and with *reptile*. With *serpentine* (rock) cf *ophite*

serpiginous [med] Of ringworm, MedL *serpigo*, from *serpere*, to creep (v s)

serpula Marine annelid Mod use of L *serpula*, small serpent

serra Port for *serra* (q v)

serrated From L *serratus*, from *serra*, saw, ? imit of rasping sound (Isidore)

serrefile [mil] F, rear soldier of file, lit lock file; cf Port *serrafila*

serried From obs *serry*, F *serrer*, to lock, from L *serra*, bolt, bar First in Milt, but ME. had *saray*, and *serr* was in use in 16-17 cents Mod currency is due to Scott

serum [med] L, whey, watery fluid, cogn with synon G *ὀρός*

serval Afr bush-cat F, used by Buffon of Asiatic lynx, Port (*lobo*) *cerval*, lit wolf hunting deer, cf F *loup-cervier*, L *lupus cervarius*, from *cervus*, deer

servant F, pres part of *servir*, to serve ModF uses in domestic sense only later fem *servante*. In Bibl E, since Wyc, often for L *servus*, G *δούλος*

Servantes be not so diligent as they were wont to be (Stonor Let 1470)

serve F *servir*, L *servire*, from *servus*, slave, serf (q v). Senses were mostly developed in L & F and those of *service* run parallel In liturg sense AS had *serfise*, L *servitium* To *serve one out*, orig from pugilism, is an ironic application of naut to *serve out* (grog, etc) With *serve you right* cf earlier to be well (ill) *served* (by one's adherents, friends, etc)

A plenteous victualler, whose provisions serve Millions of cities that else needs must starve (Sylv Colonius)

Servian See *Serbian*.

*service*¹. See *serve*.

*service*². Tree Orig *seres*, pl of obs *serve*, AS *syrfse*, VL **sorbea*, from *sorbus*, L name of tree

sarves, tree alisier (Palsg.)

serviette F., from *servir*, to serve. Common in Sc from 15 cent, but in E a late 19 cent refinement now considered vulgar

servile F, L *servilis*, from *servus*, slave

Servite From MedL *Servitae*, members of order called *Servi Beatae Mariae*, founded 1233

servitor ME & OF. *servitour* (*serviteur*). Late L *servitor-em*, from *servire*, to serve Formerly, at Oxf, student theoretically performing menial work in exchange for pecuniary help.

servitude F, Late L *servitudo*, from *servire* (v s)

sesame ME *sesam*, L *sesamum*, G *σησαμι*, EInd plant, prob of Oriental origin, cf Aram *šumšhemā*, Arab *šimsīm* Mod trisyllabic form, after G *σησαμή*, is due to its use in Alī Baba in transl (1785) of Galland's *Mille et une nuits*. Cf *shibboleth*

sesqui- L, for **semis que*, a half in addition Esp after Horace, in *sesquipedalian*, from L *sesquipedalis*, of a foot and a half

Telephus et Peleus, cum pauper et exsul, uterque Projicit ampullas, et sesquipedalia verba, Si curat cor spectantis teligisse querela (Ars Poet 96).

sess See *cess*

sessile [bot] L *sessilis*, sitting down, stunted, from *sedere*, *sess-*, to sit.

session F, L *sessio-n.*, from *sedere*, *sess-* (v s) Cf *assize séance*.

sesterce [hist] L. *sestertius* (= *nummus*) for *semit tertius* (= *sesqui*) i.e. two and a half (*asses*) *Sestertium* thousand sesterces is genitive pl. (in *mille sestertium*) taken as neut. sing.

sestet It *sestello* from *sesto* sixth L. *sextus*

sestina [metr.] It. poem of six lined stanzas from *sesto* (s)

set¹ Verb AS *setan* causal of *sit* Com Teut. cf. Du *setten* Ger *setzen* ON *setja* Goth *saljan* The article on this verb is the longest in the AED. Many of the senses are now usu. replaced in colloq. by *put*. The vulgar confusion with *sit* appears in AS but in some cases e.g. *the jelly sets* intrans. is for rather reflex. So also in the sun *sets* (not in AS) with which cf. ON *setjask* (= *drask* *bust*). Intrans. to *set out* (on a journey) is evolved from earlier trans. sense of fitting out an expedition hence a *pretty set out* commotion. To *set to* is from earlier reflex. cf. F *se mettre* d.

set² Noun As act of setting from *set* v. e. in *dead set* orig. cant for a sch. was regarded as certain. But in sense of number group from OF *sette* ident. with *set* (qv) and thus ult. with *suite*. Cf. MedL. *secta* *setti* in early writs e.g. *cum lectis ejus set m set* ae. (temp. Rich II) where a mod. upholsterer would say *suite*. But there has been much confusion between the two words and derivatives of the verbs com. with *set*¹ occur in this sense in other Teut. langs. So also with *sell* an archaic form surviving in various techn. senses e.g. the paving *sell* is prob. from *set* but the tennis *sell* (16 cent.) from OF *selle* = *sequence*.

setaceous [bot.] From L. *seta* *arista* bristle hair

seton [surg.] Thread run thru h. skin to keep wound open F *seton* It *setone* MedL *seto* n. from *seta* (vs)

settee¹ [naut.] It *setitia* a car speedie pinnacle bark foyst brigandin or barge [Flor.] L. *sa* is a arrow

settee² Couch From early 18 cent. ? Altered from *settle* by analogy with obs. *settee* part of head-dress (s). The essential feature of the *settee* appears to have been the division in the middle (see Cowper's *Task* 1. 75) so there may be some vague association with *settle* of analogous uses of F *coupe*. The two words occur together in

quot. below though in a totally different sense

Th. *setté* evopée plac. right (V. d. m. *setté* s. 169c)

setter Dog From *set* Lather a kind of spaniel

When h. pproch th. peer t. th. pl. ce wh. the t. rde n. h. layes hund. w. ad. d. with a. m. rek. f. h. paves, b. t. veth th. pl. ce. f. th. by des. la. t. bod. wh. r. by t. is s. pposed it at th. la. d. of d. ag. is call d. f. d. x. sett. (AED 15. 8)

setterwort Cf. *setcras* ME *satir* with cogn. LG. & MHG. form. Onom. unkn. ? From *saiv*

settle¹ Noun AS *setl* f. (cf. *se set*) Goth *setl* cogn. with *st* saddle and with L. *sedes* to sit

settle Verb AS *seutan* from above affected in some senses by *st* *sau hile* to reconcile frequent of *stugit* of S. an. orig. and ult. cogn. with *st* *sacer* Cf. Ger *stadel* to settle (in country)

setwall Plant (red valerian) orig. drug AF *eleuae* OF *sto* l. to a Arab *edcir* hence MedL. *sedonum* *sedonary*

seven AS *seofon* Aryan cf. Du *zeven* Ger *sieben* ON *sja* Goth *sibun* L. *septem* G. *ss* Sanskrit *sapta* Gael *secht* Welsh *saith* etc. Regarded as origin to story of Creation as perfect or agreed number and hence used of a great many perfect sets (champions games, ruses, wonders of the world etc.) Cf. similar use of *nine*. The story of the *Seven Sleepers* (13th cent.) Ephesus who took refuge during the Dacian persecution in a cave where they slept for some centuries is in Africa (10 cent.) The Mohammedan *seven* *heaven* is borrowed from Judaism. *Seventy* *four* (g. n. & p.) standard line-of-battle ship c. 1800 is in Hickey's *Men* 13. (1. 63)

No p. r. on earth I thought could have entered those f. o. from game into action. Seventy-four at 1. e. both f. m. to the H. r. (1. c. s. b.)

sever F *sever* in ModF. only to can VL *seperare* f. r. *sepa* are to separate (s. 1)

several OF Late L. *sepalis* from *sepa* separate from *se* (qv) and *par* equal. For orig. sense as in *conjoint* cf. *sece* n. h. of dice s.

Castra. Monson went forth to seek his own effort. I th. Alcock (Purch. vi. 25)

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Coming eve etc etc the shadow before
(Campbell, Lockhart's Waverley).

shadoof, Irrigation machine Egypt. Arab *shādūf*

shadow: See *shade* With to shadow (c. 1600) cf to *dey*

shaft AS *scaft* shaft of spear pole etc
 Com Teut cf Du *schacht* Ger *schaft*
 ON *scaft* cogn with L *scapus* scape²
 All senses may be brought under orig
 idea of cylindrical rod passing into that of
 cylindrical cavity (*shaft* of mine) the latter
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 the LC doublet of *schaft* For a similar
 transference of meaning cf *socket* and for
 the converse *spr* of

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 with AS *seaga* small wood shaw also
 ult with *sko* ² Not recorded by NED
 between AS and 16 cent Hence perh
shag kind of cormorant with shaggy crest
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shah Restored form of *erher* (16 cent)
shaugh show Pers *shah* shortened from
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 Sanskrit *kshat* a dominion G *sk* ² to
 possess

The King of Persia (whom he re-call the gr at
 Sophy) is not he called b t u called the Shaugh
 (Hakl in 1 + 15 cl)

Shaitan Arab *shaitān* from Heb *satān*
 Satan

shake AS *sceacan* cogn with ON *shaka*
 LG *scha ken* not found in HG & Goth
 To *shake down* settle whence a *shakedown*
 is a metaphor from measuring corn (Luthe
 vi 38) No great shakes is perh from dicing
 With *Shaker* of various rel bodies cf
Quaker with which it was synon in 17 cent
 shako I *schako* Magyar *eszk* (-*süteg*)
 peaked cap from *esk* peak Ger *ancken*
 earlier *sacke* *zack* Cf *zigzag*

shale AS *scealu* scale¹ shell as in *shale* *calu*
 or perh from cogn Ger *schale* as in
schalstein laminated limestone

shall AS *sceal* orig a preterite (cf *may*
can etc) with later past tense *sceol*
 whence *should* Com Teut cf Du *sal*
 Ger *soll* ON Goth *shal* ? cogn with L
scelus guilt Orig sense of owing (as late
 as 15 cent) appears in AS *scylð* Ger
schuld debt guilt cf Ger *soll* and *haben*
 debt and credit A trace of this survives
 in use of *shall* in 1st and 3rd persons (thou
shalt not steal etc) and in *shant* The
 correct alternation with *will* can it is said
 only be confidently executed by a Lon
 doner

A d by that feth I b I to God a d yow
 (Ch uc Trod 11 649)

shalloon Fabric Farher *chalouns* (Cl auc)
 from *Chalons sur Marne* (Marne) a town
 named from the *Cata-aun* Cf Ger
schlaune

shallop F *chiloupe* orig ships boat Du
sl op sloop (q v) cf It *scaloppa* Sp
chalopa Ger *schainppe* from F But some
 authorities regard Du *sloop* as from F
chaloipe in which case the origin must be
 sought elsewhere Connect n has been
 suggested with OF *chaloppe* shell (of nut)
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 synonyms in early dicts

shalloot Earlier *chilot* OF *eschalotte* (*sch*
lotte) variation on *eschalogne* culon
 (q v)

shallow Not found in AS but evidently
 cogn with *skoll* (q v) The form points
 to AS *sceal* *scalu* (cf *slou*)

sham Slang of late 17 cent u assumed to
 be northern form of *shame* ? Originating
 in mock a supposition of *sham* modesty
 (so explained by North 1734) In view
 of the obscure origin of most cant words
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 dubious

Shamming i t l u x y oapid d i l b w h a
 dull face which sh y w g the s thor and is al
 t h u s M (W) 1 1 v 167 }

shamah Ind song bird Hind *śama*
 Shamanism Primitive spiritualist religion
 orig of Ural Altaic peoples of Siberia
 From Pa s *sha* *sa* *ra* priest doctor a Mon
 golian word perh ult from Pali *śa* *ra* *ra*
 a Buddhist monk, Sanskrit *śrama* *a*

Ti y Bow-sh ed l t-eyed omatic sh man
 n t o k g l k l t t West m S ben and Tu k
 eta (Tmes L i S ppl M reh 3 19 9)

shamble Noun Lsu in pl *shambles* AS
scearnel cf archaic Du *chneel* Ger
schemel footstool WGer borrowing f L
scamell i lna of *scannu* bench In
 E ben h f r sale of meat hence m at
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 Nottingham Later use of a slaughter
 house and often fig With a *humble* cf a
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shade AS. *sceadu*, *sceadw*-, whence also *shadow*, the two representing all senses of L *umbra* Com Teut, cf Du *schadu*, Ger *schatten*, Norw *skodde*, mist, Goth. *skadus*, cogn with G *σκότος*, darkness, Gael *sgáth*, Welsh *ysgod*, etc With *shade*, gradation of colour, cf synon F *nuance*, from *nue*, cloud *Shady*, inferior, appears first in univ slang The *shadow of death* (Ps *xxiii* 4, and elsewhere), renders G. *σκιά θανάτου* (LXX & NT), now usu regarded as mistransl of a Heb word for intense darkness *May your shadow never grow less* is Oriental

Coming events cast their shadows before (Campbell, *Lochiel's Warning*).

shadoof Irrigation machine Egypt. Arab *shādūf*

shadow See *shade* With to *shadow* (c 1600) cf. to *dog*

weaver at his loom, the connection with *shamble*¹ remaining

schamelen rustica, ligna pedibus textorum subiecta, quibus telae alternis vicibus, sive alternatim contrahuntur & aperuntur (Kil)

shame AS *sceamu* Com Teut, cf Du *schamen* (verb), Ger *scham*, ON *skömm*, Goth **shama* (only in verb *shaman*) The E word has the double sense expressed in F by *pudeur*, *honte*, and in Ger by *scham*, *schande* (derivative of *scham*) *Shamefaced* is folk-etym for *shamefast* (Chauc A 840), AS *scamfæst*, firm in modesty (cf *steadfast*)

There is a common saying amongst us, Say the truths and shume the devil (Latimer, 1552)

shammy Leather Quasi-phonetic spelling of *chamois* (q v) Earlier also *shamoy*

shampoo Orig a form of massage (Anglo-Ind) Hind *shāmpo*, imper of *shāmpnā*, to press Cf *dekho*, look (mil slang), imper of *dekha*, to look

The barbers of this place are much spoken of for their neatness in shavence and artificial cham-pinge (Peter Mundy, 1632)

shamrock Ir *scamróg*, dim of *scamar*, clover, cf Gael *scamrag* Trad used by St Patrick as symbol of Trinity

Shandean, Shandeian, Shandatism From Sterne's *Tristram Shandy* (1759-67)

shandyran From c 1800 Also (north-west dial) *shandy*, *shandy-cart* Origin unknown

shandygaff App first (c 1850) at Oxf Origin unknown Cf Lond slang *shant*, pot (of beer)

shanghai [naut] From *Shanghai*, China Orig US, but *shanghai*, catapult, is recorded earlier in Austral Cf *stellenbosch* and obs *barbados*, to transport to the plantations (in *Barbados*)

shank AS *sceanca*, leg WGer, cf Flem *schank*, leg-bone, Ger dim *schenkel*, thigh, cogn with Ger *schinken*, ham, and prob with ON *skakki*, crooked (cf the Rom names for leg, e.g. F *jambe*, supposed to be cogn with G *καμύρι*, curve, and Celt *cam*, crooked) Gradually superseded in gen sense by *leg* (q v), but survives in surnames *Cruikshank*, *Sheepshanks*, etc

And aye, until the day he dy'd,
He rode on good shanks naggy (Sc song, 1724)

shanker [med] Obs form of *chancre*

shanty¹ Hut Orig US & Canada ? Corrupt of F *chantier*, workshop, used in Canada of woodcutters' forest quarters

Cf *shantyman*, lumberman, Canad. F *homme de chantier* (see *gantry*) Others derive it from Ir *sean toig*, old house, cogn. with L *senex* and *tectum* respectively

shanty² See *chanty*

shape AS *gesceap* (noun), *sceppan* (verb), the latter orig strong, cf archaic pp *shapen*, whence mod form of the verb Orig. to create, hence to mould, form Com. Teut, cf Du *scheppen*, Ger *schöpfen*, creator, *schaffen*, to create, procure, ON *shepja*, Goth *gaskapjan*; cogn with *-ship* With *shapely* cf L *formosus*, from *forma*, shape

shapoo Tibetan *sha-pho*, wild sheep

shard¹, sherd [archaic] AS *sceard*, cleft, fragment (cf *potsherd*), from *shear*

shard² Beetle-wing Ghost-word evolved from *shardborn beetle* (Mach iii 2), which means born in dung, AS *scearn*, cf AS *scearnbudda*, dung-beetle, whence mod dial *shornbug* and synon F *escarbot*

share¹ Of plough AS *scear*, cogn with *shear*, share² See *scabbard*

share² Portion. AS *scearu*, cutting, division (v s), only recorded in obs sense of the fork of the legs, and in compds, e.g. *land-scearu*, boundary (whence name *Land-seer*), cf Du *schaar*, Ger. *schar*, troop, detachment In ME orig naut, portion of booty, whence *share and share (a)like* (16 cent), *hon's share*, etc

Common mariners and souldiers are much given to pillaging and spoiling, making greater account of the same then of their shares (Hakl vi 51)

shark Although recorded as fish-name somewhat earlier than in sense of greedy parasite, I think the latter is the orig sense, and that the word comes, perh via Du, from Ger *schurk*(c), "a shark, sharper, rook, rake, rogue" (Ludw), whence also *shirk* (q v), It *scrocco*, as in *mangiare a scrocco*, "to feede scotfree at another mans charge" (Flor), and F *escroc*, a sharper. The change of vowel is normal (cf *clerk*, *Derby*, etc, and see *serve*) This word may easily have been current among seamen before being recorded, and the quots (v1) suggest a naut nickname rather than a foreign word Job Hortop (Hakl) saw "monstrous fish called 'sharks'" off Sierra Leone in 1568, though the account of his adventures was written later The early travellers usu call the fish *tuberon*, *tuberon*, from Sp It may also be noted that the F name

requiem also (16 cent) *requiem* is prob a nickname. It is explained (17 cent) by *Puretière* as for *requiem* which is quite possible.

There is no proper name of it that I know but that certainly in n of *Capitaine* Ha li ses d th call it a sharke (VED from a broadside 1569).

Th shark h th of this name f'n th g for he will mak a mrel of anything th i he can catch master and devour (ib 1655).

Jaws of s h stre gth that a leg o an arm bone d all is b t a easy mors l wh ref re called ha k by the amen.

(17c's E I L. nd Pers 57-8)

Sharon rose of See *Song of Sol* 11 1 *Sharon* is a fertile strip on the coast of Palestine. The flower is unidentified.

sharp AS *scarp* Com Teut cf Du *scherp* Ger *scharf* ON *sharp* cogn with AS *scarpian* to scarify and ult. with *scrape*. *Sharper* was prob suggested by earlier *sharker* which in its turn owes something to Du *schaker* robber. *Sharp* et eager for food was in 16 cent used of hawks but may have orig been a metaphor from the saw.

shatter Later var (14 cent) of *calter* with which it was at first synon as till in dial (see *Lyceias* 5).

shave AS *scæfan* to scrape pare down orig strong as still in pp *shaten* Com Teut cf Du *schäzen* Ger *schaben* ON *skafa* Goth *skaban* cogn with L *scabere* to scratch Cf noun *shave* as in *spokeshave* AS *scrafa* With *town shaver* from fig to *shave* steal a riddle cf *nipper* With a *close shave* from sense of bru h n lightly against cf *Fri er* *in corde* to escape hanging lit to brush against the rope.

Shavian For formation from (G B) *Shaw* cf *Borrian* of George *Borrow* *Harroian* of *Ilia row*.

shaw [dial] Small wood (Johns.) AS *scaga* cogn with *hag* and with ON *skgr* wood so common in northern pl ce names (*Briscow* 1350 *ch* etc).

shaw [Sc] Potato-haulm > Sc form of *shaw*.

shawl Pers *shāl* In most Europ langs.

shawm ME *shalmere* OF *chaler* ie unexplaine var of OF *chamel* (*chalum au*) dim from L *calamus* reed (cf *canalis*) cf Du Ger *schalmes* from F. Current form is back formation from pl *shalmys* (cf *crish*).

If w ma y notes a so kb t h s, nd wh ther shawms ba trings (Arthur Hinton, 1 L and H *Medius*).

shay See *chay*. *Ecce* (1 nec 135) gives *sa* i und *po(st)* *shay* as cockn yams.

she AS *she* *st* fem of def art (orig d monstr pron) substituted for AS *prea* *hwa* which tended to become in d t moush able from maw. The sam substitution is found in other langs (Du *zij* Ger *sie* C 1 etc.) Application to ship is in Parbour (*schip*) but in 16-1 cents *he* is m re usual cf *Ind as an man-of wa* etc. C o of *he* *she* in names of mind is peculiar to F.

The best s all b h seo and h

War brogt for wit blm t see

(C row H d 3 et)

shea WAfr tree. Manding word sospelt i s Mung Pack.

shedding Division of I of Man Var of *shedding* from *shed*.

sheaf AS *scēaf* sheaf of corn Com Teut cf Du *schœf* Ger *schauf* w.p (sel be haycock etc.) ON *skaf* for a bru h I i ME also esp of two dozen arrows (Chauc A 104).

shealing See *hiel*.

shear AS *scieran* Com Teut cf Du Ger *scheren* ON *skera* Repl ced exc in spec senses by cut Hence *shears* *scissors* *shear* *shear* See also *she* *Skirn* of one *she* with is from story of Samson. The *shear* *lanb* proverb was app adapted to Sterne (v 1) from F *d brilis* *me due* *D* *mesure le vent*.

Godt opensh wind sa l h d i i t eu lamb (vent *Journal*).

sheat fish *sheath*-fish L *the* freshwater hal Cf Ger *schlei* (OHG *schleide* *A* *te*) also *schet* *ch* ? Cogn with *shad*.

sheat *oder* *sch* *te* *the* *sheat* *schad* *h* (L tw)

sheath AS *scēath* cf Du *she* *te* *ker* Ger *schelde* ON *she* *skir* pl) *tecu* with *sk* d with idea of separation Goth has *sk* *wh* *te* F *surter* (d m) It *f* *tero*.

sheath fish See *sk* *at* *f*.

sheave Crooked wheel cf pulley. L *ae* *plunet* ar of *kie* (v 1) *wh* *h* *one* of d *both* *wer* *ered* in *VI* of a *to* of *breau*.

shebeen [Ingho-*le*] Galen where whi ky i soli w thout lence. Ir *at* *n* *se* *lie* *lit* little *mu* *cf* *colleen* *ph* *am* *ar* *l* *se* *wen* *Ger* *Am* *pr* *th* *ue* *lit* *r* *g*.

Shechmah See *SA* *h* *sch*.

shed Verb AS *scēdan* to d vid *hence* to princl scatt r Com Teut th *gh*

app not recorded in ON, cf Du. Ger. *scheiden*, Goth *skaidon*, to divide; cogn with G. *spalten*, to split. Orig. sense appears in *watershed* (cf Ger. *wasserscheide*).

shed² Noun Earlier (15-16 cents) *shad*, var of *shade*, in sense of shelter. Current sense is due to influence of earlier *schudde* (whence dial *shud*), ult cogn with Ger. *schutz*, protection

schud, or *lvtal house* *toes* (Prompt Parv).

sheen Orig adj, as noun first in Shaks (*Hamlet* in 2), who prob apprehended it as belonging to *shive*. AS *sciēne*, beautiful, splendid Com Teut, cf Du *schoon* (see *scone*), Ger *schön*, Goth *skains*, prob cogn with *show* (cf *shapely*, *sightly*) Being often used as epithet of the sun it was naturally associated with *shine*

Sheeny [slang] Jew East End slang (early 19 cent) ? From Yiddish pronunc of Ger *schön*, beautiful, used in praising wares (A guess) ? Cf *smouch*



sheep AS *scēp*, *scēap* WGer, cf Du. *schaap*, Ger *schaf* For the Aryan name of the animal see *cwe* To cast *sheep's* eyes is in Skelton (cf *ogle*) Current sense of *sheepish* (in ME meek, docile, etc) is 17 cent

sheer¹ Adj Cogn with dial *shive*, AS *scīr*, bright, pure Com Teut, cf OSax *skīr*, Ger *schier*, ON *skirr*, Goth *sheirs*, ult cogn with *shine* For sense-development cf *mere pure* and Ger *lauter*. lit pure.

sheet¹ Cloth AS *sciēte*, *sciāt*, napkin, winding-sheet, whence *sheeted dead* (*Hamlet* 1 r). Used in AS Gospels for the linen cloth of *Mark*, xiv. 51 Connection with beds appears in ME Hence *sheet of paper*, *under*, etc For cognates see *sheet²*.

sheet² [naut.], AS *sciāta*, synon with *sciāt* (vs), and with additional sense of foot of sail, whence app transferred to the rope For a similar transfer of sense cf *shroud* A later development appears in *stern-sheets* (15 cent), app part of boat to which sheets were formerly attached The naut sense appears in some of the Teut cognates, e.g. Du *schoot*, lap, sailrope, Ger. *schoss*, bosom, lap (LG *schöle*, sailrope), ON *skaut*, bosom, skirt, sailrope, Goth *slauts*, hem of garment Cf also L *sinus*, bosom, hollow of sail. Synon F *ecoute* (OF. *escoute*), It *scotta*, Sp *escota* are from Teut Late ME. had also *shutic*, *shoot*, etc, from LG Here belongs *sheet-anchor*, also earlier *shute anchor*, *anchors called shuttle* (Nau *Accts* 1495-97), though the reason for the name is obscure It may have been suspended near the sheets (cf *bow-anchor*, *bouer²*) For fig use, already (*shot's anchor*) in Sir T More, cf *mainstay*

The biggest anchor of all is the sheat anchor, frequently by seamen call'd their Last Hope, being us'd in the greatest extremity (*Sea Dict* 1708)

sheikh  *shaiikh*, lit old man, from *shāikh*  *priest, alderman*,

and then only in sense of sandbank submerged rock also commonly called *led e flat* (gas in in Purch.) Both are prob from a Teut root *shelf* to split. See also *shelve*

Jove in h ven would smile to see Diana set on shelf (Cavalcade 1375)

shell AS *scell* cf Du *chel* *schel* ON *skel* sea-shell Goth *skala* tile and other cognates s v v *scal* *skale* The school form called the *hell* was orig held at the shell haped end of the school room at Westminster A *shell* *hut* fits like a hell In sense of missile *shell* was orig (17 cent) applied to a hand grenade *Shella* k sailor is mod

The world offering from h Urbeck
(D L) yd Georg F b 14 13 01

shellac For *shel* *lac* rendering Γ *la en* *tesiles* lac in thin plates See *lac*

Shelta [h] g l Cryptic Gael Ir tinkers lingo
Origin of name unknown

shelter Late 16 cent. > Evolved from G r *schutlerhaus* var of *schutzhause* sentry box orig small wooden structure for sentry in bad weather (Grimm) from *schilden* to protect shield Cf Du *childer* *huis* The date favours Du or Ger origin At any rate it must be cogn vith *sh* 11

shelly Shetland pony Orkney or Caithness pronunc of ON *Haltu* Shellander Cf *Shelland* *Zelland* ON *Illy* and

shelve To slope (c 1600) ? Can hardly come from *shelf* the exence of which is to be horizontal ? Cf Ger *schel* oblique (MittG *schel* *schelw* when'e dial *schelb*) *schelw* with AS *steel* On the other hand it may have been orig applied to a sloping shore and Purch renders L *sedes* by 'shallow places quicke sand or shelves To *shelve* postpone is to put on the shelf (in current sense)

Shemistic See *Semistic*

she oak Austral tree From *she* earlier applied to plants as to animals There is no foundation for the alle_g on that th word is a corruption of a native Australian or Tasmanian name (MFD)

Th re are two kinds of holy th t is to y h holy and he h ly (Cavalcade 13 1)

Sheol [theol] Heb *she l* the underworld Hades Substituted for *hell* in many passages of RV

shepherd AS *scrapha* a See *ferd* For fig

senses cf *pustor* For mil sense of to *shepherd* cf. to round up

We headed em off and th ther Johaniet herded em deus d (Doyl T of Korasko ch. 15)

sheraton Furniture From T *Shera* n cabinet maker (11806) Cf *chippensal*, herbet Turk Pers *sherbet* Arab. *sharbak* from *shariba* to drink Cf *sir p* *shir* *herbet*

Sherbeck is only h nev d water
(Capt John Smith)

sherd See *sh* j

shereef Arab *sharif* noble from *sha fa* to be exalted Orig descendant of Moham med through his dau hter Fatima

shenfil AS *scilge* *fa* shire reeve (q v) For extended senses cf *mirra* *se* and *saward* and other other titles Vnd pronunc (v1) is due to pelling See *shierality*

O r pair of new sherris
Hang by th rilk sleeves (R m Song 6 9)

sherry Back formation from *sherris* Sp (i no dr) *Xeres* (vine from) *Ve s* (now j c L (i de) *Caesaris* commonly written *sherris* in i c nt Γ Cf *cherry* for loss of s

shew See *show*

shewbread (Bibb) First in Tynd (I 2x 30) after Ger *scha wrot* (Jutaer) lit how bread rendering L *panes p osi* *ris* (Iub) C *proa* *ris* (LXX) lit from Heb AS has *offer* *h'ys* Wv *loor* of *propo* *cron* Tynd had used *halowed* *lore* in his VT transl (I/ v1 4)

Shiah Branch of Mohammedans (chiefly F 15) recognizing Ah as successor of Pro phet (see quot s v B m n) Arab *Shi'a* sect, from *shia* a to follow Hence *Shi'ite* Cf *Sunite* The distinction is really ethnic between Persian and Arab Aryan and Semite

shibboleth Test word (Jud es vi 4-6) Heb *shibboleth* ear of corn rustling stream (both from idea of growth) The latter sense is preferred by mod com m authors because of the local circum stances But cf *esane* (q v) and *It c cert* chick pease used as test word by Italians in the massacre of Frenchmen in Sicily (12^a) commonly called the Sicilian Vespers Similar tests are applied at the police station when a "drunk professes strict sobriety

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shingle² Stones on beach Earlier (16 cent) *ehingle*, app of echoic origin (*ehink*²) Synon Norw *singel* is also echoic Cf *boulder*, *pebble*

shingles [*med*] Corrupt of MedL *cingulus*, for *angulum*, girdle, used to render G ζώνη, in same sense, the eruption surrounding the body like a belt

Shintoism From *Shinto*, native religion of Japan Chin *shin tao*, way of the gods

ship AS *scip* Com Teut, cf Du *schip*, Ger *schiff*, ON Goth *skip* It *schifo*, F *esquis* are from Teut With *shipshape* cf *seamanlike*

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shire AS *scīr*, offic charge, district, cogn. with OHG *seīra*, offic charge Unconnected with *shear* The *shires*, orig used by people of EAngl, Kent, Surrey, etc in ref to those counties which end in *-shire*, now usu means the hunting-country of the Midlands, whence also *shire horse*

shirk Var of *shark* (q v) As verb orig to live as a parasite

shark, or *hanger on* parasitus, aeruscator (Litt)

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shine² See *shindy*.

shingle¹ Wooden tile MF *scincle*, L *scindula*, for *scandula*, "a shingle or tile of wood cleft" (Coop), whence also Ger. *schindel*

shingle² Stones on beach Earlier (16 cent) *chingle*, app of echoic origin (*chink*?) Synon. Norw *singel* is also echoic Cf *boulder*, *pebble*

shingles [med] Corrupt of MedL *cingulus*, for *cingulum*, girdle, used to render G *ζώνη*, in same sense, the eruption surrounding the body like a belt

Shintoism From *Shinto*, native religion of Japan Chin *shin tao*, way of the gods

ship AS *scip* Com Teut; cf Du *schip*, Ger *schiff*, ON Goth *skip* It *schifo*, F *esquis* are from Teut With *shipshape* cf *camanlike*

-ship AS *-scipe*, eogn with *shape*, cf Du *-schip* (see *landscape*), also Du *-schap*, Ger *-schaft*, ON *-skapr*

shire AS *scīr*, offie charge, district, eogn with OHG *scīra*, offie charge Unconnected with *shear* The *shires*, orig used by people of LAngl, Kent, Surrey, etc in ref to those counties which end in *-shire*, now usu means the hunting-country of the Midlands, whence also *shire horse*

shirk Var of *shark* (q v) As verb orig to live as a parasite

shark, or *hanger* on *parasitus aeruscator* (Litt)

shirk *parasitus*, *gnathonicus* (ib)

shurt a sharper (*Dict Cant Crew*)

Shirley poppy First grown (1880) at *Shirley*, near Croydon, by Rev W Wilks, secretary of Horticultural Society

shirt AS *scyrle* cf Du *schort* Ger *schurz* (MHG *schurz*) apron ON *skyrtla* shirt whence F *skirt* All cogn with *short* (qv) cf hist of *kurle* To get one's shirt out whence *shirty* bad tempered is 19 cent *Shirt of Nessus* maddenin^g poison of cause of which the victim is unconscious is from the story of Hercules and the centaur

shit AS *sitan* in *be cten* (pp) Com Teut cf Du *schippen* Ger *scheissen* ON *ski* a prob cogn with *shep* in ori sense of separation (cf L *extremestiam* from *externere* to separate)

shitum [Bbl] Heb *shiflam* pl of *shifak* acacia

shive Thin bang also (dial) slice of bread AS **scife* cf Du *schyf* shive of a pulley (Hexham) Ger *scheibe* any round unflat thing (Ludw) cogn with C *o* *no* *potter's disk* Al *o* *sheave*

shiver¹ Splinter chiefly in *to shivers* Early ME *scifre* cogn with *shite* sheave and with Ger *schiefer* slate (qv) Hence *shiver my timbers* a mock oath attributed in comic fiction to sailors (VED)

shiver² To tremble ME *chere* *chunere* also *chisel* in same sense > Cf F *chiverole* to quiver (of the voice) which the *Dist Gen* connects with the bleating of the goat *chêre*

shoal Shallow Larier *sho(v)l* *shalt* AS *scēald* (adj) cogn with LG *schel* shallow The regular Hahl & Purch apelling is *shoald* noun ensue is later

shoal¹ Of fish From 16 cent A peculiar use of *shoal*¹ suggested by synonym Du *school* school¹ which is cogn with AS *scōl* multitude from root **shel* to divide Cf F *banc de sable* shoal of sand *banc de harengs* (*migie caux m rues*) shoal of herring (mackerel cod)

shock¹ Of corn > Orig some def number of sheaves Cf LG *schok* shock of corn sixty Du *chock* sixty (earlier also shock of corn) Ger *schock* sixty Sw *shock* crowd sixty Norw *shok* sixty flock Reckoning by sixties is said to have pread from Babylon into the Europ langs Relation of *sheaf* to *shock* suggests that *shock* belongs to *shake* for def sense cf *score*

shock² To collide etc First (16 cent) in mil sense (cf neol *shock troops* for Ger *sturmtruppen* or *stossstruppen*) F *choquer* perh from OF *choque* tree tump cf OF *choper* to stumble from *chope* tree stump With nursery use of *shock* ng cf na *shy*

With *shillings* *shocker* (neol) cf *fenny dread* *ful*

shock³ Of hair Back formation from obs *sh ch-dog* app ident with earlier *shou h* said to have been an Iceland d g > cogn with *shu* Cf myth *hē h d* (Norf) *h d* and greyh *u d*, mon *u d* sp *lye* *rs* *sho* *shu*, w *l r* *ru*, and dem *w l* are *l* *ped* *ll* by th *ame* of *d k* (Vach *i*)

shod Old pp of to shoe esp in *dryshod* *ro* *hshod* *shipshod*

shoddy From 19 cent Yorks dial w d of unknown ori, in > Cogn with *hef* in ori, sen e of eparat ag

shoe AS *soch* Com Teut cf D *sochen* (orig pl) Ger *schuh* ON *kor* Coth *shoaks* ? from root *sku* to cover Distinction from boot is mod With another pair *f shoes* cf F *aufre* *fa* *d manches* another manner of matter (Cotg) Chaucer's saying (v i) is as old as Plutarch For *shorblack* from street cry cf *s eep*

But I woot best w^h wryng th^m my ho
(Ch C 1553)

Wd waitth f d d men shoen shall go lue
b foot (Hieywood 546)

shoful [iddish] False coin Ger *schofel* worthless Heb *shaphal* low Also applied for reason not known to hansom cab

shog¹ *fiat* Cf Du *schok* shake jolt Olig sroc oscillation Cf 10

shogun Hereditary commander of Jap army (see *tiocor*) Jap (see *tsi*) *shōgun* (barbarian subduing) chi *i* Chin *shiang* chin lead army

shoo In tinctive Cf Ger *schu* It *sciona*

shoot¹ To spring forth impel missile etc AS *seokan* Com Teut cf Du *schieten* Ger *schies en* ON *skyota* The correspondence of to *shoi* (rubbish) with Ger *sch ien* *aussch ien* suggests that some unrecorded AS verb has been absorbed (cf OSax *shaddian* to shake)

shoot In to shoot the rapids See *chute* Int to shoot is similarly used in 16 cent E esp in connection with the overfall under London Bridge so that two words have been combined

To Duk f Som sett was h d from th I was f London by wat r and sh It London tridg at v of th lxx (Wt then y CA on 155)

We t med d wu the river shooting the over fal with more talents th n when we came p
(Purch 1vi 394 Guiana)

shoot² [slang] Lot. See *shot*

shop AS *scroppa* treasury (only in Luke

xxi 1), cogn with Ger *schopf*, porch, etc., *schuppen*, shed (from LG), and with E dial *shippen*, cow-shed, AS *scipen*. But the lateness of the word (13 cent), and rarity of AS *scēoppa*, point rather to our having taken it from cogn OF *eschoppe* (*échoppe*), booth, stall (12 cent), "a little (and most commonly) low shop" (Cotg), of Teut origin. For *shop-hifter* (17 cent.) see *lift*.

shore¹ Edge of land. Cf Du *schor*, earlier *schoor*, "alluvies, terra alluvione aggesta" (Kil). A LG word of unknown origin. The late appearance (11 cent) and Du sense are against connection with *shear*.

shore² Prop. Cf Du *schoor*, ON *skorlha*, cogn with AS *scorian*, to project.

shore³ [dial.] See *sewer*¹.

short AS *seort*, cogn with OHG *scurz*, ? VL **eaurtus*, from *curtus*, short, whence Du *kort*, Ger *kurz*. But it seems unnatural for the Teut langs to have borrowed an adj in this way, and the origin of *curt* (q v) suggests that *short* may be Teut and cogn with *shear*. See *shut*, *skirt*. To fall *short* is from archery (cf *beside the mark*). In *shorteake* the adj is perh of different origin (see *coldshot*). *Short-lived* (first in Shaks) is for *short lived*. *Shortage* is US, *shortcoming* is Sc, *shorthand* is early 17 cent.

shot Missile, act of shooting, etc. AS *seot*, *gesecot*, from *shoot*¹, cf OSax *-seot*, Ger *geschoss*, ON *shot*. Archaic *shot*, contribution, in to *pay one's shot* (Pepys, Nov 30, 1667), is the same word, AS *scēolan* having also the sense of contributing, cf *seot* (q v.) and Ger *zuschuss*, "one's scot, part, portion, or quota" (Ludw). Here belongs slang *whole shoot*, earlier (17 cent) *whole shot*. With *shot silk* cf *bloodshot* and Ger *durchschliessen*, to interleave. A *shotten herring* is one that has shot its spawn.

What's the shot, hostess? he says, I'll begone (Misogorus, II 2, c 1550).

should See *shall*.

shoulder AS *sculdor* WGer, cf Du *schouder*, Ger *schulter*. With *cold shoulder* (orig Sc) cf Neh ix 29, where Vulg has *humerum recedentem dare*.

shout From 14 cent. ? From an unrecorded AS cognate of ON *skūta*, taunt.

shove AS *seifan*. Com Teut, cf Du *schuiven*, Ger *schieben*, ON *skūfa*, Goth *afskuban*, to shove off. Replaced by *push*, etc in colloq and naut lang., and not used in AV.

shovel. AS *scoff*, from *shove*; cf. Du *schoffel*, Ger *schaufel*. ME also *schole*, *shoul*, etc. *Shovel-board* (game) is altered from *shove-board*.

"I," said the owl, "With my spade and shovel."

show, shew AS *scēawian*, to look at. WGer, cf synon Du *schouwen*, Ger *schauen*, ult cogn with L *cavēre*, to beware. The causal sense, to make to look at, appears in E c 1200. Colloq. uses of noun *show* (to boss, run, give away the) are US. Cf *side-show*, a coinage of the proprietor of the "greatest show on earth." See also *showbread*.

What may be termed my side-shows, or temporary enterprises (Huxham).

shower AS *scūr*. Com Teut, cf Du *schoer*, Ger *schauer*, ON *skūn*, Goth *skūra* (only in *skīna windis*, wind-storm).

shrapnel Invented (c 1803) by Gen H Shrapnel.

shred AS *scæd* (in pl only) WGer; cf Du *schroot*, Ger *schrot*, from a Teut root, to cut, whence Ger names *Schroder*, *Schröter*, *Schnoor*. See *screen*.

shrew AS *seriawa*, shrew-mouse, reputed to have dangerous powers. Not found between AS and 16 cent, though Trevisa (1335) has *wel schnewyd mys* to render *mures nocentissimum*. Hence applied to a spiteful person, male or female, e.g. *Henry le Shrew* lived in Sussex in 1293 (Coram Rege Roll). Now only a "peevish, malignant, clamorous, spiteful, vexatious, turbulent woman" (Johns). *Shrewd*, for *shrewed* (cf *dogged*), orig meant malignant, malicious, esp in *shrewd turn* (Hen VIII, v. 3). F *malin*, shrewd, shows a similar sense-development. It is possible that the AS sense of *shrew*, which has no Teut. cognates, is a nickname, cf MHG *schröuwel*, devil. See also *beshrucw*. Another AS name for the animal was *scufemūs*, from *scorfan*, to gnaw.

shriek. Imut, cf *screech* (q v), also earlier *screech*, *shrike*.

shrievalty. From *shriewe*, obs. var. of *sheriff*, with F ending after *mayorally*.

shrift AS. *scrift*, from *shrive* (q v). Hence *short shrift*, period allowed culprit to make confession before execution.

shrike. Butcher-bird. From cry, cf AS *scric*, *serēc*, thrush, Norw. *skrike*, jay.

shrill Imut, cf. Sc *skri*, LG *schrill*.

shrimp Cogn with *scrimp* and AS *scrimman*, to shrink. Sense as in quot below,

now felt as transferred from that of the crustacean is prob direct from etym sense
We bor 1 [hom ly] men beca shrymja
(Ch c B 3145)

shrine AS *scrin* L *scrinium* coffer etc
cf Du *scrijn* Ger *schrein* ON *skrin*
also F *scrin* (OF *escrin*) It *scrigno* Sp
escrinio An early Church word from I
but used in gen sense of casket etc in
some of the above langs

shrink AS *scrincan* with Scand cognates
ult cogn with *scrinp* It had a causal
shrenck (cf *drink drench*) Fg senses
perh with allusion to the snail (see *horn*)

shrive [archaic] AS *scrifan* to decree
prescribe penance L *scribere* to write
cf Du *scrijvan* to write describe Ger
schreiben to write ON *skrifa* to write
skrifa to confess lay penance Replaced
Teut word for scratching inscriptions etc
in F (*wrike*) in which it assumed spec
sense See *scribe*

shrive From 16 cent Cf Sw dial *shryta*
to wrinkle

shroud AS *scrud* garment cogn with
shred cf ON *skruth* fittings shrouls of
ship Sense of winding sheet is late (16
cent) also that of veil screen etc
whence verb to shroud replacing ME
shride AS *scrydan* For naut use cf
sense development of *sheet*

Shrove-tide From 15 cent From *shrine*
(q v) with ref to practice of confession
before Lent Use of past tense is anom-
alous but cf *spokesman*

shrub! Plant AS *scrybb* with LC &
Scand cognates Cf *scrub* 2 and see
Salopian

shrub In rum shrub Var of obs *shrab*
Arab *shrub sha ab* drunk cf *shrubel* *shrub*
shrug Orig (c 1400) to shiver shudder a
sense curiously exemplified in quot below
2 Cogn with Ger *schrecken* to frighten
orig to jump with fright (cf *heuschrecke*
grasshopper)

Those on board of it the old f p (Vulgar) shrug
as the e pl shv bore it bott 10 plates nd b h
head from her (Adm Offic Mar 5 5)

shuck [dial & US] Hu k H noc *shucks*
rubbish 2 Metath of *scruck* (q v) in eu e
of husking corn

shudder ME *schoden* cf LC *schuden*
whence Ger *schaudern* A frequent from
the simplex whi h appears in Du *schuden*
Ger *schülen* to shake whence frequents
schütteln *schütteln*

shuffle From 16 cent Cf LG *schuffeln*
schuffeln with same set of senses cogn
with *scuff's shns* (cf *shuffe-board* t t
shovel-board) To shuffle of with fir
object is u u an echo of *lla sl* in
Sense of prevaricating is from eard ()
The autho empl vs all li art h p g rd
att h 10 bd g his peer ff the busme ith
hon (North Englon)

shun AS *scinian* usu in compds 2 cf
S *scunner* to loathe Not found in older
Teut langs

shun For *atert on* (mul)

H allied o t Shunt and I h ted (h pl)

shunt 1 dial word to go (pu h) a tle re-
corded from c 100 and adopted with
railways (1840-50) In earliest V/D
quots for current sense it is in in erted
commas Perh from *sh n* For fr- senses
cf US to *side-s a k ss t k off*

k t a country and t x t bore (h ne)

shut AS *seftan* cogn with *sko* Orig t)
put a bar bolt in posit on

(1) did give him h ff p t 1 wne and so g t
h t f hum (Ppys 44 t 003)

shute [dial] Channel gutter incl ned trough
for shooting goods Combines *sh n*
and *chute*

shuttle AS *scutel* missile cogn with *skot*
applied in MF to weaver's in trumnet
shooting backwards and forwards across
warp Hence *shuttlecock* knocked to and
fro as at badminton

shuttlecock volant (Fahg)

shy Adj AS *sc oh* (rare) cogn with Du
schue Ger *schue* and AS *scathan* to take
fn,ht The latter did not survive in d

to hv (of horse) bang from adj In view
of the rarity of the AS word and of *shy*
in early MF it seems likely that t e ch f
origin is cogn OF *schiff* from Teut with
f lost as in *gill testy* etc Cf *schew*
For to fi *shy* cf quot s v *shy*

shy 2 To throw From 18 cent Analogy of
cockshy (see *cock* 2) suggests that the e h
was developed in some way from earlier
shco & one hard to catch perh orig on
given to fi *sh shy* from *sh* 1

sh sh 2 shv at rock to throw t s rock w th
a stick (Gross)

si (r 15) See *Sam t*

alamang Ape Malay r 1-dma p from
dman black

Siamese Of S am e n In Siame e m 1
(1814-4) who were united at was t

sib [*archaic*] Alan. AS *sibb*, race. Com. Teut., cf OSax *sibba*, Ger *sippe*, ON. *sifsa* (pl), Goth *sibja* See *gorsip*

sibilant From *piç*, part of L. *sibilare*, whence F *siffler*, to whistle, hiss. Cf unit. origin (cf Ger *zischen*)

Pour qui soit ce cripele qui sifflent sur vos têtes (Riv)

sibyl L., G. *Σιβυλλα*, prophetess, said to be Dione *Σιοβόλλα* for Attic *Θιοβόλλη*, divine wish

sic L., so, thus

sicca [*Anglo-Ird*] In *sicca* (newly coined) *rupee* Pers Arab *sikah* (see *requin*)

siccative Late L *siccativum*, from *siccare*, from *sucus*, dry

Sicilian Vespers [*hist*] Massacre with *vesper*-bell as signal. See *chibboleth*

sick AS *sōc* Com Teut., cf Du *ziek*, Ger *siech*, ON *sjúfr*, Goth *sauks* Replaced by *ill* (see *unwell*) etc in higher style and US, but surviving in *sick-bay*, *sicklist*, *sickroom* The *Sick Man of Europe* (Turkey) is due to Nicholas I of Russia (1854) With later sense in *to feel sick* cf F *se trouver mal* *To sickly o'er* is an echo of *Hamlet* in 1

We hope that the pale east of Lord Robert Cecil's thought will not sickly o'er the American resolution (*Morn Post*, Nov 21, 1917)

sickle AS *sicol*, L *secula*, from *secare*, to cut Early WGer loan-word; cf Du *sikkel*, Ger *sichel* Other early loans of the same class are *flail*, *stubble*

side AS *sīde* Com Teut., cf Du *zijde*, Ger *seite*, ON *sīlha*, cogn with AS *sīd*, long, wide, whence dial *side*, in same sense (cf L *latus*, *side*, *lātus*, wide) This appears in *country-side*, suggesting a wide expanse *Side-ship* once meant illegitimate child (cf *by-blow*) *Side*, swagger, contains a punning reference to *pulling on side* at billiards It may be connected with dial *side* (v) in sense of proud As adv., boastfully, *side* is used by Dunbar (cf *to talk tall*) With *sidesman*, for earlier *sideman*, standing by the churchwarden, cf *huntsman*, *spokesman*, etc *Sidelong* is altered from much earlier *sideling* (14 cent), whence is evolved verb *to sidle* (cf *grovel*) For *side-back* (US) see *shunt*

In Lincolnshire and most northern parts they use the word *side* for long and for high and by metaphor for proud, as a *side woman*, i.e. a haughty proud woman which in Sussex is *sidy*, as a *sidy fellow*, i.e. an imperious surly fellow

(White Kennett, c 1700)

sidereat. From L *siderens*, from *sidus*, *sider*, constellation.

sidi-boy. See *seedy-boy*

sidle See *side*

siege. F *siege*, seat, siege, VL **sedicium*, for *sedes*, seat Used of "sitting down" before a fortress Orig. sense also appears as late as Shaks (*Oth* 1 2). To lay (raise) siege after F *mettre (lever) le siège*

sienna Pigment For It *terra di Siena*, from *Sienna*, in Italy.

sierra [*icog*] Sp, L *sierra*, saw See *serrated*

siesta Sp, sixth (hour), L *sesta* (hora)

sieve AS *sife* WGer.; cf Du. *zeef*, Ger *sieb*; cogn with dial *eye*, to strain, and Ger *seihen*, to filter

sift AS *sifian*, corn with *sieu*, cf Du. *ziften*, *zichten*, Ger *sichten* (from LG)

sigh ME. *sigher*, *sife*, back-formation from *sihle*, past of obs. *siche*, AS *sīcan*, to sigh.

sight. AS *sīth*, *gesīth*, from *sēth*; cf Du *zicht*, Ger *sicht* Sense of large quantity, arising from that of view, was once literary With *sightly* cf *shapely*.

To the cite of the living God, the celestial Jerusalem, and to an innumerable sight of angels

(Tynd Heb. xii 22)

sigil Late L *sigillum*, from L pl *sigilla*, dim of *signum*, sign

sigma. L, G *σῑγμα*, G letter s.

sign F *signe*, L *signum* In some cases (e.g. *latern sign*) prob aphet for *ensign* (cf *gn*, *vic*). Farthest sense as verb was to mark with the cross, and most of our ancestors "signed" their letters in the same way, instead of "subscribing" their names

signal¹ Noun F, Late L *signale*, neut of *signalis*, from *signum*, sign

signal² Adj. F *signall*, "notable, famous" (Cotg), pp of *signaler*, to mark out, signalize, with *-l* lost as in *defile*², *costive*, *trove*

signature F, MedL *signatura*, from *signare*, to mark, sign

signet F, dim of *signe*, sign Hist. smaller seal of sovereign, whence Se *writer to the signet*

Donnee sous le signet de nostre anel en absence de nostre prive seal

(John of Gaunt's Reg 1372-76)

signify F *signifier*, L *significare*, from *signum*, sign, *facere*, to make

Signior [*hist*] In *Grand Signior*, Sultan of Turkey, adapted from It *gran signore*, great lord

signor It for *signore* L *senior-em* (see *senior*)

sika Deer Jap deer

Sikh Sect established (16 cent) in Punjab by Nanak Shah Hind *sikh* disciple

silage For *ensilage* See *silo*

silence F L *silentium* from *si re* to be silent Replaced AS *suſe* cogn with Ger *schweigen*

silene Plant Named by Linnaeu from C *Σαλην* = foster father of Bacchus

silesia Fabric From *SiLisia* Germany latinized from Ger *Schlesien*

silhouette From *Pierre de Silhouette* F politician (1767) though the sense of the joke is variously given

silica From L *silex silic* flint.

silquose [bot] From L *siliq* a pod

silk AS *sioloc seoloe* cf ON *si ki* O Slav *shelstu* (whence Russ *shelk*) L *sericum* (see *serge*) It is supposed to have passed into Slav via some lang which confused *r* and *l* (cf *plum*) and hence via the Baltic trade into AS & ON The other Europ langs have names derived from L *saeta* hair bristle eg F *soie* Ger *seide* To take *silk* is to become a *k* C who has the right to wear a silk gown *Silken silkworm* are found in AS

sill AS *sylle* beam acting as foundation of wall cf archaic Du *sulle sile* Ger *schwelle* threshold ON *silft sylv* corn with Goth *gasuljan* to found All from L *rolea* foundation of wall (ITuge) from *volum* ground and hence cogn with F *seuil* threshold Current sense as in *window sill* is diff

sillabub Also (16 cent) *sill bouk* app happy belly (see *silh*) from old *bouk* AS *buc* cogn with Du *bu k* Ger *bauch* ON *bikr* trunk cf dial *merriboi k* in similar sense. The fact that *sillabub* also occurs c 1350 (*Visogonus* iv 1) in the sense of jolly wench suggests a sense-development like that of *fool* (gooseberry)

la da ga wh y also a sillabub or m rnbouke (Cotg)

sillery Champagne from *Sillery* (Marne) village near Reims

silly ME *seely* AS *geszli* happy from *szi* time happiness cogn with Ger *selig* happy blessed ? and ult. with L *salvus* G *los* whole Earlier senses survive in *Gilly sheep silly Siffle* For change of sense cf *suple* innocent *crisin* etc. and for instability of adjs *quaint nice buzom*

etc The *silly season* (Aug & Sept) was named by *Punch*

A piece of iron contrived (cord g to ustom) to m e th ignorant at this barren season f e s (D dy fow nail S p 6 17 4)

silo Pit for storing grain etc Sp L C *σπος* pit for corn Cf *ensila*

silt Sediment deposited by sea water App cogn with *salt* Cf Norw Dan dial *sylv* salt marsh beach also Du *silt* Ger *silt* salt pan

Silurian [geol] Of rocks first studied in part of Wals orig inhabited by the *Silures* Cf *Deionian*

silurus Sheat fish L G *σλοπος*

silvan L *silanis* from *sila* wood

silver AS *silfor seolfor* Com Teut cf Du *silver* Ger *siber* ON *silfr* Goth *slubr* with cognates in Balto Slav langs Prob taken over in prehistoric times from some non Aryan race (cf *hemp*) With Sc sense of *silver* cf F *a gent* The *silver age* following the golden age is also used of the decadent period of L literature from the death of Augustus to that of Hadrian

umar See *cymar*

Umeonite [theol] Adherent of *Charles Simon* Low Church clergyman (1836)

um an From L *simia* ape ? from C *σμορ* flat nosed Cf F *singe*

similar F *simila re* from L *similis* from *simul* together (cf G *μορος* from *jo*) cogn with *sa e*

simile L neut of *similis* (s)

summer Earlier (15 cent) *simpr* r Imt f G r *simren* to buzz

summel [a claic] OF *smemel* dim with dissim of *ll* from L *simila* fine flour cogn with G *σμυλλε* cf Ger *semmel* a summel a summel bread (Ludw)

Simon Pure Name of Quaker in Mrs Cent lives a *Bold stroke for a wife* (1717) who is impersonated by another character in part of the play Cf *Mrs G windy*

simony Traffic in Church appointments F *simonie* Church L *simonia* from *Simon Magus* (Acts viii 18-19)

simoon Arab *semim* from *samma* to poison

simper From 16 cent and later than obs *simper-de cochet* flirt etc Cf obs. Du *simpelije zumpf* hys Ger *zimpr rich* (from LG) Scand dial *simper semper* all in similar senses and prob unit of an affected sipping motion of the lips Cf Ger

archaic] Akın AS *sibb*, race Com
at, cf OSax *sibbia*, Ger *sippe*, ON
at (pl), Goth *sibja* See *gossip*
at From pres part of L *sibilare*,
ence F *siffler*, to whistle, hiss Of imit
yin (cf Ger *zischen*)

r qui sont ces serpents qui sifflent sur vos
s² (Rac)

L, G Σίβυλλα, prophetess, said to be
tic Σιοβόλλα for Attic Θεοβούλη, divine
h

, so, thus

[*Anglo-Ind*] In *sicca* (newly coined)

ee Pers Arab *sikkah* (see *sequin*)

ive Late L *siccativus*, from *siccare*,
m *siccus*, dry

an Vespers [*hist*] Massacre with vesper-
l as signal See *shibboleth*

AS *sēoc* Com Teut, cf Du *ziek*,
r *siech*, ON *sjúki*, Goth *siuks* Re-
ced by ill (see *unwell*) exc in higher
le and US, but surviving in *sick-bay*,
hist, *sickroom* The *Sick Man of Europe*
(Turkey) is due to Nicholas I of Russia
(1854) With later sense in to *feel sick* cf
se trouver mal To *sickly o'er* is an echo
Haml III 1

hope that the pale cast of Lord Robert Cecil's
ught will not sickly o'er the American resolu-
n (*Morn Post*, Nov 21, 1917)

AS *sicol*, L *secula*, from *secare*, to
t Early WGer loan-word, cf Du
sichel, Ger *sichel* Other early loans of
e same class are *flail*, *stubble*

AS *side* Com Teut, cf Du *zijde*,
er *serte*, ON *sítha*, cogn with AS *sīd*,
ng, wide, whence dial *side*, in same sense
L *latus*, *side*, *lātus*, wide) This appears
country-side, suggesting a wide expanse
de-slip once meant illegitimate child (cf
-blow) *Side*, swagger, contains a pun-
ng reference to *putting on side* at billiards
may be connected with dial *side* (v 1)
sense of proud As adv, boastfully,
de is used by Dunbar (cf to *talk tall*)
ith *sidesman*, for earlier *sideman*, stand-
ng by the churchwarden, cf *huntsman*,
shakesman, etc *Sidelong* is altered from
uch earlier *sideling* (14 cent), whence is
olved verb to *sidle* (cf *grovel*) For *side-*
back (US) see *shunt*

Lincolnshire and most northern parts they use
e word *side* for long and for high and by
etaphor for proud, as a *side woman*, i.e. a haughty
oud woman which in Sussex is *sidy*, as a *sidy*
low, i.e. an imperious surly fellow

(White Kennett, c 1700).

sidereal From L *sidereus*, from *sidus*, *sider*,
constellation

sidi-boy See *seedy-boy*

sidle See *side*

siege F. *siège*, seat, siege, VL **sedicum*, for
sedes, seat Used of "sitting down" before
a fortress Orig sense also appears as late
as Shaks (*Oth* 1 2) To *lay (raise) siege*
after F *meltre (lever) le siège*

sienna Pigment For It *terra di Siena*,
from *Sienna*, in Italy

sierra [geog] Sp, L *serra*, saw See *serrated*

siesta Sp, sixth (hour), L *sexta* (hora)

sieve AS *sife* WGer; cf Du, *zeef*, Ger
sieb, cogn with dial *sy*, to strain, and
Ger *seihen*, to filter

sift AS *sifian*, cogn with *sieve*, cf Du
ziften, *zichten*, Ger *sichten* (from LG)

sigh ME. *sighe*, *sihe*, back-formation from
sihte, past of obs *siche*, AS *sican*, to sigh

sight AS *sīht*, *gesīht*, from *see*¹, cf Du
zicht, Ger *sicht* Sense of large quantity,
arising from that of view, was once literary.
With *sightly* cf *shapely*

To the cite of the living God, the celestial Jeru
salem, and to an innumerable sight of angels
(Tynd *Heb* XII 22)

sigil Late L *sigillum*, from L pl *sigilla*,
dim of *signum*, sign

sigma L, G σίγμα, G letter s

sign F *signe*, L *signum* In some cases
(e.g. *tavern sign*) prob aphet for *ensign*
(cf *gin*¹, *vie*) Earliest sense as verb was
to mark with the cross, and most of our
ancestors "signed" their letters in the
same way, instead of "subscribing" their
names

signal¹ Noun F, Late L *signale*, neut of
signalis, from *signum*, sign

signal² Adj F *signalé*, "notable, famous"
(Cotg), p p of *signaler*, to mark out,
signalize, with -é lost as in *defile*², *costive*,
trove

signature F, MedL *signatura*, from *signare*,
to mark, sign

signet F, dim of *signe*, sign Hist smaller
seal of sovereign, whence Se *writer to the*
signet

Donnez sous le signet de nostre anel en absence
de nostre prive seal

(John of Gaunt's Reg 1372-76)

signify F *signifier*, L *significare*, from
signum, sign, *facere*, to make

Signior [*hist*] In *Grand Signior*, Sultan of
Turkey, adapted from It *gran signore*,
great lord

signor It for *signore* L *senior* (see *senior*)

sika Deer Jap deer

Sikh Sect established (16 cent.) in Punjab

by Nanak Shah Hind sikh discipline

silage For *ensilage* See *it*

silence F L *silentium* from *silere* to be silent replaced AS *silde* cogn with Ger *silber* etc

silene Plant Nam 1 by Linnæus, from L

Silvius foster father of Nereus

silena Fabric from *Silva* Germany

Latinized from Ger *Schönen*

silhouette From *Fleur de Silhouette* 1

politician (18 c.) though the sense of the joke is variously given

sika From L *silva* etc 1 c. 18 c.

silquose (bot) From L *silva* etc 1 c.

silk AS *silc* cogn of ON *silkr* OSlav

sklā (wherein Russ *skla*) L *sericus* 1

(see *serge*) It is supposed to have passed into Slav via some lang which confused

r and l (cf *plum*) and hence via the

Europ langs have names derived from

L *serica* hair trawl eg 1 *serice* (see

seride) To take silk is to become a 1 c. 18 c.

has the right to wear a silk gown *Silken*

silkworm are found in AS

sil AS *silva* beam acting as foundation

of wall of archaic Du *silva* s Le Ger

schwelle threshold ON *sil* cogn

with Gth *gossuam* to find All from

L of a foundation of wall (1 time) from

L *silam* ground and hence cogn with F

seuil threshold Current sense as in

wind-sill is M

silabub Also (16 cent.) sil *lamb* app happy

bully (see *silly*) in m obs *lamb* AS *lamb*

cogn with Du *lamb* Ger *lamb* ON *lamb*

trunk of dual *lamb* in similar sense

The fact that *sil* *lamb* also occurs c 1550

(*Missogon* is in it) in the case of jolly

wen it suggests a sense-development like

that of *fool* (see *cherry*)

lamb why also a *sil* *lamb* or *lamb* (Cotg)

allery Champagne from *Silva* (Narne)

village near Reims.

silly MF *seely* AS *gesā* g happy from

and tune happens cogn with Ger *selig*

happy blessed and ult with L *salvus*

G *salor* whole Earlier senses survive in

sil *sheep* *silly* *Suffolk* For change of

sense of *sil* *innocent* et and

for instability of adjs *quaint* *new* *bu* *om*

etc Tho *sil* *cases* (Au & Sept) was named 1 *sil* *cases*

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skewer App altered from *skuer* (still in dial use) ? from ON *skifa* to split (cf *sk lever*) Cf (n)eat for etet

ski Norw ON *skila* snowshoe billet of cleft wood cogn with AS *scid* whence obs *skide* billet of wood ult cogn with *shed* Introduced 1880-90

skiagraphy For *scia raphy* See *sciamachy*

skid¹ Orig billet of wood used as support App connected with *ski* (q v) Hence verb to *skid* as though wheel were braked with a skid now esp of rubber tires

skid² Var of *scud*

skiff Fr *esquif* It *schifo* or Sp *esquife* OHC *seif* ship Orig small boat of a ship

skull ON *skil* distinction difference hence discernment Itym sense appears in archaic *it skills not* orig makes no difference. For sense-development cf Ger *gescheidt* clever from *scheiden* to divide

The serious thing is the discovery—now I doubt—that the British have lost their skill in fighting and the whole world knows it and is regretting it as a corollary

(Cf John Hay Jan 13 1900)

skillet Small cauldron Earlier *skellet* (c 1400) ? dim of dial *sheel* bucket etc ON *skjella* pail

skilly [slang] Gruel Short for earlier *skulls* *gales* orig naut fanciful formation ? on *skillet* which I have always heard pronounced *skilly* by old country women.

skim. OF *escumer* (*deumer*) from OHC *scum* (*schauum*) froth *scum* (q v) For vowel cf *brish* *whishy* etc In reading orig (18 cent) to *skin over* like a swallow not with idea of taking cream

escumement a *skumi* g also a *scum* a *r skumi* g (Cotg)

skumble-skamble Redupl on *scamble* (1 v) skimmington [dial] Procession in ridicule of unhappy couple orig character personating the wife shown in a front piece of it 39 as beating her husband with a skimmer For form cf *simplen* *sngleton* *hushingle*

skimp Not in general use until very recently (VED) App altered from *scamp* and associated with *scripp*

skin ON *skinn* cogn with Ger *schinden* to flay Has partly replaced native *h de* The *skin of one's teeth* is a lit. rendering in the

Geneva Bible (1560) of the Heb (*Job xix 20*) not followed by Lu^o and LXX With *skinfint* cf F *bonde sur son cul* to make commodity of any thing so bare so ver it be (Cotg)

skink Lizard F *sizique* earlier *sinc* L G or y oc

skinker [archaic] Drawer tapster From archaic *skink* to pour out Du *sephenken* See *skink* *skoon*

skip Verb ? OF *esquipe* to depart by ship (see *equip*) This suits one of the ML senses still preserved in US to *skip* abscond but will not account for earliest sense Hence archaic *sh pack* whipp r snapper al o name of fish

And hanne al postis Barnas and Foul be d n th th lupten out among the p pl (Wyr 1401 xi 1)

skip² Basket Var of *skop* (q v)

skip³ [a slang] Short for *skipper* captain

skip Colloq servant (Dubl) For archaic *skip kennel* lackey lit jump gutter with which cf F *saute russeau* street urel in skipper Du *schipper* from *ship* ship whence also OF *esch* *pe* In sport first at curling (*skip*)

skippet [antig] Small case for documents Also *skiblet* ? Dim of *skip*

skirl [Sc] L p of the bag pipe An imit word of Scand origin Cf *skrid*

skirmish Earlier (14 cent) *scarmach* F *escarmouche* It. *scaramuccia* a skirmish a fight a fray (Flor) The *sch* forms and the verb are influenced by OI *estern* r *esterness* to fence OHC *scirman* (*skirmen*) to defend from *skirm* *see me* *see me* fence screen (cf *reg us* *skirm* umbrella) The relation of It *scaramuccia* to this is obscure See also *crimma* *ca amouch* The verb must be much older than dict records as the group of surnames derived from it (*Scrim* *vgue* *Scrim* *skine* *Skrim* etc) is well exemplified in 13 cent

skurr skurr To move swiftly ? OF *es* *scure* L *excurrere* See also *scurry*

skirret Herb Earlier *skurte* *skurte* etc supposed by VED to be an etymology i.e. corrupt (? as though *skurte* *skurte*) of *skinn* OI *eschereus* (*skurte*) ? ult ident with *caraway* (q) It is more prob a popular name expression some be cf as to it. med properties *skurte* *skurte* *skurte* from *skurte* to purify comm with *skurte* Cf *skurte*

six AS *six*, *se* Aryan, cf Du. *zes*, Ger *sechs*, ON *sex*, Goth. *sais*, L *sex*, G *ŕt*, Sanskrit *shash*, Gael *se*, etc. At *sixes* and *sevens* occurs first (Chauc) in to *set on six* and *seven*, hazard all one's chances, evidently from dicing

aleam omnem jacere to put in adventure, to set at six and seven (Coop)

sixte [*fene*] F, sixth Cf *tierce*, etc

sizar [*Camb & Dubl*] From *size* (q v), in sense of allowance

size Aphet for *assize* (q v) The form *size* also occurs in OF, cf MedL *sisa* Ground-sense is anything fixed or settled, idea of magnitude springing from that of fixed standard, allowance, the latter esp at Camb Painters' *size* represents F *assise*, layer (cf *coat of paint*)

Rottans [rattans] for water-caske, which make excellent hoops, and are here of all assises in great abundance (Purch 1612)

Where life still lives, where God his sises holds
(Sylv. 1 z)

sizzle Imit, cf Ger *zischen*, to hiss

sjambok SAfrDu, Malay *samboq*, *chamboq*, Urdu *chābuk* (whence obs E. *chawbuck*) Prob taken to SAfr by Portuguese (cf *assagai*, *kraal*)

skald Norse poet ON *skāld* (9 cent), of unknown origin App introduced into L by Bishop Percy Cf *rime*, *berserk*, *viking* skat Card game, Ger, It *scarto*, cogn with F *écarté*

skate¹ Fish ON *skata*, cf Jutland *ska*

skate² For ice Back-formation (cf *cherry*, *pea*, etc) from earlier *scates*, Du *schaats*, ONF *escache* (*écache*, *échasse*, stilt), whence also obs E *scatch*, stilt, Sc *sketch*, skate F *échasse*, ong wooden leg, is of Teut origin, LG *schack*, shank, leg The earliest *skates* were made of animals' shank-bones, cf ON *islegg*, skate, lit ice-leg, and F *patin*, skate, from *palle*, paw *Skating* was popularized at the Restoration (cf *pall-mall*, *yacht*), Charles II's followers having learnt the art in Holland

The strange and wonderful dexterity of the sliders on the new canal in St James's Park, performed before their Majties by divers gentlemen and others with skates, after the manner of the Hollanders (Evelyn, Dec 1, 1660 See Pepys, same date)

skean See *skene*

skedaddle Became current (1861-65) in US mil slang (cf *vamosé*), but app earlier in north E dial in sense of to spill

skein. OF *escagne* (*écagne*), Prov. *escanha*, also *escanh*, VL **scannum*, from *scannum*, stool (see *shamble*), which is conjectured to have also been applied to a winding instrument This hypothesis is supported by the fact that Prov *escavel*, winder, skein, corresponding to F. *écheveau*, the usual F word for skein, represents phonetically L. *scabellum*, a dim of *scannum*, stool Cf also Ger *haspel*, yarn-winder, in OHG also skein, derived from *haspe*, hasp of a door, an equally explicable connection, and synon Port *serillo*, VL **sericula*, from *sera*, bolt In the absence of exact knowledge as to what was the form and mechanism of the primitive yarn-winder, the above etym remains only a promising conjecture

skeleton G *σκελετόν* (sc *σῶμα*), dried up (body), from *σκάλλειν*, to dry up *Skeleton* in the *cupboard* (house), introduced into literary use by Thackeray, is perh due to *skeleton* at the feast, memento mori, from a practice of the ancient Egyptians recorded by Plutarch

skellum [*archaic*] Rogue Du *schelm*, Ger, rascal, devil A fairly common word in narratives of soldiers of fortune of the Dugald Dalgetty type

skelter From *heller-skelter*.

Skeltonic Of John Skelton, burlesque poet (†1529)

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sle v Side 13 as in Sk 10 Sl 10 1 n
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strong past surviving in dial Ae l p the
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cɪʊəl (et fə fɪl) With hɪŋ enes et
dɔ ɔw With le ɪv h ɪz ɪn tɪəl beɪm
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sleeve AS these even with Fri to I
slave and with archa Du slave w,

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App. 1 of origin but of *erend* is only recorded by Puls. All gives obs. Du *st. n. er* but this is prob. from 1

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James the second was slaine by the slice of a great peece of artillerie, which by overcharging chanced to breake (Holinshed)

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[David] chose fyve sl_{ght} stones out of the ryver (Coverd 1 Sam xvii)

schlechter oder rasen (eine festung) to *slight* a fortification (I udr)

slim Du crafty, av'ry, cogn with Ger. *schlimm*, bad Orig sense was crooked, oblique Mod sense of cute, from S Afr Du, was current in 17 cent E, as still in dial & US

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sling¹ To hurl ON *slingja*, cogn with Ger. *schlingen*, to twist, wind, also MHG to throw (for double sense cf hist of *tarwe*, *tramp*) Ger. *schlange*, snake, is cogn From Teut comes OF *slinguer* (naut) With noun suspensory noose of various kinds, cf, synonym Ger *schlinge* The sense-hist. of *sling*, from *tramp*, suggests that the starting-point of the whole group may have been the elementary noose-like weapon

which was twisted round and round before discharge (cf L *telum torquere*) To *slr*² suspend, is from the noun.

But Eneas be war he abyas

The bolde wordes that [he] dede selyng

(NLD c 1400)

sling². In *gun-sling* (obs US) ² From Ger. *verschlinden*, to swallow (? cf *schnapē*) This for earlier *verschlinden*, also Du, cogn with OSax *slund*, gulp *Sling* alone occurs in E 18 cent slang with sense of nip, gulp shnk AS. *slincan*, to creep, crawl (of reptiles), cf LG *slinken*, Ger *schleichen*; cogn with *sling*¹ (cf *slink*, abortive calf, etc, prematurely "slung" or cast)

slip Only *slipoi*, shippery, is found in AS Cf Du *slippen*, Ger *schliffen*, to slip, *schleifen*, to whet, ON *slēppa*, Goth. *sluþan*, also AS *slūpan* With to *give the slip* cf to *slip a hound* Sense of narrow strip corresponds with that of Ger *schleife*, band, *schleppe*, train of dress, *schluppe*, alley (L. dial *slupe*) No continental lang has the earliest E sense of slip for grafting It is possible that a *slip* (of a girl), earlier also applied contemptuously to boys, is not a fig use of *slip*, shoot, scion, but short for *slipstring*, formerly used like *waghalter* (see *wag*) and *crutchrope* Ground-sense of the word is prob that of making smooth, and the group is ult cogn with L *lubricus*, "slipper" (Coop) *Slippery* is a 16 cent. extension of obs & dial *slipper* (v.s) after Ger *schlüpfrog*

The sliver [var sliders] moath werclith fallings- (W)c. Prov xxvi 28)

slipe [dial] See *stype*.

slipper From *slip* (v1).

slipshod Cf obs *slipshoe* and AS *slýfscōð*.

In Shaks (*Lear*, 1 5)

slipslop Redupl on *slap*².

slit Cf obs. *slite*, AS *slitan*, cogn with Ger. *schlitzen*, and with *slit*

slither For earlier *sludder* (see quot. s.v. *slip*), frequent of *slide*

Then toke mi euil dede fra,

Mi fete fra clithrange als-awa (ML Psal lvi. 10)

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slum From c 1800 Orig. cant. room, also with other, app unrelated, senses To go *slumming* is recorded by NED for 1884, the pastime owing its inception to Besant and Rice's East End novels

slumber ME *slumeren*, frequent of *slumen*, from AS *slūma*, sleep, cf Du *sluimern* (also earlier *slumen*), Ger *schlummern* (also earlier *schlommen*) For -b- cf. *chamber*, *timber*, etc Prevalence of frequent form in all three langs is due to the idea of dozing, intermittent sleep

slump In current sense, lit small land-slide, US Cf dial *slump*, to sink in with a flop, an imit word (cf *plump*²) with Scand & Ger cognates, one of which may be the source of the US word.

Precht at Wake {Colne} church, snow y, the way bad, twice I slumped in and was wet
(Josselin's *Diary* 1659)

slur¹ To smear, now usu fig From ME *slooi*, mud (*Prompt Parv*) With to *cast a slur* cf *aspersion*

slur² To pass lightly over, orig to slip a die out of the box without its turning, to slide about, cf LG *sluren*, Du *sleuen*, to drag, trail, ? cogn with *slur*¹ The two verbs cannot be distinguished in some senses

slush See *slush*

slut Cf synon Ger dial *schlütze*, *schlutz*, with app related words in Scand langs Perh ult cogn with *slattern*, but not connected with *sloven* *Slutish* is in Chauc

sly ME also *sleh*, *sley*, ON *slægi*, cf *sleight*, Orig skilful, expert For degeneration of sense cf *crafty*, *cunning*, etc Perh ult cogn with *slay*², and meaning skilled in striking, cf synon Ger *schlau*, *verschlagen* *Slyboots* app contains some suggestion of furtive tread (*pussyfoot*); cf synon Ger *leischreter*, lit light treader

Therfor be ye slyh as serpentis and symple as dowves (Wyc *Malt* x 16)

slype [*arch*] Covered way from transept to chapter-house A 19 cent spelling of *slipe*, long narrow strip (of ground, etc), cogn with *slip*

smack¹ Flavour AS *smæc* WGer, cf Du *smaak*, Ger *geschmack* ? Orig imit of smacking of lips Verb was earlier *smatch*, AS *gesmæccan*

smack² Of lips, whup Imit, cf Du *smak*, Ger dial *schmache*, also colloq Ger *schmatzen*, to eat noisily.

baiser to kisse, to smouth, to smacke (Cotg)

smack³ Fishing-boat Du LG. *smak*, whence Sw *smack*, Dan *smalke*; also F *semaque*, Sp *esmaque*, from Teut

small AS. *smæl* Com Teut; cf Du *smal*, Ger *schmal*, narrow, slender, ON *smalr*, Goth *smals*. As adv. now only in to sing *small* (v 1) Archaic *small-clothes*, knee-breeches, is in Dickens usu. *smalls* With fig sense of *small beer* cf US. *small potatoes* For *small-pox* (1518) see *pock* *Small talk* is first recorded in Chesterfield's *Letters*.

To suckle fools and chronicle small beer (*Oil* ii 1)
She has brown eyes and speaks small like a woman
(*Merry Wives*, i 1)

smallage [*archaic*] Celery. Earlier *small ache*, F *ache*, VL **apia*, for *apium*, "parsley, smallage" (Coop)

smallt Glass coloured deep blue F, It *smallo*, of Teut origin, cogn with *smelt*²

smaragd [*archaic*] OF *smaragde*, as *emerald* (q.v)

smart First as verb, AS *smeorlan*, to be painful, WGer, cf Du. *smarten*, Ger *schmerzen* *Smart-money* was orig. (17 cent) compensation for disablement (mil. & nav) Orig. sense of adj was sharp, stinging, as still in *smart rap over the knuckles*, etc, later, brisk, forward, clever, trim in attire, the last sense ascending from the kitchen to the drawing-room c. 1880 Ult cogn with L *morāre*, to bite

smash Late (18 cent) intens of *dash*; cf *s-plash*, *s-quash*, *s-crunch*, etc. Sense prob associated with *dash*, *crash*, etc

smatter In late ME to talk ignorantly, earlier, to dirty, defile For current sense cf to dabble ? Cogn with *smut*

smear AS *smearu*, fat, ointment Com Teut, cf Du *smeer*, Ger. *schmer*, ON *smjör*, butter, Gotli *smarrhr*, cogn with Gael *smear*, marrow, G *μύρον*, ointment See *anoint*

smellfungus Grumbler Sterne's name, in *Sentimental Journey*, for Smollett, allusive to the latter's capitious tone in his *Travels* (1766)

smell Early ME, but not recorded in AS and with no known cognates As noun has largely replaced *stink*

smelt¹ Fish AS *smelt*, cf Dan *smelt*, obs Ger *schmelz*

smelt² Verb Of LG origin, cf Ger *schmelzen*, to melt (q.v) Cf *small*

smew Saw-billed duck Also called *smee*, *smeech*. ? Cogn with *smooth*

smilax G *σμυλαξ* bindweed

smile Cf OHG *smilan* Dan *smile* Norw & Sw *smila* all prob of LG origin To come up smiling (after reverses) is from the prize-rings

smirch From 15 cent Orig *smorch* app OF *esmorch* var of *amorce* bait pinning from L *mordere mors* to bite This is used by Rabelais (113) in an unquotable passage in the sense of *smirch* No doubt there has been association with *snear*

smirb AS *smearcian* ? cogn with *smearian* to smear anoint with idea of only smile
smite AS *smitan* to smite cf Du *smitten* to throw strike Ger *schmeissen* to throw
smite (OHG *swelan* to smear) Goth *smetan* to smear For sen e develop ment of ironic use of *anoint* and cf F *frotter* (see *baste*)

smith AS *smith* Com Text. cf Du *smid* Ger *schmied* ON *smithr* Goth *smitha* with cogn verbs Orig craftsman in metal cf Ger *geschneid* malleable With *smithy* ON *smithys* cf Ger *schmied*
smitham Small coal earlier dust of lead ore ground malt Var of AS *smetma* fine powder *spellum* *beinn* due to association with *smith* cf archaic Dan *smitten* Sw dial *smittler* fragment ult cogn with *nitel*

smithereens (*Anglo Ir*) Ir *smiúrín* small fragment (vs) Cf *colleen potteen* etc

Smith's prizes [*Carib*] founded (168) by Robert Smith Master of Trinity

smock AS *smoc* prob cogn with *snua* to creep as being a garment into which one inserts the head Cf *slough* See also *smug smugle* Norw *smokk* finger stall is prob the same word

smog Portmanteau word what one eminent doctor has called smog—coal smoke-log (*Daily Chron* Dec 2 1919)

smoke AS *smoca* cf Du *smok* Ger *schmauch* As verb AS *bad smocan* (strong intrans) whence dial to *smoek* *smocian* (weak trans) whence to *smoke* Has largely supplanted *reek* To smoke (tobacco) appears c 1600 (cf F *fumer* Ger *rauchen*) for earlier to *drink* (tobacco)

smolt Young salmon intermediate between parr and grise ? Cf *smolt*

smooth AS *smoth* found only once the usual form being *smithe* when e dial *smoeth* c min in in place num¹⁴ EG *Smithfield Smedley*

smother Early ML *smo ther* *stufum* smoke

from stem of AS *smorian* to smother suffocate whence dial to *smore* cf Du *smoren* Ger *schmoren* (from LG)

Tha m t I from the smoke to the smother
(A You L k H)

snouch [*slin*] Jew Earlier *smou e* Du *smous* a German Jew (Sevel) ident with Ger Jewish *schmuss* patt r profit Heb *sh mu oik* tales news (? cf *sheeniv*) Sevel (1708) explains *smous* as formed from *Moses* with which it has at any rate been associated Cf *slfr mois* pedlar
smoulder First (14 cent) as noun smoller smoky vapour App cogn with *smok r* and with Du *m den* to smoulder Obs from c 1600 but revived by Scott

Where be m ch h to be ng fat m he w s moulded to d th (Le und 131)

Th wo d (moulier d) seems a pa ncipl h t I ku w not whether the verb smould r be in one (Job 4)

smouse See *smouch*

smudge smutch ? Related to *smut* ? or to *smoke* Th latter is favoured by dial *smudge* to smoke (herrings) and *ls* *smud s* smoky fire to keep off mosquitos But there may be two separate words and influence of *smirch* also seems likely

smug From 16 cent trim neat gradually shading into self-complacent and at unversit¹⁵ *smot* Cf Ger *schm k* trim elegant com with *schmiegen* to press closely again t (cf *smock*)

s hat k s h m k k l t s h d mugged up h wolf (Luder)

smuggle From 17 cent. LL *smi hkel* *smug elu* whence also Ger *schmuggeln* Du *smokkelen* cogn with *smug* with idea of secrecy ? Cf *slung smug* to steal hush u

smut From 17 cent in all senses. Of LL origin cogn with 3fl *smochen* to beset b (Trev) cf Ger *schmutz* smut dirt nastiness (Luder)

I with sm play my f saw yesterday and d n t like it being cry sm try (Trev) Jun 9 1885

smutch See *sm tch*

snack Orig *snap* bite hence hare as 11 to go *icks* From dial verb to *snick* bite
snap app ei n i th *snack* and ult with *snaf* cf Du *snakken* Norw dial *snak*
See also *snack*

snaffle From 16 cent Cf Du *snavel* snout Fris *snaffel* mouth Ger *schnabel* beak

all ult. cogn. with *nel*. For transference of sense cf. *muzzle*.

snag Prob. of Scand. origin; cf. Norw. *drag*, *snag*, point, *snag*, sharp point, *snag*, ON *snagi*, point.

snail AS *snigel*, cf. LG *snail*, Ger. dial *schneid*, ON *snigill*, cogn. with synon. Ger. *schneide*, *schneide*, and with *snake*.

snake AS *snaca*, cf. LG *schneke*, ON *snähr*, and OHG *snahan*, to creep, cogn. with *snail*, ? and ult. with *snig*, *snig* (q v).

snap LG Du *snappen*, cogn. with Ger. *schnappen*, to snap, *schnal* of bell. In some senses partly an intens. of *knap*. Very common in compds. indicating instantaneous action, e.g. *snaphot*, *snaphot*, etc., esp. in US.

snaphaunce [hist.] Robber, firelock. Corrupt of Du *snaphaen*, or Ger. *schnapphahn*, lit. snap cock, for formation cf. *catchpole*. The firelock may have been named from the robber (F. *chenapain*, rogue, is from Ger.), or have been an independent formation from the *hahn*, cock (of a gun), snapping on the flint. The Ger. word corresponds to the *petronel* of the Rom. language, a dorge, also, the snaphaunce of a pistol (Colt).

snare ON *snara* or AS *snæte*, cord, noose, cogn. with Du *snare*, string, and ult. with Ger. *schmir*.

snark Imaginary animal. Coined (1876) by Lewis Carroll in the *Hunting of the Snark*. Cf. *jabberwock*.

Our Liberal contemporaries are engaged in explaining every day that the Snark is undoubtedly a Boojum (*Obs* Jan 25, 1920).

snarl Extended from obs. *snar*, cogn. with Ger. *schnarren*, to snarl, rattle, prob. imit.

snatch Cogn. with *snack* (q v.). Tusser has *snatch* for *snack*, light refreshment. With

by *snatches* (16 cent.) cf. synon. L. *sabulum*.

sneak First as verb (Shaks.) App. cogn. with AS *snican*, to creep, crawl, whence ME *sniike*. But the latter does not appear after 13 cent., and to this gap must be added the difference of vowel. Cf. *snake*, *snail*.

sneek [Sc.] Lateh, or cateh, of door. Cogn. with *snatch*, *snack*. Cf. similar use of *catch*, *snap* (e.g. of bracelet).

sneer Cf. Fris *sneer*, scornful remark, *sneere*, to scorn. ? Cogn. with *snarl*. Earlier sense was to snort. Cf. F. *ricaner*, to sneer, OF. to bray, etc. Mod. contempt is less noisy but more intense.

sneeze Altered from obs. *fnese*, AS *fnūsan*

(only in noun *fnūsan*), cogn. with Du. *fnūzen*, ON. *fnūsa*, and ult. with Ger. *fnūzen*. The alteration was prob. due to sense of phonetic fitness, helped by scribbled confusion between *fn*, *fn*. Var. *fnese* is in 14th. (*Jah*, xli 18).

He speaks to his nose
And to his feet and to his path the pen (1000)
(Chaucer H. 61)

snib [dial?] See *snub*.

snick. To cut. ? Suggested by *snickersnee*, ? or by *snick*. Now esp. at cricket.

snicker Var. of *snigger* (q v.); cf. Sc. *nieker*, in similar sense; ult. cogn. with *neigh*.

snickersnee [archaic] Large knife, orig. fight with knives. Altered from obs. *snick a-snee*, earlier *snick-or-snee*. Orig. from Du. *steken*, to thrust, stick (cf. Ger. *stechen*, *snijden*, *snijer*, to cut (cf. Ger. *schneiden*), *cut and thrust*. The *st* of the first word was later assimilated to the *sn* of the second. In quot. 1 the speaker is a Dutchman.

It is our country's custom only to stick or snee
(Gryllstone, *Holander*, i. 1, 1610).

Among other customs they have in that town [Genoa], one is, that none must carry a pointed knife about him which makes the Hollander, who is used to snik and snee, to leave his horn-sheath and take a st-p-board when he comes ashore.
(Howell).

snider Rifle. Invented by Jacob Snider (1866).

sniff. Imit., cf. *sniffle*, *snivel*.
sniffing [techn.] In *sniffing-valve*. From dial. *snuff*, to snuff; cf. Sw. *snuffa*.

snigger Imit., also *snicker*, *nieler*.

sniggle To fish for eels. From *sniggle*, dim. of dial. *snig*, eel (Cath. *Angl*); ? cogn. with *snake*.

snip Cf. Du. LG *snippen*, Ger. dial. *schnippen*, cogn. with *snap*. As name for a tailor in Ben Jonson.

snipe App. Scand., cf. ON *snífrunna*, Norw. *strand-snipa*, cogn. with Du. *snip*, Ger. *schneipfe*, "a snipe, snite" (Ludw.), ult. cogn. with *neb*, cf. F. *bécasse*, snipe, from *bec*, beak. The AS name was *snite*, whence dial. *snite* (v s). To *snipe*, shoot at individual, is 18 cent., latest fig. sense of spiteful attack or unpatriotic faultfinding being 20 cent.

I really beg, for the common cause of the country,
that there should be an end of this sniping
(D. Lloyd George, May 9, 1918)

snip-snap-snorum. Card-game (18 cent.)
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soke soc [hist] Right of district under
local jurisdiction MedL soca AS *sōc*
cogn with *seek* Orig sense of pursuit
attack survives in Sc *harrest then* (leg)
assault on a man in his own house

sol [*mus*] See *gamut*

sola Urdu *sola* Hind *shola* plant from the
pith of which light hats are made hence
sola top the latter Hind *top* hat perh
from Port *top* top

solace Archaic *F. solace* L. *solatium* from
solace to comfort counsel

solan Gannet Nowusu solan goose Earlier
solan ON sli/ second element perh
ON *ðnd* and duck (cf Ger *ente*) If so
soli in goose contains three bird names

solandra Shrub From Solander Sw 13
tansu (11782)

solar L *solaris* from *sol* sun cogn with
G $\eta\lambda$ e Goth *saul* O\ *sól* Solar plexus
complex of nerves at pit of stomach :
app from central position Solar myth is
10 cent

solarium L. a dial also the collar of an
house (Coop) from *sol* (v s) In current
use for terrace for sun baths *Sol ar soller*
upper room etc (Wyc 4ct: 1 13) is still
in dial use

soldan [sɔld] OT form of *sultan* (q.v.) of It *soldano* Sp *soldán* In MF more usu *souden* (still as surname) OF *oudin* Spec of the Sultan of Egypt

soldanella Bindweed It of obscure origin
ult from *L. sidus* of various names for
comfrey (q v)

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soldier Restored from MI & OF so ideon
 sov ier etc. (with more than seventy i
 vars) from so ie s ie pay (f it s iio
 sp skellio) ult ient with son (q^a)
 ModP solistia It so iio lit rai

I can not wele gud or rewel so dyours
(P. 1m 1st is 30)

Soun of them be but yong sawgers, sweete ?
lyt ll what yt men thl be as sauc nor to lo
end re to do a sawger sho lld (sh bl 1911
sdlar toot with wale a softwre as (P. 1m)

Und sei noch
 In dem soldaten wer es machet
 (Schauer Par II 7)

soldo It corn See *corn*

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solum ground Sole fish is the same word
from lape

sole Adj Restored from YR to OF to
(scul) L solas

σολεῖσθαι I G πολὺν χρόνον ὅτι καὶ ἐν
speaking incorrectly ὅτι in the text
Attic of the Athenian ἐλισθαι of Σ 1
in Cicer. Cf. ἐλίσθαι in ἀρχαῖα ἰστορία
ἐλίσθαι

solemn Of *sole* n e (replac'd by *sol* i
L *sollemnis* + *lennis* appended) fed
from Ol *sollus* whic endure and dur
year Now us'd with suggestion of gloom
and rity but on s n e survives in verb
to *solemnize* (marry) See also *sol* n
solen Razor fish (mollusc) Cowd tale
shell fish etc

10) $\{a, m, s\}$ See remark

solfatara Volcano ent Name is 1
phuro is volcano near Naples from it
is life sulphur

solleggio *mu* It from sol fa
sofferino Col ur Discoverd woz a ter
battle of Soffer no (1850) U ma em/

solvent. I still cite *L. solitaria* from Olf
as the whole case of it to get in mention
key, some of *L. citra* appears on 1 cent
the things get out a corner and hence
solvent being mentioned in an act of
1833-4

To the memory of Robert Jackson Esq lat of
Clifford's Inn, the baronet's son
(2 July 4 1 Decem. 2 1744 4)

bold I e life I e lrus eign with Of
solus whole C alre s darsu mu
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Military I said I am not free to
 about 5 are ten game but we know
 etc. is what is borrowing from I am
 though in China was no in common we
 all are

Evangel From L. rd. v. w. p. ur
alone from vapor t. water

sollar, sollar [dial] See *solarium*
 sollarer [hist.] Part of armour. OF dim of
soler (*soulier*), shoe, ? VL **subclare*, from
subtel, the instep, lit under heel (*talus*),
 ? or connected with *sole*¹

solo It, L *solus*, alone

Solomon's seal Plant Translates MedL
sigillum Solomonis, variously explained

Solon Sage G Σόλων, early lawgiver of
 Athens, one of the seven sages

so-long [colloq] ? Corrupt of *salaam* Cf
*compound*², *go-down*, etc

solstice F, L *solstitium*, from *sol*, sun,
sistere, to stand

soluble, solution See *solve*

solus L, alone

solve L *solvere*, *solut*-, to loosen, from *se*-,
 apart, *luere*, to pay, release OF *soudre*
 had also spec sense of pay, cf *solvent*

somatic G σωματικός, from σῶμα, body

sombre F, cf Sp *sombra*, shade App in
 some way connected with L *umbra*, shade,
 but origin of init *s*- is unknown

sombrero Broad hat Orig (16 cent) para-
 sol Sp, from *sombra*, shade (v s)

some AS *sum* Com Teut, but now mostly
 dial in related langs, cf Du *som*- (in
somtijds, *somwijlen*), OHG *sum*, ON *sumr*,
 Goth *sums*, cogn with Sanskrit *sama*, any,
 every US sense, (of) some (consequence),
 has lately become colloq E *Something* was
 in ME and later very common as adv,
 as still in *something like* (cf *somewhat*)
 Dial *summat* is for *some what*

That night, I tell you, she looked some

(Lowell, *The Courtin'*)

-some AS -*sum* Com Teut, cf Du
 -*zaam*, Ger -*saam*, ON -*samr*, Goth -*sams*,
 ? cogn with *same*, *secm* But in *foursome*
 the suffix is the word *some* orig preceded
 by genitive of numeral

somersault Corrupt of F. *soubresaut*, Prov
sobiesaut, L *super* and *saltus*, leap, cf It
suprasalto, F *sursaut* Further corrupted
 to *summerset*, *somersel* Cf *fault* for re-
 stored -l-

somnambulism Coined from L *somnus*,
 sleep, *ambulare*, to walk. Replaced earlier
noctambulation (Bailey). *Somnus* is cogn
 with AS *swefn*, sleep, dream

somnolent F, L *somnolentus*, from *somnus*
 (v s)

son AS *sunu* Com Teut, cf Du *zoon*,
 Ger *sohn*, ON *sunr*, Goth *sumus*, cogn
 with Sanskrit *śūnu*, and ult with G *νός*.
 Found in the same langs as *daughter*.

sonant From pres. part of L *sonare*, to
 sound

sonata It, from *sonare*, to sound. Cf. *can-*
tata

song AS *sang*, *song*, cogn. with *sing* (q.v.).
For a song is in Shaks. (*All's well*, in 2).
 With *songstress*, a double fcm. (-*ster*, -*ess*).
 cf. *sempstress*

sonnet F, It *sonetto*, dim of *suono*, sound,
 L *sonus* First in title of Surrey's poems
 (1557), but orig. used of various short
 poems

sonorous From L *sonorus*, from *sonor*,
 sound, cogn with *sonus*

Here let the mountains thunder forth sonorous,
 Alleluia;

There let the valleys sing in gentler chorus,
 Alleluia (J M Neale).

sonsy [Se & Ir] Buxom. From *sonse*,
 plenty, Gael Ir *sonas*, good fortune

soon AS *sōna*, at once, cf OSax OHG *sān*
 For fig sense of *sooner* cf *rather* (cf also
 F *plus tôt*, *plutôt*)

soot AS *sōt*, cf Du dial *zoet*, ON *sōt*,
 ? cogn with *sit*, as meaning what settles,
 sediment

sooterkin [archaic] Imaginary afterbirth
 attributed to Du women. App archaic
 Du *soethen*, darling, dim of *soet* (*zoet*),
 sweet, but the E sense is not known in
 Du Howell (1621) calls it *zucchie*

sooth AS *sōth*, orig adj, true, cf OSax
sōth, ON *sannr*, Goth *sunjts*, Sanskrit
satya, all supposed to be, like L *sons*,
 guilty, pres part formations from the
 root *es*-, to be (cf *authentic*) Obs from
 17 cent, exc in *forsooth*, *soothsayer* (with
 which cf Ger *wahrsager*), but revived by
 Scott

soothe AS *sōthian*, to show to be true (v s).
 Current sense is reached via that of
 cajoling a person by assenting to what he
 says

These be they that sooth young youths in all their
 sayings, that uphold them in all their doings
 (Lyly's *Euphues*).

sop AS *sopp*, bread, etc dipped in liquid,
 cogn with *sip*, *soup*, hence verb to *sop*,
 AS *soppian*, cf Du *soppen* With *sopped*,
 wet through, cf synonym F *trempe comme une*
soupe

sophism Restored from earlier *sofyne*,
sophume, etc, OF (*sophisme*), L, G,
 σοφισμα, from σοφίζεσθαι, to devise, from
 σοφός, wise Depreciatory sense springs
 from bad reputation of the *sophists*,

com Cf *soldier*, *l s d* Formerly, and still occ., used colloq in pl

Not a sous had he got, not a punner or note
(Ingoldstby)

He had not given 7 sous since the war began
(Daily Chron May 15, 1918).

soubise Sauce From F *Marshal Soubise* (†1787) Cf *bechamel*

soubrette F, from ModProv *soubret*, *coy*, from *soubra*, to put on one side So *Dict Gén* Others connect the word with Sp *sobrina*, niece, L *consobrina* (see *consin*)

soubriquet See *sobriquet*

souchong Tea Chin *siao-chung*, small sort

Soudanese Of the *Soudan*, lit black (Arab)

soufflé F, pp of *souffler* to blow, L *sufflare*, from *sub* and *flare*

sough First as verb, to make a rushing sound AS *swōgan* (also found in OSax), cogn with *swēgan*, to sound Obs in E from 16 cent, but re-introduced by Burns and Scott Esp in to *keep a calm sough*, to hold one's tongue

sought See *seek*

soul AS *sāwol*, *sāwl* Com Teut, cf. Du *ziel*, Ger *seele*, ON *sāla*, Goth *saiwala* For fig senses and collocation with *body*, *life*, cf similar use of F *âme*, Ger. *seele* As applied to individual (good soul, not a living soul, every soul on board) perh due to eccl character of medieval administration (cf *parish*)

sound¹ Noise ME & AF *soun*, F *son*, L *sonus* For excrescent -d cf dial *gownd*, *drownd*, and see *bound*

sound² Adj AS *gesund*, healthy, whence also ME *isund* WGer, cf Du *gezond*, Ger *gesund*, ? cogn with Ger *geschwind*, swift, orig strong Later sense of genuine, trustworthy, develops into mere intens (sleep, sherry, thrashing, etc) In *sound as a bell* there is association with *sound*¹

sound³ Narrow channel, esp in Sc ON *sund*, swimming, strait (as between Catte-gat and Baltic), cogn with *swim*, cf AS *sund*, swimming, water, whence sense of swimming-bladder of sturgeon, cod, etc By early writers associated with *sound*¹, as a channel that can be sounded, whereas it is a channel that can be swum For sense of relation of *ford* to *fare* or of L *vadum*, *ford*, to *vadere*, to go

sound⁴ To measure with plummet F. *souder*, from *sonde*, plummet-line, app Teut and ident with *sound*³, though it is difficult to see the connection, cf. AS

sund-line, *sund-râp* (rope) Hence med to *sound*, probe, a wound, and, with a leaning on *sound*¹, to *sound* the lungs.

sounder [archaic] Herd of wild swine OF *sondre*, of Teut origin, cf. synon AS *svinor*, ON *sonar* - (in compds), OHG *suaner*

soup F *soupe*, of Teut. origin and cogn with *sop*, *sup*; cf It *zuppa*, Sp *sopa* Du *sop*, Ger *suppe*, are from F.

soupçon F, OF *sospeçon*, L. *suspectio-n*, *foi suspicio-n*

sour AS *sūr*. Com. Teut, cf Du *zuur*, Ger *sauer* (OHG. *sūr*), ON. *sirr* Cf *sorrel*. *Sour-dough*, man from Alaska, alludes to use of leaven in baking bread there in winter As *sour-dough* has long been obs in E, its US currency is prob due to Du *zuurdeeg* or Ger. *sauerleig*

The etec restide a littil in menging to gydre of soure down, till it were sourdowid all

(Wyc. Hes vii 4)

source F, spring, from *sourdre*, to rise, spring up, L *surgere* ME had also the verb to *sourd*, spring up, well forth

sourdeine [mus.] F, It *sordina*, from *sordo*, deaf, muffled, L *surdus*

souse¹ [dial] Pigs' feet and ears pickled, brine, etc for pickling OF *soult*, *soult*, OHG *sulza*, whence Ger *sülze*, *sulze*, "souce, souced pork" (Ludw.), cf synon Du *zull*, and It. *solcio*, from Ger, cogn with *salt*.

souse² [archaic] To swoop down First (15 cent.) as noun ? In some way connected with F. *sous*, *dessous*, or perh. with *sus*, *dessus*, as in *fondre dessus*, to swoop down upon The NED explanation (from Skeat) that *souse* is altered from *source*, upward flight, is due to misunderstanding of quots below, in which *mount*, *source*, are not equivalent, but alternative, to *souse*, i.e. the hawk attacks its prey from below or above, the latter method being the swoop or souse

If youre hawke nym the fowle a loft, ye shall say she toke it at the mounte or at the souce

(Book of St Albans, 1486).

The sparrowhawkes do use to lill the fowl at the souce or souce (Turberville, 1575).

souse³ Thump, flop, etc Imit, cf Ger. *sais*, tumult, esp in *sais und braus*, ON *sūs*, roar of waves Strongly associated with *souse*^{1,2}, e.g. in quot below, which it would be hard to assign to any of the three

Jonas (to them all appease)

O'er head and cares was soused in the seas

(Sylv. Jonas).

OF for *Spamard*, the latter representing OF *Espagnard*, formed like *campagnard*. This is now replaced in F by *Espagnol*, Sp. *Español*

spank Imit of resonant slap With *spanning*, as intens (a *spanking lass*) cf *dashing*, *thundering*, *whopping*, etc In some senses, e.g. *spanking pace*, and in naut uses (*spanker-boom*), partly due to Sc *spang*, to move rapidly, suddenly, also used for a smart blow ? Cf Port *espancar*, to strike

span-new See *spick and span*

spar¹ Rafter, pole, etc (naut) Com Teut, cf Du *spar*, Ger *sparren*, ON *sparri* Not recorded in AS, but cf *gesparrian*, *besparrian*, to bar (a door), and dial *spar*, *spear*, in same sense Also OF *esparre*, "the barre of iron thats nailed on a door" (Cotg.), whence perh some of the E senses ? Cogn with *spear*

sparren to spar, bar or bolt, a door (Ludw.)

spar² Mineral From LG, cf Ger *sparkalk*, AS *sparstān*, *sparēn*, gypsum. See *feldspar*, second element of which is perh cogn

spar³ To box, etc Earlier (16 cent) to strike with the spurs (in cock-fighting), orig (15 cent) to thrust rapidly ? From obs *spar*, long-handled battle-axe, var of *sparth*, ON *spartha*

The last few months in the [US] Senate have been devoted to sparring for position

(Westm Gaz June 12, 1919)

sparable Small headless nail (shoemaking)

For *sparrow-bill*, from shape

spar⁴ AS *sparian*, in main current senses Com Teut, cf Du Ger *sparēn*, ON *spara* From an extended form of the Teut verb come F *épargner* (OF *espargner*), It *sparagnare* With adj, AS *spar*, cf OHG *spar*, frugal Sense of not in use (*spareroom*) is (from 14 cent) risp naut

spar⁵-rib Also (17 cent) *ribbspar* (still in dial), cf LG *ribbspeer*, Ger *rippe(n)speer*, with doubtful second element In E associated with *spar*, from absence of fat

spark AS *spearca*, with cogn forms in LG & obs Du, but not in other Teut langs Hence *sparkle* Sense of smallest trace (without a *spark* of) is in AS *Spark*, gallant, now disparaging, is prob fig use of same word (v 1) It is even used of a lady in *Appius & Virginia* (Prol) Mr *Sparks*, the wireless operator (naut), is a neol

This honourable sparke [the Earl of Cumberland]

was further kindled and enflamed by former disasters (Purch. xvi 12).

Coronell Mustin was shot dead and many a brave spark more (Sydenham Po, ntz, 1624-36).

sparling [archaic] Fish (smelt), also *spuling*, *spurling* Cf (OF) *esperlinge* (dperlan), of Teut origin, also Du *spiering*, Ger *spierling*

sparrow AS *spearwa* Com Teut, cf Frs *sparies*, Ger *sperling* (dim of dial. *spar*), ON *sporr* Goth *sparwa*, cogn with OPruss *spurghs* Hence *sparrowhawk*, earlier *sparhawk*, AS *spearhafoc* For *sparrowgrass* see *asparagus*

sparse L *sparsus*, from *spargere*, to scatter, cf F *épars* (OF *espars*), It *sparso*. Earlier as verb (Coverd) In ref to population, congregation, etc, orig US

spart *Esparto* (q v) Cf *sparterie*, F *esparterie*, from Sp

Spartacist [bot] Ger Bolshevik (Nov. 1918). From *Spartacus* (†71 B.C.), ringleader in the Roman Servile War

Spartan Of endurance, frugality, etc, characteristic of inhabitants of *Sparta* Cf *laconic*

sparus Sea-bream L, G σ-άρος

spasm Γ *spasme*, L, G σπασμός, from σπᾶν, to tug

spat¹ Spawn of shell-fish ? Cogn with *spit*

spat² Sharp blow, smacking sound Imit

spat³ Short garter Short for *spatterdash*, *spatterplash*, etc, defence against spatterings

pero a shoe of raw leather worn by country folks in snow and cold weather, a start up, a spatter-plash (Litt.)

spatchcock Fowl dressed in summary fashion Orig Ir, now chiefly Anglo-Ind. ? For *dispatch cock* (v 1), but perh rather altered from earlier *spitchcock* (q v) Hence to *spatchcock*, interpolate, esp (journ) "cook" a telegram

spatch cock abbreviation of a dispatch cock, an Irish dish upon any sudden occasion (Grose)

Did or did not the Hearst papers spatchcock statements into cable dispatches from London?

(Daily Chron Nov 7, 1916)

spate Sudden rise of river Orig Se, of unknown origin

spathe [bot.] From L, G σπάθη, flat blade, etc See *spade*¹

spatial From L *spatium*, space

spatiate [archaic] To stroll From L *spatiari*, from *spatium*, space Cf *ephate* (q v)

speer [Sc] To inquire AS *spyrian* Com Teut, cf Du *speuren*, to track, Ger. *spuren*, ON *spyrja* See *spoor*

I spere, I asle je demande This terme is fare northyme, and nat usyd in commyn speche (Palsg.).

spell¹ Magic formula AS *spell*, narrative, saying, etc., hence, set of words Com Teut, cf OSax OHG *spel* (Ger *beispiel*, example, parable), ON *spjall*, Goth *spill* Cf *gospel*

spell² Verb OF *espeler* (*épeler*), for earlier *espeldre*, to explain, of Teut origin, from above

spell³ Turn of work First as verb, earlier *spele*, AS *spehan*, to act for, from *spala*, substitute, deputy

spellican See *spillikim*

spelt Kind of grain AS *spelt*, Late L *spella* WGer, from L, cf Du *spelt*, Ger *spelt*, *spelz*, also F *épeautre*, It *spella*, Sp *espelta* Never in current E use

speller Alloy, orig zinc Cogn with *pcwter* (q v)

spence [archaic] Larder, etc Aphet for *dispense* Cf obs *spencer*, steward, whence surname See *spend*

spencer Short overcoat, later, bodice From second Earl Speneer (†1834) Cf *sandwich* Cf naut *spencer*, kind of sail, also from a surname

Spencerian Of Herbert Speneer, sociologist (†1903)

spend AS *spendan* (in compds), L *expendere*, to weigh out, pay, whence also Ger *spenden* The E word is also, and chiefly, aphet for OF *despendre* (replaced by *dépenser*) Fig senses, e.g. *spent*, exhausted, occur early *Spendthrift* replaced (16 cent) earlier *scattergood*, found as (still surviving) surname c 1300

Spenserian [metr.] Stanza as used in *Faerie Queene*, imitating It *ottava rima*

spergula MedL for *spurry* (q v) ? Suggested by MedL *spargus*, asparagus

sperm F *sperme*, L, G *σπέρμα*, from *σπερμα*, to sow Hence *spermacei*, MedL, lit sperm of whale (see *eetacea*), due to erron belief as to nature of substance, and *spermacei whale* (17 cent), now reduced to *sperm-whale*

spew AS *spīwan* (strong), *spēowan* (weak) Com Teut, cf OSax *spīwan*, Ger *speten*, ON *spýja*, Goth *spenwan*, cogn with L *spuere*, which has influenced var *spue*

sphaer- See *sphere*

sphagnum Bog-moss, now (1918) used as

surgical dressing. From G *σπάγνος*, kind of moss

sphenoid [scient] From G *σφῆν*, wedge

sphere Restored from ME *spere* (astron geom.), OF *esphere* (F *sphère*), L, G. *σφαῖρα*, ball *Sphere of influence*, in ref to conflicting colonial ambitions, is late 19 cent

And after that the melodye herde he

That cometh of thulke speres thirves thre

(Chauc *Parl of 1000s*, 60)

sphincter [anat]. L, G *σφιγκτήρ*, band, from *σφίγγειν*, to bind tight

sphinx L, G. *Σφίγξ*, the strangler, from *σφίγγειν* (v s). Orig myth monster with head of woman and body of winged lion, which infested Thebes till its riddle was solved by Oedipus

sphragistic Of a seal (for stamping), G *σφραγίς*

sphygmo- From G *σφγμός*, pulse, from *σφύζειν*, to throb

spicate [bot] From L *spica*, spike, ear of corn

spice OF *espice* (*épice*), var. of *espice*, species (q.v.), early druggists recognizing four species, viz saffron, clove, cinnamon, nutmeg For fig sense of *spicy* cf *piquant*

Justice, all though it be but one entier vertue, yet is it described in two kyndes or spices

(Elyot, *Governour*, u 187)

spick and span For *spick* and *span* new, ME *span-new* (Chauc.), *spon-new*, ON *spān-nýr*, lit clup-new (cf. Ger *span*, clup, shaving) *Spick* is ident with *spike*, nail Cf Ger *nagelneu*, "brand-new, fire-new, spick-and span-new" (Ludw.), *spanneu*, "span-new, spick-new, fire-new or brand-new" (ib.), Du *spikspeldermieuw*, "spick and span new" (Sewel), lit spike splinter new, also F *battant neuf*, lit beating new (from the anvil)

They say *bran-span-new* in Yorkshire

(Pegge, *Additions to Grose*)

spiculate [bot] L *spiculatus* See *spicate*

spider ME *spithre*, AS **spithre*, **spithre*, from *spinnan*, to spin Cf Du *spin*, Ger *spinne*

spiffing [slang] Cf dial *spiff*, well-dressed man Origin unknown

spificate From 18 cent, "to confound, silence, or dumbfound" (Grose) ? fanciful formation on *suffocate* Cf dial *smotherate*

spigot Also ME *speget* (Voc 771, 27). Usu associated with *spike*, cf Prov. *espigou*,

spinthariscopes Coined (1903) by Crookes from G *σπινθάρης*, spark

spiracle L *spiraculum*, from *spuare*, to breathe

spiraea Flower L, G *σπείρα*, from *σπείρα*, spire²

spiral See *spire*² With *spiral staircase* of Ger *windeltreppe*, from *winden*, to wind
spirant *gram* From pres part of L *spirare*, to breathe

spire¹ Pointed summit, etc. Earlier also *spear* AS *spū*, stalk, of long grass, in ME shoot sprout, cf Du Ger *spies*, ult. cogn with *spat*¹ Steeple (cogn from 16 cent, so also Sw *spira*, Dan Norw *spir*

spire² Coil, convolution F, L, G *σπείρα*, coil, winding Hence *spiral*

Made so furly & all With delicate spice and whorl (Maul, ii h 1)

spirit L *spiritus*, from *spuare*, to breathe, used in Vulg to render G *πνεῦμα* (for sense-development of *animus*) Partly also via OF *esperit*, *esprit* (*esprit*) Replaced, in certain senses, native *soul*, *ghost*, but has not been gen adopted by the other Ient langs In ref to temperament from medieval science, which believed in three "spirits" (see *animal*) or subtle fluids pervading the individual, as it did in four "humours" Alcohol sense (c 1600) from earlier use by the alchemists who recognized four viz quicksilver, orpiment, sal ammoniac and brimstone (Chauc G 822 ff), cf similar use of Ger. *geist* To *spirit* (away), abduct, was orig used (17 cent) of kidnapping boys for the Wind plantations, as though they had been supernaturally removed Littleton has *plagiarius*, "a spirit, who steals other mens children or servants" *Spiritualism*, in table-rapping sense, appears 1855 *Spirituel* (F) has developed also the spec sense of *esprit*, wit, intellect

spirometer Irreg formation from L *spirare*, to breathe

spirit See *spirt*

spit¹ Cooking implement, sandy point AS *spitu* WGer, cf Du *spit*, Ger *spieß*, cogn with Ger *spitz*, pointed (cf *Spitzbergen*), whence *spitze*, lace Cf also OF *espiet*, spear, from Teut

spit² To expectorate North AS *spittan*, imit More usual in AS were *spētan*, whence dial *spet*, and *spūan* (see *spew*) Cf also Ger *spucken*, dial *sputzen*, *spitzen*, Dan *spytte*, etc With vulg the very spit of

cf. F. *il est son père tout craché*. With *spit fire* cf earlier *spitfire* (Flor 91 *cacafuoco*) spit³. As in *two spit deep* (c. 1500) From dial to *spit*, dig with a spade (Piers Plowm), AS. *spittan*, cogn with Du. *spitten*, "to spit, as to spit turf" (Hexham), and perh with *spit*¹

spitcheock. Mode of preparing eels. Perh for *spit-cook* (v i.), because roasted The 17 cent diets show that a *spitcheock-eel*, "*anguilla decumana*" (Litt), was of the largest size See also *spatchcock*
spitcheock *anguille des plus grosses, qu'on rôtit ordinairement* (Millot, 1670)

spite. Aphet for *despite* (q v). With *in spite* of cf Ger. *troiz*, in *-pite* of, orig. noun, "bravado, hectoring, scorn, sham, spite, despite or despatch" (Ludw.) Froissart tells us that a friar attached to the household of John of Gaunt was killed by Wat Tyler's men "en despit de son maistre," i e to show their hatred and scorn for his master

spittle Altered, on *spit*², from earlier *spallie*, AS *spāl*, cogn with *spētan*, to spit
spittoon App coined (c 1810) in US, the land of accurate expectoration The earlier E term (17 cent.) was *spilling-bow*.
spitz Pomeranian dog Ger, also *spitzhund*, from *spitz*, pointed (see *spit*¹)

splanchno-. From G *σπλάγχνα*, inward parts
splash Intens of *plash*¹ See s- For fig senses cf *dash*

splay In *splay-foot* From verb to *splay*, to slope (arch), aphet for *display* (q v), in sense of spreading out OF had also *espleur*, now only in *angle d'employe* (her), spread-eagle

In like wise at the est ende of the same brgge another mighty stonewerk with 11 displaies (Contract for Newark Bridge, 1485)

spleen OF *esplen*, L *splen*, "the spleene, the milte" (Coop), G *σπλήν*, regarded in ME as seat of morose feelings (cf *heart*, *liver*, *kidney*), in which sense it has been borrowed back by F

splendid F *splendide*, L *splendidius*, from *splendire*, to be bright *Splendacious* is a jocular formation after adjs in *-acious* (cf rustic *boldacious*)

splenial [anat] From G *σπλήνιον*, bandage
splice Orig. naut Archaic Du *splassen*, cogn with *spit*; cf Ger *splessen*, "to split, or slit, wood or hoops" (Ludw.), also "to splice ropes, to open the twists at the end of both ropes, and make them fast into one

another (ib) Fig to marry (*Pere vine Pickle* ch vii)
 splint splinter *Splint* is the earlier having in ME also the sense of overlapping strip or narrow plate in the jointing of armour while *splinter* was used in some of the senses of *splint* as still in *splinter-bar* A LG word cf Du *splint splinter* assula scidrum aculeus ligneus (hal) ? Cogn with *split* cf Ger *splitter* splinter In armour sense *splint* is earlier via OF *es plente*
 split From 16 cent Orig naut esp in sense of suffering shipwreck splitting on a rock (common in Shaks) Du *spliten* With slang to *split on* whence *split* in former detective cf to break with The silly fuss about the *split infinitive* dates from 1899 one purist stating that words fail to adequately express his abhorrence of it See also *split e*
 splodge splotch The latter is earlier (Hol land & Pliny) ? Imit with suggestion of splash blotch
 splutter A low word (Johns) Imit of *sputter*
 spode Porcelain From *J Spode* (11827) Cf *med. wood*
 spoil OF *espouiller* L *spoliare* from *spolium* Also aphet for *despoil* Earliest sense booty stripped from vanquished enemy (*spoiling the Egyptians*) hence to damage and from 17 cent to harm by indulgence cf similar use of *spill* in quot 21 *spring* So also *sp* later lit to lay waste has later senses of E *spoil* With to be *spoiling for a fight* (US) cf sporting sense of *strike*
 spoke AS *spaka* WGer cf Du *spak* Ger *speiche* Hence *spokesman* (c 1500) To *put a spoke in one's wheel* is an alligial mistransl of Du *een spaak in het wiel steken* where *spak* (perli cogn) means bar pol cf *mettre des barres dans les roues* See also hind *poke* (v & *spoke*)
 spokesman spoken See *speak*
 spoliation L *spoliatio* n See *spoil*
 spondee (metr) L *spandē* L G *σπονδα* or from *σπονδ* solemn drink-offering from *σπονδε* to pour out
 spondulicks (slang) Orig US Orig in unknown First element may be Du *spon* chip used in Du dial for money chips
 spondylus (zool) Genus of bivalves L C *σπονδυλος* spine
 sponge AS *sponge* *spuncia* and OF *a few* a

(*spoon* e) I *pon* is C *σπογγη* (in m synon *σπογγος*) To *ch* *h* *sp* the *sp* n in acknowledgement of defeat appear to have been reined in the context of prize ring (v 1) Slang sense of parasite is appropriate to 17 cent use in such the *turn* as called the *sponge* (to be squeezed) cf obs *spon* in *hot* e (the debtors) from extortion practised there
 In the fourth (to id) Clail second threw in the towel (Du L C *on* M *h* 13 *u*)
 (many throws in the pool)
 (S *nday* Tm *Ch* L 13)
 sponson (naut) Lateral extension of steam r before and abaft paddle boxes ? Sail is corrupt of *spinnion*
 sponsor L from *sponsere* *spons* to promise vow
 spontaneous From L *spontaneus* from *sponere* (of one's own) accord all of *spons* cogn with *ser* and *perite* obstinate *Sport* *neous* combustion occurs first (19 cent) in ref to such cases as the *Mr Krock* (*Bleak Horse*) and *Jac* *h* *Fa* *thful's* mother
 spontoon (hist) (him) of half pike F *spou* *lon* e *ponson* It *spun* one from *punt* point
 spoof Invented by Arthur Roberts born 183)
 I knew it soon she was deceiving me and I spoofed (Wines in the *sat* *nal* *March* 7 1911)
 spook Orig US (1800) Du *spook* with Ger *spuk* night wandering specter a lit word of unknown origin
 spool Bobbin reel ONF *a* *po* I Teut *er* *gin* cf Du *spool* LC *spule* Ger *spul*
 spoon See *spoon*
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dipping prow Later *spoom*, a landsman's perversion, after *spume*, foam Hence *spoon-drift*, now usu *spindrift* (q v)

spoonerism Accidental transposition of sounds, orig type of which is said to be *Kinking eongs their tittles take*, attributed to Rev W A Spooner, of New Coll, Oxf
spoony See *spoon*¹

spoor Du, the word reaching us from SAfr Com Teut, cf AS ON *spor*, Ger. *spur*, whence *spurlös*, without leaving a trace, as in the genial suggestion (*spurlös versenken*) of Count Luxburg, Ger minister to the Argentine, with regard to neutral shipping See also *speer* The word belongs to the primitive Teut hunting vocab

sporadic MedL, G *σποραδικός*, from *σπείρειν*, to sow, scatter

spore From G *σπορά*, seed (v s)

sporran' Gael *sporan*, purse, from Late L *bursa* Familiarized by Scott

sport Aphet for *disport* (q v), with spec sense-development which has led to its being borrowed by several other langs Sense of abnormal plant, etc (19 cent) app goes back to obs. *sport of nature*, rendering L *lusus naturae* To *sport*, display, etc, is used by Steele (1712) With *sportsmanlike* cf *seamanlike*, *workmanlike*
to *sport timber* to keep one's outside door shut (Grose)

The rise of Germany is a freak, a sport, and does not belong to the real terrene scheme of evolution (Westm Gaz Feb 22, 1918)

That every child born in the country should have a sporting chance (Prince of Wales, Dec 18, 1919)

spot From 12 cent, first in sense of blemish, stigma, etc (as in *spotless*, *unspotted*) Cf ON *spott*, small piece, Norw dial *spott*, spot, speck, piece of ground, also Fris & obs Du *spot*, speck If ult cogn with *spit*², it may be also ult ident with Ger *spott*, derision, which some authorities connect with L *spuere*, *spit*-, to spit; cf use of F *conspuer*, L *conspuere*, "all to bespittle" (Coop) For later sense-development of Ger *fleck(en)*, which has the same group of meanings, e g *fleck-fieber*, "the spotted fever" (Ludw), though this was prob not the cerebro-spinal meningitis now called by that name To *knoek spots out* of is US, perh from use of playing-cards as pistol targets

ich will den spott nicht auf mir sitzen lassen I will not suffer that spot, blur or blemish, in my reputation (Ludw)

spouse OF. *spos*, *espos*, *spose*, *espose* (*époux*, *épouse*), L *sponsus*, *sponsa*, lit promised, vowed, from *spondere* Cf *esposue*

spout. First (14 cent) as verb Cf Du *spuit*, earlier *spuyt*, "sluce to let in or out water" (Hexham), cogn with *spit*² From 16 cent also of a "shoot" for corn and hence of a pawnbroker's lift for pledged articles Application to pretentious oratory, etc, is 18 cent, but *spout* is found in early 16 cent as illiterate form of *spule*, for *dispute*.

I forbad all spouting in sophistry,
Now they spout in spouting who may spout most
high (Heywood, *Spider & Fly*, xxvix' 4)

Mr Hull, pawnbroker, committed suicide by hanging himself within his "spout"
(NED, from *Gent Mag* Oct 1855)

sprag [dial & US] Prop, brake. Origin unknown To "sprag the wheel of progress" was used by Capt W. A Redmond in H of C, Mar 25, 1919

sprain App. OF *espreindre* (*épreindre*), *épreign-*, to press, VL **expremere*, for *expumere*, though, as the E word is first recorded c 1600, retention of s- is anomalous For formation and sense cf *straw*, which has taken over the usual meaning of *épreindre*

spraints [sport] OF *espraintes*, "the dung of an otter, or other such vermine" (Cotg.), var of *espreintes*, p p fem pl of *espreindre* (v s)

sprat AS *sprot*, cf Du *sprot*, Ger *sprotte* (from LG) Orig sense was perh small fry, the sprat being regarded as the young of the herring This points to connection with AS *spryttan*, to germinate, sprout

sprawl AS *spræwlan*, cf Fris *spraweli*, ? cogn with *spread*
spray¹ Sprig, etc Cf AS *spræc*, mod dial *sprag*, also in Sw dial As earliest records (from 13 cent) have collect sense, young shoots, small growth, etc, ult. identity with *spray*² is possible, with ground-idea of what is scattered or sprinkled.

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The sprie of the sea, which the winde blew about us like raine (Purch 1615)

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squaw Amer Ind *squa:es* qua woman
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squeak limit of Ger *quicken* to shriek
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squeamish Altered from earlier *qua nous*
squeamious *esquis* *no is* AF *esquimos*
 Earliest sense fastidious esp in diet
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stachys Plant L, G *στάχυς*, prop ear of corn

stack ON *stakki*, haystack, cogn with synon Russ *stog* Also applied to mass of chimneys, columnar rock, for latter sense cf Faroese *stakkur*

stad [SAfr] Native village Du (see *stead*) Cf *kraal*

staddle [dial] Support, platform for rick, etc AS *stathol*, cogn with *stand*

stadholder, stadtholder [hist] Chief magistrate of Du Republic, title conferred on William of Orange (1580) Du *stadhouder*, lit place-holder, locum tenens, lieutenant, viceroy Cf Ger *statthalter* (till Nov 1918 of Alsace-Lorraine) and see *stead*

stadhous, stadthouse [hist] Du *stadhuus*, town-house, townhall See *stead*

stadium L, G *στάδιον*, rendered *furlong* in AV

staff AS *staf* Com Teut, cf Du *staf*, Ger *stab*, ON *stafi*, Goth *stafs*, ult cogn with *stable* *Stave* is back-formation from pl For mus sense cf *bar* Mil sense (from 18 cent only), now also civil, is due to Du or Ger, in which idea of command is developed from that of staff of office, baton

The Germans call a regiment, and all that belongs to it, the colonel's staff (*den regiment oder colonel-stab*), for with that soldiers are to be ruled

(NED 1700)

staffage [afr] Accessories Ger, from *staffieren*, OF *estoffer* (*étoffer*), to pad

tag AS *stagga* Orig sense prob male, as in US *tag-party*, cf dial senses of young horse, bull, boar, cock, etc, also ON *steggi*, male-bird, leel, tom-cat, whence E dial *steg*, gander In slang also informer, outside broker

stage OF *estage* (*étage*, story of house), VL **statiuum*, from *stare*, to stand In ME floor, raised platform, relative height, etc In theat sense from 16 cent (cf *pageant*), with extended senses corresponding to those of F *scène* Idea of horizontal, for orig perpendicular, extension, as in *stage of a journey*, *stage-coach*, by *easy stages*, appears c 1600 and is due to use of the word in OF & ME in sense of *stadium* (which it may even in this sense represent phonetically) *Old stager*, now felt as belonging to "the profession," is in Foe

(1570) in sense of old inhabitant, "fossil", cf OF *estagier*, resident, MedL *stagarius*, aged monk permanently lodged in infirmary,

stagger For earlier *staeker* (Chauc), ON *stakia*, frequent of *staka*, to push, stagger; cf Du *staggelen*. To *stagger belief* is perh. due to Burke

Stagirite Aristotle, born at *Stagira*, Macedonia

stagnate From L. *stagnare*, from *stagnum*, pool Cf. dial *stank*, pond, OF *estanc* (*étang*)

staid For *stayed*, p p of *stay*². Cf *sedate*, *demure* (q v), F *raissés*, Ger *gesetzt*, all in similar sense

stain Aphet. for *distain*, OF *desterindre* (*delerindre*), prop to unstain, lose colour or tint (q v), but used with *sur* in a sense approximating to E Sense of losing, removing, defacing, colour is also earliest in ME, and this is still the prevailing sense of the noun (cf, *stainless*)

I stayne a thyng, I change the colour of; it with shedyng any thyng upon it jo *destayns* (Palsg)

stair AS *stæger*, flight of stairs, staircase This is still the sense of Sc *stair*, while in E a pl form has been current from 14 cent, cogn with AS *stigan*, to ascend (Com Teut, cf, Du *stijgen*, Ger *steigen*, ON *stiga*, Goth *steigan*) Cf Du *steiger*, stairs. *Staircase* is 17 cent Formerly also of stone steps, as still on Thames (*Wapping Old Stairs*)

staith [dial] Landing-stage, embankment ON *stöth*, cogn with AS *stæth*, bank, and with *stand*; cf Ger *gestade*

stake AS *staca*, post "stuck" in ground; cogn with *stiek*^{1,2}, cf Du *stuaak*, also OF *estache*, It *stacca*, Sp *estaca*, from Teut. In early use of post to which criminal was bound for execution, esp by burning With to *stake*, hazard (Palsg), cf cogn Du *staken*, to fix, place, cf, F *mettre en jeu*, whence *enjeu*, stake See also *sucep* In at *stake* there is a tinge of the burning or baiting metaphor (v1) Earliest sense of verb to *stake* is to mark out a boundary (cf US to *stake out*, pull up *stakes*)

Have you not set mine honour at the stake,
And buted it with all th' unmuzzled thoughts
That tyrannous heart can think

(*To elfin Night*, iii 1)

stalactite, stalagmite Back-formation from ModL *stalactites*, *stalagmites* (Olaus Wormius, 17 cent), from G *σταλακτός*, drop-

P. evidence a dropping from a stable
to drop down. Cf. *stale*.

stale. Orig. of liquor that has stood long
enough to clear OF *estale* verbal adj. of
estaler (verb) to grow old; disfigure fix
as *estaler* in *estaler* *estaler* sea, from OHG
stale first place, stale (qv). Hence also
archaic stale decoy AF *estale* corre-
sponding in sense to Ger *estaler* of decoy
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orig. for earlier *stale* (15 cent.) AF *estale*
from *estaler* or perh. OF *estale* fixed posi-
tion, as in *estale*. So in *stale* in ambush in
battle array Dial. s.o. urine is also OF
estale from stopping to urinate. Thus all
senses of *stale* belong ult. to OF *estaler*
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Tava while your horse will *stale* (Falg)
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to be idle with r. in our house (Flor)

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stalk handl. AS *stale* cogn. with synonym
Ger *stale* cf. SW *stale* Norw dial *stale*
Dan *stale* AS has also *stale*
stale. Verb. AS *stale* to walk stealthily
(in syn. a *stale* n.) in ME esp. to ap-
proach game cogn. with *stale* (cf. *stale*
in *stale*). Hence *stalking* *stale* orig.
trained to conceal fowler later applied to
a camouflaging framework. Later sense
of taking *stale* unguinely strides is in-
fluenced by *stale*.

stale. *stale* like a *stale* s. it was a grass *stale* consume
it use *stale* (Falg)

stall. Noun. AS *stall* standing place posi-
tion esp. for cattle. Com. Teut. cf. Du
stal Ger stall cattle shed stable ON
stall also OF *estale* (stal butchers stall)
It stalls place stalls stable from Teut.
cogn. with stand. For sense of canon's
(knight's) seat in church etc. cf. Mod.
stall as F. *stalle* later theat. development
being 19 cent. Dealer's stall in prob. via
OF (v.s.) Also used of various receptacles
(v.s.) Cf. *install* *forestall*

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stall. Verb. In to stall off keep off (sport.)
Orig. to keep off by trickery fr. an *stale*
a ill confederate orig. d. *stale* (see *stale*)
stall on. Altered from *stale* & *stale* ON

stale (Falg) s. it *stale* s. *stale* s. *stale* s.

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A right stallwart cas to *stale*.

stamboul ne Frick-court s. *stale* s. *stale* s.
From *stale* *stale* s. *stale* s. *stale* s.

stamer (Falg) L. thread *stale* s. *stale* s.
stamina now treated a *stale* s. *stale* s.
(moral) fibre

stamina See *stale* s.

stammel (Falg) Bright red *stale* s. *stale* s.
scarlet) Ol *stale* *stale* with *stale* s.
(*stamina*) from L. *stamina* s.

stammer AS *stale* s. in *stale* s. *stale* s.
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stammer ult. *stale* with *stale* s. *stale* s.
dumb

stamp. Early ME *stamp* cf. AS *stamp*
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I *estamp* (Mod. also *stamp*) to stamp
impress from Teut. cf. Ger *stamp* to stamp
stampa also It. *stamp* to stamp
Sp *estamp* from Teut. The same root
without the nasal appears in *step*. Hence
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impress I *estamp* *stamp* It *stamp*
Postal sense dates from Rowland Hill
(1837) the dateable stamp of *stamp*
placing the date on letters *Stamp* s. *stamp*
dates from c. 1860

stampede. Old. US *stampede* s. *stampede*
Sp *estampede* *stampede* *stampede* in
Mex Sp in *stampede*

stance. See *stale* Ol *estance* s. *estance*
to stand I *stale* cf. *stale* s. *stale* s.

stanch. See *stale*

stanchion. Earlier *stanchion* s. *stanchion*
(*stanchion*) from *estance* *stanchion* s.
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Of him tham stod selcut giet agh (*Cursor Mundi*)
If ye will have it to be made here, it will stand ye in 6 marks or more (*Plumpton Lei* 1476)

standard OF *estandard*, *estendart* (*étendard*), royal banner, from *estendre*, to extend, cf It *standardo*, Sp *estandarte*, also Du *standaard*, Ger *standarte*, from OF or Sp But strongly influenced, esp in secondary senses, by *stand*, e g its first occurrence in E, with ref to the Battle of the Standard (1138), has a contemporary explanation from *stand* Development of E sense of official exemplar of weight, measure, quality, etc, whence many extended uscs, is app also due to *stand* (cf a *standing example*) *Standardize*, orig an engineer's word, is now overworked

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(*Ev News*, May 29, 1918)

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star dish un grand écritoire, comme ceux qui sont faits d'étain (Mitge)

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stank [dial] See *stagnate*

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staphylo- [med] From G *σταφυλή*, bunch of grapes

staple AS *stapol*, post, as still in place-names (*Stapleton*, *Stapleford*, etc), cf Du *stapel*, lcg of chair, stocks, Ger *stapel*, step, rung of ladder (whence *staffeler*, easel), ON *stopull*, pillar, steeple Ground-sense is something fixed ME sense of mart is via OF *estaple* (whence F *étape*, halting-place), from LG Adj is from noun used attributively as in *staple commodities* As the great Flem *staples*, or marts, were chiefly concerned with the wool-trade (cf *woolstapler*), the word acquired a spec connection with one commodity and came to mean its fibre Ult cogn with *step* Sense-development is not unlike that of *stock* Spec sense of bent iron holdfast perh comes from some meaning otherwise lost in E, cf It *staffa*, stirrup, staple, from OHG

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steep Adj AS *stap* lofty precipitous cogn. with *stoop* and with Ger *Hohen staufen* US slang sense orig. of price was perh. suggested by Du *stijf* stiff (but cf *tall*).

steep Verb Of late appearance (c. 1400) Cf Sw *stipa* Dan *slabe* to soak (barley for malting) ? cogn. with *sloop* (q v) and AS *stap* vessel.

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steeve [naut.] To point upward or not straight forward (of bowsprit) ? From Du *steeven* to point (protr.) of ship. See *stem*.

stegano stego From G *steyn* v to cover
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When th village [St B. bosch] wa first built th e wa variety f man fa tur attempted th e b t th was speed ly disco raged. It thereto e soon bec e th y l m only fo id age --and unde these ask the even ng of life i pent p ce fully cool i i tri i happily as peopl ar pposed t t et a m r dvan ed period f let her than i a y th e part of th colony (Lady Bama ds Ssf Jou 79)

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The tel with th y stems (N. A. Acad. 193-97)

stem Verb ON *stemma* to check cf Ger *stemmen* to stem hem or stop the course of a thing (Ludw.) cogn. with *stammer*. See *stem*.

stemson [naut.] From *stem* after *keelson*
stench AS *stenc* cogn. with *stink* (cf *drunch drink*) Not orig. limited to unpleasant smell Cf OHC *stink* (v1).

That st was gfulit f m th mo stanke ther valth (T i n Joh x 3)

stencil Eccl. Lat. related occurrence e (190) of *stencil* 19 cent. word which makes connection with rare ME *stansel* to a l m with spangle etc. very unlikely. This is OF *esterceler* (*stinceler* to sparkle) from VL *stencil* (r. sci. hila (eo tinsel) I sagge tobs Du *stemsel* forms formula *biston sur quoy ils couvent les sculerc* (Triu n Ling Diet 197) ora vive limbus calcei (I ii) The connection between a shoe las and a stencil is that both serve to multiply a fixed pattern of F *sa quer* to stamp trace (v drawing e c) from L *catr cal* heel ? Ult. cogn. with *stamp*.

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traight forward (of bo' spnt) : I am
Du skieren to point prow (stern) of ship
See *scin*!

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tion but just below *negot* is an earlier
ironic allusion Cf *to go to Bath*

When the flag of independence was first hoisted there was an attempt to make a factory, but this was soon abandoned. The first school was opened in 1818, and the first church was built in 1820. The first newspaper was published in 1821, and the first steamship was built in 1822. The first railroad was built in 1823, and the first telegraph was built in 1824. The first steam locomotive was built in 1825, and the first steamship was built in 1826. The first steam locomotive was built in 1827, and the first steamship was built in 1828. The first steam locomotive was built in 1829, and the first steamship was built in 1830.

stellio Lizard L from stella star from
marking

stem Noun AS *stevn* stəfn Com Teut
cf Du *stern* Ger *stern* ON *stern* stəfn
the last only in naut sense of end post of
hij In latter sense Du & LG have
stevn borrowed by Ger Both senses are
very rare in I between AS and 16 cent
Naut *stem* was orig at both ends of ship
(vs) cf F *lambo* sternpost, from Teut.
Hence also verb to *stem* (the tid currents)
why h has been confused with *stem*?

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stem¹ Verb On *stemma* to check of Ger
stemmen to turn here or stop the course
 of a thin (Ludw) room with *stammes*
 See *stem¹*

stemson want From swim² after kelson

stench AS stem cogn with stink (cf dunct dunct) Not orig limited to unpleasant smell Cf OHG stank (s. 1)

Trans 1 & 2 out of 10 from Lungs tank 1000
 1000 (1000) 1000 1000

stencil Exc for isolated occurrence (170;)
I assume a 19 cent word which makes
+ needs + with rare ME stencil to adverb
with spangles etc very unlikely This is
OF stencil (*it needs to sparkle*) from
VL *stencil* = *it is so little* (see fin 6) I
suggest obs Du stencil formula, formula
for ton war quay ds covert les scoulers
(*Tenue L & Dict 138*) orative lyhus
taken [kul] The connection between a
shoe last and a stencil is that both serve to
multiply a fixed pattern of I sayner to
stamp trace (e.g. Lawler etc.) from L.
sa sa sa led? lit cogn with stenc.

stenography From G *στενός*, narrow From c 1600

stentorian From *Στένωρ*, G warrior with powerful voice (*Iliad*, v 785)

step AS *stæppan*, orig strong, with past *stōp* WGer, cf Du *stappen*, Ger *stapfen*, esp in ref to footprints, cogn with *stamp* For fig senses of noun cf *grade*, also F *pas*, *démarche*

step- AS *stīop-*, cogn with *āstýpan*, to be-reave, make orphan, cf synon OHG *stuufen*, *irstuufen* Orig of children, and then, by an easy transition, of parents (for converse case cf *grandchild*) Com Teut, cf Du Ger *stief-*, ON *stýþ-* Johns regarded *stepmother* as the only current compd of the group

stephanotis Mod, from G *στέφανος*, crown

steppe Russ *step'*, of unknown origin

-ster AS *-estre*, fem agent suffix, corresponding to masc *-ere*, cf LG Du *-ster* Use as mase suffix is prob due to trades orig carried on by females (*baxter*, *brewster*), the only word preserving orig sense being *spinster* With addition of *-ess* is formed double fem suffix (*sempstress*, *songsstress*) From 16 cent used (? influence of *-aster*) in joeular and contemptuous formations (*punster*, *rhymester*, *trickster*)

stereoray From L *stereus*, *stercor-*, dung

stere Cubic metre F *stère*, from G *στερεός* (v 1)

stereo [*tyþ*] Short for *stereotype* (v 1)

stereo- From G *στερεός*, solid Hence *stereoscope*, invented and named (1838) by Wheatstone, perfected (c 1860) by Brewster, *stereotype*, F *stéréotype*, invented (c 1798) by Didot For fig use of *stereotyped* cf *cliché*

sterile F *stérile*, L *sterilis*, cogn with G *στειρός*, Sanskrit *stairi*, barren cow, Goth *stairō*, barren woman *Sterilize*, in mod sense, is late 19 cent

sterlet Small sturgeon Russ *sterlyad'*

sterling Orig the E silver penny of the Norman dynasty Prob. late AS **steorling*, from *steorra*, star, with which some of the early Norman pennies are marked (cf *copeck*, *crown*, *rose-noble*, *angel*, etc) The excellenc of the E coin led to wide continental currency, hence OF. *esterlin* (c 1100), MdL *sterilensis*, *sterlingus* (12 cent), It *sterlino*, MHG *sterling* Erron derived, as early as c 1300, from the *Easterlings* (Hanse merchants), and in early Sc associated with *Stirling* A pound

sterling was orig. a pound (weight) of *sterlings* Fig senses are opposite of *counterfeit*, *foreign*

Deux centz livres d'esterlinges

(*John of Gaunt's Reg* 1372-6)

stern¹. Adj AS *stjerne*, *styrne*; cogn with Ger *starr*, stiff, G *στερεός*, solid, rigid, and with *stare*

stern² Noun. ON *stjörn*, steering, from *stýra*, to steer Sense of steering gear, helm, survived till 17 cent With *sternson* cf. *stemson* In *stern chase*, "if he (the enemy) be right ahead of you" (Capt John Smith), perh sometimes associated by landsmen with *stern*¹

And withe that the Sprynard shotte by them on sterne, and stayed and came by them agayne

(*Voyage of the Barbara*, 1540)

We altered course to S. L. parallel to them, and settled down to a long stern chase

(Sir D Beatty, March 3, 1915)

sterno- From L *sternum*, G *στέριον*, chest, breastbone

sternutation. L *sternutatio-n-*, from *sternutare*, frequent of *sternuere*, to sneeze, cogn with G *πτερυσθαι*

stertorous From L *stertere*, to snore

stet [*tyþ*] L, let stand

stethoscope F *stéthoscope*, invented and named (c 1819) by Laennec, from G. *στήθος*, chest

stevadore Sp *estivador*, from *estivar*, to stow a cargo, L *stipare*, "to stop chinkes or cleftes" (Coop)

stew¹ [*archaic*] Brothel From OF *estuve* (*étuve*), "a stove, hot-house, hot bath" (Cotg), cf It *stufa*, "a stove, a bath, a whot house" (Flor), Sp *estufa*; cogn with *stove*² (q v) The public hot-air baths acquired a reputation like that of our massage establishments some time ago Cf also *bagno* For later senses see *stew*² With to be in a stew cf to be in a sweat, but perh rather from later cooking sense (*stew*², cf to make a hash)

stew² To boil slowly. Developed (15 cent) from *stew*, to bathe in hot vapour, etc (see *stew*¹) To *stew in one's own juice* is a variation on an earlier figurc (v 1)

In his owne grece I made hym frye For angre and for verray jalousye (Chauc D 487)

stew³ [*archaic*]. Fishpond, tank (Chauc A 350) OF *estui* (*étui*, case), trough or tub in which fish were kept for kitchen purposes Of obscure origin, perh ult from *stow*

steward AS *stigward* major-domo caterer
lit sty ward *styl* (q v) being used in wider
sense than now For wide range of senses
cf *marshal sergeant* etc From Sc form
steuart came the royal house sprung from
Walter (the) Steuart who married (1315)
Marjorie de Bruce daughter of King
Robert

stibium [chem] Black antimony L from
G *στίβ* *στύμ*

stichomythia Dialogue in alternate line
C *στίχμυθα* from *στίχος* row line (cf
acrostic) *μυθος* speech myth

stick Verb AS *stician* to pierce remain
fixed hence (in ME) to (cause to) adhere
Has absorbed cogn dial *stiek* which corre-
sponds to Ger *stechen* to pierce sting
stitch Cf Du *stikken* to embroider Ger
sticken to stick (fast) put *sticken* to em-
broider Goth *stigan* to thrust cogn
with *sting stitel* also with *stigma insti-
gale dist* *noush* etc To *stuck* (endure) it
appears to be a mod variation on to *stand*
it With Austral to *stick up* (coach bank)
cf US to *hold up* *Stuck* i p is 19 cent

Like a st k p the w man tard (VED 12)
He (D minus Sampson) bec me totally p ble
of proceeding in his i d d discourse d w s
ev r after de gusted as a st chit ma ster
(G y M n er e h ii)

stick Noun AS *sticca* cogn with *tick*
Naut for mast as in to *up stick and run*

That sort of altern i wh h is commonly called
a cleft tick (Covey)

stickle For earlier *stighlle* to arrange con-
trol (cf Yorks surname *Stiches* from
stighlle) frequent of obs *st hit* AS
stichlan cogn with Du *sticken* Ger
sticken to set in order establish Oldest
sense of *stickle* (Pal g) is to see fur play
between combatants and Flor n es *stick-
lers* to render Montaigne a *personnes tances*
(ii 27) in duels with which cf *umpi e*
The early lexicographers associated it with
the *stick* or wand used for parting com-
batants (cf archaic Ger *stam er stangler*
stickler second in duel from *stam e* staff
stick)

but re to arbitrat *stikl* (Cotg)

stickleback From AS *steel prick* sting
from *stuck* Pop form *sticklebat* *sticklebat*
illustrates moveable character of s (q v)
and ooc confusion between final d ntal
and palatal (cf *scabbard*)

stiff AS *stif* WGer cf Du *stijf* Ger *stief*
cogn with I *stipes* stake stem With

stiffnecked cf Ger *hartnackig* obstinate
whence surname *Harnack* Both corre-
spond to L *dura e vice* (Iulg) (σ *λγπο-
σπαγγ*) s lit transl from Heb *Stiff upper
lip* is US

stifle stifle Joint between femur and tibia
of hind leg of quadruped esp horse R
corded c 1320 Ott in obscure OF
estinal boot whence Ger *stiefel*

stifle I th part of th h 1 leg h ch d ances
towards h rs bells (Ge t Dist)

stifle Verb Earlier (14 cent) *stifle* either
frequent of *stiff* (r from cogn OF
estiffer (*stiffen*) to stifle sm ther
choke (Cotg)

A monk fil down i k 16 g nto wate d was
tuffed (3-st 11 d L flor t)
(T v 449)

Stiggins A oholic hypocrite (*Pick ick*)

stigma L G *στίγμα* mark brand (of a
famy) from *στέ* to puncture Hence
stigmat to brand In RC Church also
of miraculous marks reproducing the
wounds of Christ

stile style AS *stiel* from *stiga* to ascend
(cf *stair*) To help a do over a *stile* is in
Heywood (1562)

Fleet h under goe w y w th the game when th
est code helpl g over a stil a mul behind
(P archam, 631)

stiletto style It a little poynard dagger
poynado bodkin needle or pinne or
stabber (Flor) Dim of *style* (q v)

still Vj AS *stille* WGer cf Du *stijl*
Ger *stijl* from the root expressing fixity
to which *stijl* belong Sense of dead only
in *stillborn still life* the latter after Du
stilleven whence also Ger *stilleben* cf
synon F *naïve morte* Hen e adv *stijl*
preserving something of orig sense v
stock still also in poet use for con tantly
usu a Shaks echo (g *Tem p* 12) With
poet *stijl* (13 c nt) cf Shaks *stijl*

still Noun From archaic verb *stijl*
aphet *stijl* *stijl* (q v) Hence *stijl* *stijl*
now house keeper's store-room

stilling [dia] Sappht for casks Du
stijlen "a still n, stand grantree
(Sewel) from *stijlen* to place (see *stale*)

stilo See *stilo*

stilt Of LA origin cf Du *stijl* Ger *stiele*
Ott (14 cent) plough handle crutch

stilton Cheese from Vale of Bel (Lea)
made famous (18 cent) by a coaching inn
at Stilton (Hants) the owner of wh h
came from the Belvo r country

stimulus L, goad Orig med Cf *stimulate*, to spur on, *stimulant*, excitant, with alcoholic sense from 19 cent

stimy [golf] See *stymie*

sting AS *stingan*, to pierce, cf ON *stinga*, ult eogn with *stick*¹, cf synon F *piquer*, Ger *stechen*, both orig to puncture

stingaree Fish US & Austral, for *sting-ray* (Capt John Smith), from *ray*²

stingo From 17 cent From *sting*, as having a "bite"

stingy App from *stinge*, dial form of *sting*

It has in dial the sense of crabby, irritable, and eurrent sense may be partly due to association with *stint* For softening of -g- cf *dingy*, *tinge* For specialization of sense cf *misér* Ger *frech*, insolent, orig greedy, shows opposite sense-development, cf Du *mek*, "niggardish, stingy" (Sewel)

stink AS *stincan*, to smell, as in *swôte stincan*, to smell sweet (see *stench*) WGer, cf Du Ger *stinken* For offensive sense, which appears already in AS, cf *smell*, which tends in the same direction In both cases this is orig due to context, to *stink* (*smell*) of

stint First (c 1200) as verb, to desist, come to an end, later trans, to discontinue, check, etc AS *stynian*, to blunt, dull, eogn with *stunt*¹ (q v), cf ON *styttla* (**stynla*), to shorten, ? also Ger. *stutzen*, to stop short, also to dock, crop, lop, etc Sense has been affected by obs *stent*, limit, allowance, aphet for *extent* *Ex-tented*, for *stinted*, occurs in *Coventry Lect Book* (1480, p 445)

limiter to limit, bound, stint (Cotg)

If the summe which the debtor oweth be above the stint, he shall not be released (Coryat, i 280)

stipend L *stipendium*, from *stips*, *stip-*, wages, *pendere*, to weigh, pay A *stipendiary* magistrate is distinguished from the "great unpaid"

stipes [bot] L, stem, stalk

stipple Du *stippelen*, frequent of *stippen*, to speckle, from *stip*, point, cogn with Ger *stippen*, to stitch, embroider

stipulate From L *stipulari*, "to require and demaunde a thing to be given to him, or done for him with ordinary words of the law" (Coop) Connection with L *stipula*, straw, is rejected by mod authorities, perh too readily, for the derivation of leg expressions from symbolic acts is common in primitive lang (cf F *rompre la paille*, used of making a formal decision)

stir AS *styrnan*; cf. ON. *styr* (noun), eogn with Du. *storen*, Ger. *stören*, to disturb, ? and ult with *storm* Noun-sense of uproar, commotion, is partly due to dial *stour* (see *storm*).

stirk [dial] Bulloek AS. *stirc*, *styre*, calf, cf Du dial *sterke*, Ger *stärke*, maiden heifer, Bavar *stetch*, breeding sheep (swine)

stirp Stock, lineage L *stirps*, *stirp-*, "the stemme of a tree, a stoeke in kindred" (Coop)

stirrup AS *stigrāp*, mount rope (see *stair*, *stile*), cf Flem *steegreep*, Ger *stegreif*, ON *stigrup*, also Du *stygbugel*, Ger. *stegbugel*, with second element cogn with *bow*¹ Orig. a help for mounting, primitive races riding without stirrups With *stirrup-cup* (F *coup de l'étrier*) cf Ger *aus dem stegreif*, impromptu

stitch AS *sticc*, puncture, stab, cogn. with *stick*¹, cf Ger *stich*, stitch, sting, pricking Oldest sense in *stitch in the side*, for which *stitchwort* is a remedy

stithy [archaic] Anvil ON *stethi*, cogn with *stand*, whence E. dial *stith*, the lengthened *stithy* being influenced by *smithy*, for which it is used by Shaks (*Hamlet* iii 2) Obs from 17 cent and app revived by Scott

stiver [archaic] Small coin Du *stiver*, ? eogn with ON *stýfa*, to eut off (cf *doit*) Now only in *not a stiver*

stoa See *stoic*

stoat ME *stole* (15 cent) Origin unknown

stoecado [archaic] Altered from It *stoccatà*, "a foyne, a thrust, a stoecado given in fence" (Flor), whence also F. *estocade* From *stocco*, "a tuck, a short sword," of Teut origin, cf Ger *stock*, stiek

stock AS *stoc*, trunk, log, pillory Com Teut, cf Du *stok*, Ger. *stock*, ON *stokkr* For genealogical sense cf L *stirps*, F *souche*, Ger *stamm* As emblem of lifelessness in *stocks and stones* (Aelfric, *Deut* xxviii 36, *Vulg lignum et lapis*) Laughing-stock is by analogy with earher *whipping-stock*, whipping-post The *stock-dove*, wood pigeon, is named from nesting in hollow trees Used of many supporting frameworks, e g *on the stocks* (orig in ship-building), and for the massive part of an implement *Stock, lock and barrel* is app a mod variation on *stock and block* (17 cent) As name of flower short for *stock-giliflower*, with woody stem, cf *stock*, stiff cravat, etc (17 cent) For sense of property; store

(peculiar to E) cf *fund* lit foundation. Hence *his stock* and spec Austral applica-
tion to cattle (*stock yard whip rider*)
Adj use like that of *staple* is due to attrib
use of noun e.g. *stock merchandise (a gu-
ment)* With *sackish* dried coal cf Du
stokvisch Ger *stockfisch* the name being
variously explained

stockade *Γ estacade* (archaic var *estacade*)
Sp *esta ada* from *estaca* stake from Teut
Cf *palisade*

stockinet For *stocking net* Cf *hobbit*

stocking From archaic *st ik* hose divided
into *upper stock* and *lower stock* the latter
being the *stocking* Similarly F has *haut*
le chausses breeche *bas de chausses* &
stocking or *n therstocke* (Cotg) whence
mod *bas* For use of *stock* in this sense cf
Ger *strumpf* *stocken* for *hoerst umpf*
hose stump hose trunk and see *trunk*
hoer

stodge To fill up cram From 17 cent
Perh suggested by *st ffor stou*

stoep [*S if*] Raised verandah Du *co n*
with *te p* Hence US *loof*

stone L *G stonax* from *stoua* the Porch
where Zeno lectured at Athens (c 300
BC) In Wye (*Acts* xvii 18)

stoke Back formation from *stoke* Du
from *stoken* to poke feed a fire from *stok*
stick

stole Vestment L *st l* G *στολη* cogn
with *σλλα* to array cf *Γ stol* (OF
estole) Used in 1st & AS (*Mark* xii
39) in spec Church sense

stole [Assl] In *Groom of the Stole* high royal
officer For *stool* in sense of *close stool*

For c r g of th Q ones st l f m London to
Oxford and from O ford i l a c l v x j d
(*Pr* y P st E p of El f York 150)

And when my honou ab l ed saies it sh B to the
my worshipfull rascall (the gr ne f hat close
tool) aies it shal n t be thu

(*F she J Hoc* li 1)

Bid Esse Percy and yo r q ondam gown
O th stool to w it s in the f rinces room
(*Pym* f d 64)

stolid OF *stolide* L *st l* is ult cogn with
still

stomach *Γ est m* L *C στομαχ* or *on*
throat gullet from *στομα* a mouth In I
also fig for pride indignation indignation
etc (cf *bowels heart h dney liver*) as in
archaic *stomachful* purited etc B bl
f *oud stomach*

I ha doon my d vour t know my Lady W I
gra s stom ke (*Passon Let* li 21)

I know I ha e th body of a weak felle woman
but I ha e the hea t a d stomach of a k g-and
fak a f England too

(Eli beth at Tlb ry 1543)

stomato From *G σμα* *stoma* mouth

stone AS *stan* Com Teut cf Du *steen*

Ger *stein* ON *steinn* Goth *stains* cogn

with *G st* pebble With *stane* bl nt

-*dray* etc in which *stone* gradually be-

comes mere intens (*stone-broke*) cf (*er*

sternalt sterrreich etc The *ston* u ight

was orig a stone (cf origin of *calculate*

yard etc) The *stonechat* is named from

its note u gesting the knocking together

of pebbles For *toncrop* AS *sh cropp*

see *crop* With metaphor in quote 2 3

cf *G w rra* *stov* v

I have a count ry wh ith f th wheight ten

that the woul w ed w th d s that th

tre e be kept th i th sh p brings

(*Passon Let* 1469)

on or toke p er t attempt all m anes pro

all co rre tve all w res (Cotg)

I will a oston u m ed th i f one a c may

k ork you f th s right go deignes on th f d

and preserv hu (*I or ry P* p 1639)

stook Of corn Cf Flem *stuik* (er dial

stasche (OHG *sukka*) ? ult cogn with

stand

stool AS *stol* eat esp throne Com Te t

cf Du *stoel* Ger *stuhl* ON *st hl* chair

seat Goth *st ls* throne cogn with OSLa

st ls Chn e of sense in E is due to

adoption of chair from F

B tven tu t les with th fal (u w)

stoop Verb AS *st pian* to bow bend cf

Flem *tupe* ON *st pa* cogn with

teep Sense of swoop (fal) from 16 cent

stoop [L4] See *storp*

stoop and stoop [5] Completely neck and

crop Cf archl Sc *stout a d rout* Ger

stumpf und st cl

stop AS *st ph an* (in *forstopian* to plug

up) WGer cf Du *stoppen* Ger *st pfen*

In early Ian from VL **st ppare* to plug

up Iron *stoppa stopa* tow G *stopp*

stopp v hence also *Γ stopper* (OF as *u-*

pe) It *stop* e Sp *stopar* As *st-*

stoppen : 1 unrecorded and 2 *stop* *stoppian*

occurs once only it seems likely that the

E word is an early naut loan from Du or

LG All meanings spring nat rally from

ground sen e as in *stopgap* Intrans use

appears 16 cent no d bl f r reflex See

also e *top*

storax Cum res n L *C στιραξ* Cf

stirax

store First (13 cent) as verb, to supply, furnish, earlier also *astore*, *enstore*. OF *estorer*, from L. *instaurare*, "to newe make or beginne agune, to reparaure" (Coop), cogn with G *στραυός*, post, stake Cf sense-development of *stock*, with which the noun *store* often runs parallel, e.g. *store cattle to set (no) store in*, with which cf mod *to take (no) stock in*. In AF. we find *estor* most contrasted with F *lire-stock*.

His lordes sheepe, his neet, his dayerye,
His coven, his horre, his store [livestock], and his
poultrye.

Was hoonly in this reyes governynge.

(Chaucer A 597)

storey See *story*²

stork AS *storc* Com Teut., cf Du. *stork*,
Ger *storch*, ON *storkr* Ult. cogn with
Ger *starr*, stiff

storm AS *storm* Com Teut., cf Du.
storm, Ger *sturm*, ON *stormr*; cogn with
stir Cf OF *estour(m)*, onset, from Teut.,
whence E dial *stour*, disturbance, etc
Storm-troops (neol) renders Ger *sturm-*
truppen, *stosstruppen* (shock-troops) *NED.*
quotes mil sense, furious onset, first from
Oliver Cromwell, no doubt a Dugald
Dalgetty word from the Thirty Years' War
Storm and stress was orig used by Lewes
(*Life of Goethe*, 1855) to render Ger *sturm*
und drang, the title of a play by Klingler
(1776), taken as symbolical of a new literary
movement to which the earlier works of
Goethe and Schiller also belonged

Storthing Norw parliament (now *storting*),
from *stoi*, great, powerful, ON *storr*, great,
whence Sc *stour*, vigorous, etc See *thing*.

story¹ Narrative AF *estorie*, OF *estoire*,
L *historia*, whence learned F *histoire* In
ME not differentiated from *history* (*our*
island story) Cf *storied*, ornamented with
scenes or sayings from history and legend
As euph for lie from 17 cent

Dedes that wolde deie, story e kepeth hem evermore
(Triv 17)

story², storey Of house App ident with
*story*¹, though sense-development is ob-
scure *NED* suggests that the word may
orig have referred to tiers of "storied"
windows or sculptures corresponding to the
different floors The etym seems to be
proved by several records of AL (*h*)*istoria*
in same sense from 12 cent onward, while
F *story* is not recorded till c 1400

stoup [archaic] ON *staup*, bucket Com
Teut., cf AS *stēap*, Du *stoop*, Ger dial

stauf Later sense of drinking vessel prob
from Du Revived by Romantics and as
Church word, the latter for obs. *stop*, re-
presenting cogn. AS. *stoppa*.

stout OF *estout*, proud, fierce, from Teut.
cf Du. *stort*, Ger. *stolz*, ON *stoltr*, proud,
these are prob. early loan from L *stultus*,
foolish, a sense also of *stolz* in MIIG ME
sense of strong, vigorous, became euph
for fat c 1800 (cf F. *fort*, similarly used,
esp in fem) Orig sense survives in *stout-*
hearted, *stoutly*.

stout very strong malt-drink (*Dic' Cant Criz*).

stove¹ Noun From 15 cent., hot air bath,
sweating-room, etc. Du *stoof*, earlier
stove, "stew, hot house, or bath" (Hexham);
cf. Ger. *stube*, "a stove, a room, or apart-
ment, wherein there is a stove, or furnace,
to warm it" (Ludw.), ON *stofa*, *stufa*, AS
stofa, hot air bath, which did not survive
Perh all from VL **ex-tufare*, from G.
τῆφος, vapour. For the connection be-
tween the stove and the room cf OHG.
kemendele, room, cogn with chimney, Ger.
dial *pesel*, room, ult ident with F *poêle*,
stove See also *stew*¹

Here [at Cairo] are many bath stoves very arti-
ficially built (Purch)

stove² Verb Incorr. naut use of incorr.
past of *stale* as pres

stow From obs *stow*, place, AS *stōw*, com-
mon in place-names, ult. cogn with *stand*
Cf *bestow* Naut sense (from 16 cent)
perh due rather to cogn Du. *stowuen*, "to
stow up, to cram, press or pack up close"
(Hexham), cf Ger *stauen*, "to stow goods
in a ship" (Ludw.), from LG *Stowaway* is
19 cent

strabism L, G. *στραβισμός*, from *στραβίζω*,
to squint

strad Short for *stradivarius* (qv).

straddle Frequent formation from *stride*
Stridling is used in same sense in Purch
Sense of shooting on each side of object
from 1916

The sheds and hangars were well straddled
(Admir Report, Jan. 1, 1918)

stradiot [hist] Also *estradiot* It *stradiotto*,
"a kind of soldiers that the Venecians
use, a boote-haler, a freebooter" (Flor),
G *στρατιώτης*, soldier Comines tells us that
they were orig Greek mercenaries

stradivarius Violin by Antonio Stradivari
(17 cent)

strafe "From Ger phrase *Gott strafe*
England God punish England a common
salutation in Germany in 1914 and the
following years (VED) Cf *hase*

One [letter] contain d tha el ac t M Lloyd
George God straf bis — eyes
(*Yout gram C a du f b 5 191*)

straggle. ? For *strackle* frequent of obs
strake to rove cogn with *stretch* cf Ger
landstreicher a rambl r or vagabond
(Ludw) For change of consonant cf
stragger

straight Ml *strecht* pp of *stretch* cf (er
strack In early use as adv Sense fun
liluted uncompromising etc (*straight*
ticket whisky straight) is L S Often absent
mindedly confused with *trait* (t)

struck strait, straight str light ? t or direct
(Ludw)

Englishmen Scots n, W L h en t be case
stra phined and hard press i f bel d s t D
privileged (Oir Mar 31 12 6)

strain¹ Verb OF *estreindre* to end to
gnp I *stringere* t strain t w r
to truss (Coop) In some senses there
has been contact with *pr* in (q) With
to strain a point (16 c nt cf similar use
of *stretch* To strain at (Mall xxi) 4)
usu misunderstood means t strain l q r
if a gnat is found in it This sense of t m
is in Chauc Cf Du t *zen* if a
caviller a capricious blt et (New I hit
midge sifter

Yet kind gylot which tr out g t l o
excalantes e ducem low low m t n d

strain² Of melody From *stren* in be t
stren (uplift) *stren* to c n t tighten
up the cord of a musical int rment
Hence in the sa e st n etc

strain³ Have brood AS s t A 2 n
gain property procure t n ult m with
I *stren* heap Curren (r s t *stren*)
due to *stren*

Bountie fpa fars w th al t s d tw
tr n
Of which they been rug dnt s t r e
ab

strait Ol e f e t t f r n l dnt PP
strenere t tighten For gen *strenere* t
native w r en *stren* x d s e en et st
cent) in 6g than t t sense With n t
wasical (18 cent) cf I m *stren* f
Ger *stren* t s k e With n e d e r w n
s an es el I s s an r s t d n s t n w

usu in pl e g in great straits Geog *strait*
(usu pl) represents also OF *desreit* (*de*
reit) desile bithmus narrow channel (cf
nant narrows)

strake [nau] Longitudinal timber (see *ga*
board) In dial also section of wheel rim
Ml *stake* cogn with *stretch* Early con
fused with unrelated *stake* e g in r u e
straked (Gen xxx 35 I ulg maculatus)

stramash Chiefly Sc ? fanciful formation
on *stour* (see *storm*) and *smash* Cf *squabash*
s a rth probed by th confusion t take the
d l g ent who had caused this stramash by
th arm (f quibly)

stramonium Thorn apple ModL (16 cent.)
cf It *stramonio* Sp *stramonio* ? Cf
synon I uss, *diarman* from Tatar *darman*
a medicine for horses

strand Of wa AS *strand* cf LG *Do*
t and Ger *strand* (from LC) ON *strand*
l rd r coast. Form ly used also of river
bank whence the *Strand* Fig use of verb
s up p 19 cent (cf I *schme* to come to
grief sit sun ashore)

strand Of rope ? Ol *stren* strange rope
of Teut origin ? cf Ger *stähne* skrin
platt ? o shang rope strong

strange OF *estranger* (from t) L *estranger*
from *estr* a tale of th sham Sp
estrado the sense-devok present cf out
undisch *serge* *Shang* ? Ol *estran* cf
estraner meant ong t requier

strangle Ol *estran* a (*disstrangle*) L *estran*
a d e C *estraggula* (*estran* *estraggula*)
t al er *estran* *estraggula* twist L *Strangle*
a l l n from wreth ug

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structure F, L *structura*, from *struere*,
struct-, to build

struggle ME *strogelen*, in Chaucer (E 2374).
Of obscure origin Palsg (p 707) has
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see *strotzel cincker* she struts it *ein strotzender*
weiberloch 1 strutting, or flaunting, petti-coat
(Ludw)

strut² Timber support App from *strut*,
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port, AS *studu*, post, buttress Cf also
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stutzen, a fop, masher, which only add to
the puzzle

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stubble OF *estouble* (*étouble*, *éleule*), -VL

**stupula*, for *stipula*, "stubble, or straw left

in the fields after corn is reaped" (Coop);

cf It *stoppia*, also Ger. (orig LG) *stopfel*,

from L With *stubble* goose, fed on the

stubble, cf *green goose*, ? *wayzgoose*

For of thy percery yet they fare the worse,

That they han eten with thy stubbel goos

(Chaucer A 1350)

stubborn ME *stoburn*, *stiborn*, app from

stüb, but of obscure formation Cf Ger

störrieg, stubborn, from *störren*, tree-stump,

stub The -n is prob excrement Orig

sense was often stronger, e.g. ruthless, im-

placeable, etc.

Plain matters of fact are terrible stubborn things

(Burdell, 1732)

stueco It, OHG *stucchi*, crust, coating, usu

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For mair speid th gail asse pat furth bar t 31
sails (Complay t of Scotland 1349)

student From pres part of L *studere* to be zealous from *studium* care attention study whence OF *estudie* (*étude*) and L *studi* With use of latter for room (from c 1300) cf F *étude* lawyer's chambers It *studio* a studie or place to studie in (Flor) not recorded in E till 1819 Orig sense persists in *studied* (in ult careless ness etc) ME *student* represents OF *estudiant* (*étudiant*)

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The gap that has been caused by the 1 fact u f R *sta* has been filled by the much st r r c f i e we have rec ed from Ameri a

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stuggy [dia] Var of *stocky* *stumpy* and strong See *stock*

Like enough we could meet them man for man and show them what a cross bullock means, be c use we are so stuggy (Lorna Do ch v)

stultify From L *stultus* foolish

stum Unfermented grape-juice Du *stom* lit dumb cf Cer *stimm* dumb orig checked in speech cogn with *summer*

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Stilhor 1 deat m gt pouten o lnd i
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stun ME *stan en* *stomien* OF *est*

(*blonner*) to astonish (q v) Cf Cer *staz* *nen* to amaze from Swiss F F *stinner* VL *ex tonare* to thunder strike bad stronger sense up to 1 cent With intens *stunning* cf *stun* and synonym T *stap* ¹ from *stap* r to flop flatten See *iso 14 p 60*

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Stundist Russian sect (1861) From Ger *stunde* hour lesson the movement organizing among Ger colonists Cf AS *stund* point of time Du *stont* hour time ON *stund* period prob com with *st d*

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It's the army ad of the eff lency *tunt*
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Sense of mark arises from that of movement
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And what man that is wounded with the strook [of
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Shal never be hool, til that yow list of grace
To strolc him with the plat [flat] in thilke place
Ther he is hurt (Chauc I 160)

The oars were silver,
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Hordeolum a little swelling in the eye lids, like a
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sub Short for many compds of *sub-*, eg
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Alderman "Then you have 19s a week left"—
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subadar (*An to Ind*) Native officer of s poys Larrier governor of province Urdu from *subah* province (Arab) and *dar* from Pers Cf *sardar* etc

subaltern Orig adj subordinate Late L *subalternus* succeeding in turn (see *subalternate*) Mil sense from 17 cent

subaudition [*gram*] Implication supplied mentally App adopted by Home Tooke from synon L *subaudition*

subclavian [*anat*] See *clavicle*

subconscious App coined by De Quincey

subdolous From L *subdolu* from *do* cunning *Subdoler* (v) is a nonce word

With another p^r fessl al glance s bold nt but correct (Q For 1 a 14)

subdue subduct To withdraw remove L *subducere* *subduct* from *ducere* to lead

subdue ME *sodue* (see *sub*) OF *soudure* L *subducere* (v) app confused in AF with L *subdere* to subdue from *dare* ? or with *subduere* Subdued in fig sense : perh due to Colendge

subfusc. L *subfuscus* (*sufuscus*) from *fuscus* grey dusky

subjacent From pres part of L *subjacere* to lie below Cf *adjacent*

subject Restored spelling of VL 30 et *subet* F *subet* L *subjectus* pp of *subicere* to subject from *jacere* to throw

Sonic senses direct from L *subjectus* rendering Aristotle's τ^ο υποκείμενον a phyl's (*gram* term Cf *object* with which it is often synon though usu contrasted

With senses of verb of *submit* Current sense of *subjective* obj class is largely due to Kant Subject matter earlier (14 cent) *mitter* subject is VL *subjecta materia* cf (*ποικίλον*) Aristotle

subjugate From L *subjugare* from *jugum* yoke

subjunctive L *subjunctivus* (*modus*) mood of subjoined clauses rendering (*το υποτακτικόν*)

sublime F L *sublimis* lofty perh from *limen* in sense of Intel Cf m use of verb (1 *sublimare*) orig of raising int vapour to be later precipitated t much later (Chauc. C 774) For *Sublimis* see *sublimis*

La m *sublimis* et lo *sublime* sont i vices q^u se touchent (Fonten De 1649)

Dus blm u n d c i l s t a y q u e p u

submarine Cined from *marine* on *subterranean* Cf F *ou marin* (see *intensee*)

Verb to *submerge* date from 1714 Quot 1 is from a project by the virtual founder of the Royal Society which orig met informally at Wadham Coll Ox where Wilkins was Ward n

C m g th p o s s i b i l i t y f r a n z a r k l a r u n n a s i e t i o n (J V Wilk 4)

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A G m m i t t a c k h a v e d a s u b m e r g e t (Fad 1841 185 56)

submit L *submit* to send (put) under Intrans sen e spring from re ex (J f a v 22) cf F *submitre* to subdue *submitre* to be submitted Ori trans enae in to submit (an argument project et)

subordinate From Late L *subordinatus* from *ordinare* to ordain In u origin on in m F is first recorded in Burkh (Fen 1840 vol 1 on)

suborn I *subornare* orig to equip etc from *ornare* t a n n Only secondary sense of forming a (false) witness I passed in o L

subpoena L *subpoena* un *penalis* i words of writ criminal fin *premere*

A t a the p e n a l t y t e r r o r m e n t (F m 1840 185 56)

subreption (leg) Concealment of fact I *subreptum* from *subtrahere* from *aperire* to patch

subrogate (leg) Transliterate See *subrogare*

sub rosa App a Renaissance c n l g e h e r o

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Substrat is on the main road

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 may have come from normal number of
 steps of ladder to roost (cf hist of *score*),
 Ger *stiege* having also the spec sense of
 ladder, narrow stair

sty² On eye AS *stigend*, whence obs *styan*,
 cf Norw *sti*, LG *stige*, archaic Du *styghe*,
 "hordeolum" (Kil) App from *stigan*, to

rise, with idea of swelling From *styan* was
 formed dial *styany* (*styan-eye*), which, being
 interpreted as *sty-on-eye*, gave the current
 back-formation

hordeolum a little swelling in the eye-lids, like a
 barley-corn, a stian or stithe (Litt)

Stygan See *Styr*

style¹ In writing, etc Incorr for earlier
stile, OF (*style*), L *stilus*, incorr *stylus*,
 "an instrument to write in tables" (Coop);
 also fig, "a style, a maner or forme of
 wordes in speakyng, an elegant form or
 order in speakyng or wryting, the facion
 and maner of ones penning" (ib) Cf
stiletto In some current senses (whence
stylish) an adj (e.g. *good*) is understood
 (cf *fashion*, *quality*, *rank*) The once com-
 mon sense of description, title (under the
style of), now survives chiefly in the verb,
 esp the p p *styled*. *Stylize*, to convention-
 alize (art), is from Ger *stilisieren*

style² [bot & dialling] G *στῦλος*, pillar Cf
styleite, ascetic residing on a pillar

style³ See *stile*

stylet See *stiletto*

stylo- See *style*^{1,2}

stylobate [arch] F, L, G *στολοβάτης*, from
στῦλος, pillar, *βαίνειν*, *bar-*, to progress

stylus See *style*¹

stymie [golf] Earlier in sense of person par-
 tially blind, from dial *styme*, in *not to see a*
styme (13 cent E) Golf sense app from
 inflicting a kind of blind shot on adversary
styptic [med] F *styptique*, from G *στυφαίνω*,
 to contract, astringe

styrax Tree G *στυράξ* Cf *storax*

Styx G *Στύξ*, *Στρυγ-*, cogn with *στύγιος*,
 hatred

suasion L *suasio-n*, from *suadere*, to per-
 suade, ? cogn with *suavis* Chiefly in
moral suasion (17 cent)

suave F, L *suavis*, cogn with *sweet* For
 degeneration of sense cf *bland*

sub Short for many compds of sub-, e.g.
subaltern, *subscription*, *substitute*, *subsist-*
money (advance wages)

Alderman "Then you have 19s a week left"—
 Applicant "Ah, but the wife subs off me, you
 know" (*Daily Chron* Apr 24, 1918)

sub L, under In *sub iudice*, *sub poena*, *sub*
rosa (see *rose*), etc

sub- L (v s), cogn with G *ὑπό* (cf. *suppo-*
sition, *hypothesis*, *subcutaneous*, *hypodermic*).
 becoming also, by assum., *suc-*, *suf-*, *sug-*,
sup-, *sur-*, *su-* F *sou(s)-* is for OF *souz-*,
soz-, L *subtilis*, which as prefix replaced

to help, be instrumental For degeneration of sense cf *officious*

subside L *subsistere*, from *sidere*, to settle, sit down, cogn with *sedere*, to sit

subsidy AF *subsidiu*, L *subsidium*, help, lit sitting under (v s), cf F *subsidiu*, It *sussidio*, Sp *subsidio* Hence *subsidiary*, *subsidize*

subsist L *subsistere*, to stand firm, support, lit stand under, from *sistere*, to stand Hence *subsistence* (usu with *means*), in sense of *sustenance*

substance F, L *substantia*, from *substare*, to be present, lit stand under, used to render G *οὐσία*, lit being Hence *substantial*, *substantive*, in gram sense (*Piers Plowm*), for Late L (*nomen*) *substantivum*, self-existing, as opposed to adjective

Ibi dissipavit substantiam [G *οὐσίαν*] suam vivendo luxuriose (Vulg Luke, xi 13)

substitute From L *substituere*, *substitut-*, to appoint under, from *statuere*, to appoint, set up

subsultory Of earthquakes From L *subsultare*, *subsult-*, to take sudden leaps, from *saltare*, to leap

subsume [log] ModL *subsumere*, after *assumere*, *presume*

subtend L *subtendere*, to stretch under Cf *hypotenuse*

subter- L, under, from *sub*, as *inter* from *in*

subterfuge L *subterfugium*, from *subterfugere*, to flee under

subterranean From L *subterraneus*, from *sub* and *terra*, ground Cf *Mediterranean*

subtle Restored spelling of ME *sotil*, *sutel*, OF *soutil* (*sutil*), L *subtilis*, for **subtilis*, from *texere*, to weave (cf *fine-spun*, -drawn), cf It *sottile*, Sp *sutil* Earlier also *subtile*, direct from L, whence techn words in *subtil-*, with gen sense of attenuation

subtract From L *subtrahere*, *subtract-*, to draw away, from *trahere* Infantile *subtract* was once literary It is due partly to *abstract*, partly to F *soustraire*, VL **subtrahere* (see *sub-*)

If like proportionals be subtracted from like proportionals (Barrow).

subulate [biol] From L *subula*,awl

suburb OF *suburbe*, L *suburbium*, from *sub* and *urbs*, city Cf *suburbicarian* (eccl), of parishes round Rome, *Suburban*, in disparaging sense, due to Byron (*Beppo*), is in curious contrast with 17 cent *suburban*, riotous, disorderly

subvention F, Late L *subventio*-n-, from *subvenire*, to help, lit to come under Cf *subsidy*

subvert L *subvertere*, to overthrow, lit turn from under

subway Hybrid coinage (19 cent.)

succade [archaic] Candied fruit, etc Also *succate*, *suckel* Very common as early trade-word Cf OF *succade*; MedL *succatum*, from L *sucus*, sap This word has perh contributed to dial *sucker*, lollipop

succedaneum L, neut of *succedaneus*, succeeding, acting as substitute

succeed F *succedere*, to follow after, L *succedere*, from *sub* and *cedere*, to move Later sense of accomplishing aim (also found in archaic F.) is due to ellipsis of adv Cf *success*, F. *succès*, now only in sense of *bon succès* So also Ger *erfolg*, success, from *folgen*, to follow *Succession* has kept etym sense, as in *apostolical succession* (19 cent), *succession of crops* (18 cent), also *successive*

The voyage of Master Benjamin Wood into the East Indies and the miserable disastrous success thereof (Purch)

Nothing succeeds like success (Helps)

succentor Precentor's deputy Late L, from *succinere*, to accompany, from *sub* and *canere*, to sing

succès d'estime F, favourable reception of play, etc due to high repute of author

succinct Lit. girded up L, p p of *succingere*, from *sub* and *cingere*, to gird

succory Altered, on Du. *sukkeret*, from *syceory*, early var. of *chicory* (q v)

succotash Mess of vegetables. N Amer. Ind (Narragansett) *msiquatash*

succour Verb is OF *socorre*, *socorr* (*socourir*), L *succurrere*, lit to run under, from *sub* and *currere* (cf *subsidy*, *subvention*) Noun is back-formation from ME *socors*, *succors*, felt as pl, OF *socors* (*socours*), MedL *succursus* There was perh also a tendency to make noun and verb uniform, as in vulg. to *summons*, which shows opposite working of analogy

succubus Altered, after *incubus* (q v), from Late L *succuba*, trumpet, and applied to find in female form having intercourse with men

That fend that gooth a nyght,
 Women wel ofte to begile,
 Incubus hatte [is called] be ryght;
 And sleeth men other while,
 Succubus is that wight (Triv. 1419)

succulent L. *succulentus* from *sucus* sap
succumb L. *succumbens* from *sub* and *-cum*
bare to lie Till 19 cent regarded as Sc.

Succomb is used by Foot in his farce of the
Knights b t has alw ys been account d as poeti-
cally Scottish (Sunder 173)

succursal F *succursale* (sc *figher*) from
MedL *succursus* succour In F & L am
of branch business

such AS *swile swil* compd of *s* (11 v)
and *like* so that *suchlike* is plain t Du
ruk (earlier *suic*) Ger *soch* (OHR 73)
ON *slik* Goth *sunleiks* Iorls r f l of
which

suck AS *sucan* also *sigan* latter f m is
cogn with Du *sugen* Ger *sugen* ON
suga also with L *sugere* OIr *si im* an l
ult with *soak* *Suckle* is back formation
from *suckling* (cf Du *zuigeling* Ger
slugling) which is older than dict records
(*Prompt Paro*) since it was a surname in
13 cent *Sucking* dore is allusive to *Mid-*
N Dream (12)

suction L *suctio* n from *suere* suck to
suck

sud See *suds*

Sudan See *Soudanese*

sudarium Cloth with which St Veronica
wiped the face of Christ on the way to
Calvary I from *sudor* sweat Cf *sulfu-*
lory sudorific

sudd Veg table obstruction in White Nile
Arab from *salla* to obstruct

sudden F *succidant* VL **sustans* I *sub-*
laneous from *sudire* to go stealthily Spelt
soda n up to 17 cent (cf *sullen*)

sudbo sodelm/ upon a no dayne (Loom)

sudorific See *sudarium*

suds Orig (16 cent) dregs esp (in f Angl)
oore left by flood cf archaic Du *sulle*
palus lacus (Hil) Ger *sud* (older *sod*)
a sud a seedling (Hilw) srf *sod*
soap sud' (ib) it m refer to boil
weeth (9 v)

sue AI *suer* from *tamu* stem *su* of OF
surre (*suture*) VI *segu* for *segu* to
flow Orig to flow in gen sense also
used for *ensue* *pro sue* for *whi* hat is *somen-*
thins aphet See *sui*

Sueb pe sand p r u l a n (Wye 178)

to pursue for your p rion (Plampon 14 to)

suelle F in *gants de Suelle* Swedish *sue-*
suet Dim of AF *sue* su OF *sue* (w f
L *sebum* tallow etc when c IL *sue*

tallow fyt sweet r grease t m k
car Pes (Hil) Sp *sue*

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placed earlier *self-murder*, with which cf Ger *selbstmord*

suit AF *suite*, OF *siente* (*suite*), VL **sequita*, following, series, from **sequere*, to follow (see *sue*) Cf MedL *secta* and see *set*² Leg senses, whence fig that of wooing (*suior*), go with *sue* To the dress sense, complete "set" of armour, garments, belongs chief current use of the verb, to harmonize, as in archaic to *suit with*

En cele temps [1321] multz des gentz de mesters en Loundres furent vestuz de suite [i.e. adopted livery] (*Tr Chron* of Lond)

What? I love, I sue, I seek a wife

(*Love's Lab Lost*, III 1)

suite Later adoption of F *suite* (v s) in spec senses in which *suit* was used up to 17-18 cents, cf to *follow suit*, *long suit*

sulcated [biol] From L *sulcatus*, from *suleus*, groove, furrow

sulky From 18 cent, orig in sense of keeping aloof, whence name of vehicle for one person only (US 1756), with which cf synon F *désobligeant* and the contrasted *sociable* (tricycle) Origin unknown ? From obs *sulk*, furrow, L *sulcus*, with suggestion of "lonely furrow" (cf *groovy*)

sullen Earlier *solein* (cf *sudden*), pop form of *solemn*, of which it has taken over the secondary sense, morose, gloomy Influenced also by ME *solein*, unique, solitary, app AF from L *solus*, alone For later senses cf *sulky* With the *sullens* cf the *dismals* (*dumps*) Shaks describes the curfew as *solemn*, Milt as *sullen*

agelast is that never laugheth, sadde, soleyne

(Coop).

vultuosus of a grave and solemn countenance (ib)

sullen acerbus, *agelastus* (Holyoak)

vultuosus of a sullen, grim countenance (Litt)

Put on sullen black incontinent (*Rich II*, v 6)

Customary suits of solemn black (*Hamlet* 1. 2)

sully F *souiller*, to soil² (q v) First in Shaks

sulphur Restored from ME & OF *solfre* (*soufre*), L *sulfur*, *sulphur* (prop *sulpur*), cf It *solfo*, Sp *azufre* (with Arab. def art) Replaced cogn AS *suefl*, with which cf Ger *schwefel*, Goth *sulfs*, etc

Sulpician Member of congregation of secular priests founded (1642) by priest of parish of Saint-Sulpice, Paris

Sultan F, Arab *sultān*, king, cf It *sultano* (whence fem *sultana*), Sp *sultán*, and see earlier *Soltan* *Sultana* russin is a 19 cent.

trade-name, but the word was also used of 18 cent confections

sultry From obs verb to *sulter*, app dial form of *swelter* (q v) Now often playful for fig senses of *hot*

sum F *somme*, L *summa* (sc *res*, *pari*), from *summus*, for **supmus*, superl from stem of *super*, *superior*, cf It *somma*, Sp *suma* Orig sense of amount in *sum-total* (MedL *summa totalis*), *sum* and *substance* (Shaks), to *sum up* Hence to *do sums* was orig to practise addition only To *sum up*, in sense of giving an epitome, was earlier to *sum*, and perh owes something to F-*résumer*, prop to take up again

sumach Tree In ME used of the leaves as prepared for tanning F *sumac*, Arab *sumnāq*, whence also It *sommaco*, Sp *zumaque*

summary MedL *summarius*, from L *summarium* (noun only), from *summa*, *sum* In leg sense, implying omission of unnecessary formalities, first in adv use (Palsg)

summer¹ Season AS *sumor* Com Teut, cf Du *zomer*, Ger *sommer*, ON *sumar*, cogn with Sanskrit *samā*, half-year, year, OIr *sam*, summer Summer, winter, the orig divisions of the year, are connected with many more allusions than *spring*, *autumn* (see *Lent*, *harvest*) A young lady's age is reckoned fig by summers, an old man's by winters Summer-time, in latest sense, was first adopted May 21, 1916

summer² [archaic] Beam F *sommier*, orig pack-horse (cf *gantry*), from *somme*, burden, Late L, G *σάμμα* Cf *breastsummer* summit F *sommet*, dum of OIr *som*, *son*, L *summum*, neut of *summus*, highest (see *sum*)

summon OF. *somondre* (*semondre*), VL **summonere*, for *summonere*, from *sub* and *monere*, to warn, admonish Summers 1 OF *somonse* (*semonce*, rebuke), VL **summonsa*, for *summonita* Vulg to *summons* was once literary

sumum bonum L, highest good, in ethic (Cicero)

sump [dial & techn] Swamp, pit, etc LG *sump*, cogn with *swamp*; cf Ger. *sumpf* sumptan Malay blow-pipe Malay, from *sumpit*, narrow ? (lit cogn with *carbacane*)

sumpsimus Correct expression replacing incorrect Allusive to *sumptimus* (q v).

sumpter [archaic] OF *summet* driver of

of *tollere*, to take away First as gram. term

Ther nys no thyng in gree superlatyf,
As seith Senek, above an humble wyf

(Chauc E 1375)

superman Coined (1903) by G B Shaw, after F *superhomo* (Lichtenberger, 1901), to render Ger *ubermensch*, used by Nietzsche (1900) to express an ideal very popular with those to whom nature has denied a pair of shoulders and other virile attributes Nietzsche took it from Goethe, the latter from Herder, with whom it is a favourite, and it is recorded in Ger as early as 1527 This foolish word has led to any number of nonce-formations of which the lang is getting very tired

Is the food-controller to be a minister or a super-minister? (*Obs* Nov 19, 1916)

supernaculum [*aichaiō*] Mock L (16 cent), rendering Ger *auf den nagel trinken*, i.e. to show the tankard is empty by the solitary drop it leaves on the thumb-nail, cf F *boire rubis sur l'ongle* and see *nail* For the custom see *Vivian Grey*, vi 1

boire la goutte sur l'ongle to drinke all but a drop to cover the nayle with (Cotg)

supernal OF, from L *supernus*, from *super* Cf *infernal*

supernumerary Late L *supernumerarius*, soldier additional to strength of legion, from *numerus*, number

superpose See *pose*

superscribe L *superscribere*, to write over Cf *subscribe*. Much earlier is *superscription* (*Wyc* *Luke*, xx 24)

supersede OF *supersedere*, L *super sedere*, to sit above, be superior, also to desist, refrain For latter sense see *surcease* and cf leg *supersedas*, you shall desist Development of current sense is somewhat obscure Influence of *cedere*, to yield, appears in MedL *supercedere*

superstition F, L *superstitio*-n-, lit standing over, cf It *superstizione*, Sp *superstición* Earlier is *superstitious* (Chauc) Many theories have been propounded as to the sense-development, but none are at all convincing The ground-sense of L *superstes* is survivor. If orig sense of *superstitio* was prophetic frenzy, the parallel of *ecstasy* would suggest itself

supertax [*neol*] For earlier *surtax* (cf *surcharge*), F *surtaxe*

supervene L *supervenire*, from *venire*, to come Cf F *survenir*

supervise From MedL *supervidere*, *supervis-*, from *videre*, to see Cf *oversee*, *survey*

supine L *supinus*, lying on one's back, from root of *super*, over As gram term for L *supinum* (sc. *verbum*), applied in L also to the gerund

supper F *souper*, orig infin (cf *dinner*), prob of Teut origin and cogn with *sup*, *soup* The supper of the F peasant is still regularly soup

supplant F *supplanter*, L *supplantare*, to trip up, from *sub* and *planta*, sole of the foot Earliest (13 cent) is *supplanter*, with ref to Jacob

Juste vocatum est nomen ejus Jacob supplantavit enim me in altera vice (*Vulg Gen* xxvii 36)

supple F *souple*, L *supplex*, *supplic-*, sub-missive, from *sub*, under, *plicare*, to fold Cf *suppliant* Hence *supplejack*, name for various twining shrubs and for cane made from them

supplement L *supplementum*, from *supplere*, *sub* and *plere*, to fill Cf *complement*. **suppliant** F, pres part of *supplier*, L *supplicare*, whence also *supplicate*, for which ME had also *supply* See *supple*

supplicat [*univ*] Petition for degree L, he supplicates (v s)

supply OF *supplier*, var of *suppleier* (*supplere*), irreg from L *supplere*, *sub* and *plere*, to fill Cf, It *supplire*, Sp *suplir*, also F *emplir*, to fill, L *implere*

support F *supporter*, L *supportare*, from *sub* and *portare*, to carry Oldest sense (*Wyc*) is to endure, put up with, now regarded rather as a gallicism

suppose F *supposer* (see *pose*) Like all compds of *-pose* it has taken over the senses of L *-ponere* Current senses of *supposition* are chiefly due to adoption of *suppositio* in MedL to render G *ὑποθέσις* **supposititious** From L *suppositivus*, from *supponere*, *supposit-*, to substitute, lit put under

suppress From L *supprimere*, *suppress-*, lit to press under, from *primere*, to press

suppurate From L *suppurare*, from *sub* and *pus*, *pur-*, pus

supra- L *supra*, above, cogn with *super* and ult with *sub*

supreme L *supremus*, superl formation from *super*, over, cf F *suprême*. Early use chiefly in connection with the supremacy of Hen VIII over the E Church F *suprême* is from L.

sur- I *sur-*, OF also *sour-*, L *super-* (q v)

surah [neol] Fabric ? For *surat*
 sural [anat] Of the calf of the leg L. *ura*
 surat Cotton fabric. From *Surat* Bombay
 surcease [archaic] Altered on *cease* from F
sursis pp of *surseoir* to surcease
 pause intermit leave off give over delay
 or stay for a time (Cotg) L. *superstare*
 to supersede (q v)

surcingle OF *surcen le* from *cengle* (sangle)
 girth L. *cingula* from *cin ere* to gird

surcoat [hist] OF *surcol(e)* See *sur coat*

surd L. *surdus* deaf also that speaketh
 not or sowneth not that maketh no
 noyse (Coop) Math sense of irra-
 tional is due to use of L. *surdus* to render
 Arab *aqamm* deaf as in *yathra qamm* surd
 root the Arab being translated from G
ἀλγος (Euclid) speechless unutterable
 irrational

sure F *sûr* OF *sûr* L. *securus* secure
 (q v) Gradual change of sense in elipt
 Well I'm sure! To be sure is curious For
 senses of surety of security

surf Late 17 cent usu *surf of the sea* and
 recorded I believe by no gen E dict.
 before Dyche and Pardon (1792) though
surf of the sea is in the *Cent Dict* (1,05)
 Replaced earlier *suff(e) of the sea* which
 occurs passim in Hask and Purch The
 r is prob due to influence of *surge* (q v)
sea surge and *surge of the sea* occurring in
 practically the same sense in Hask and
 Purch Orig enso is app the pull of the
 water (v1) cf synon F *ressac* lit back
 pull rendered *surf* by Romme (1,30)
 Origin unknown

We were now so near the shore that the counter
 surf of the sea would rebound again to the shipper
 and (Hask) xl 406

The sea threw me against the beach every 5 ft
 washed me into the sea again
 (David) xl xl too 10 in Purch

There runn on in line whether be it hill surf or
 off a seamen call it (Rob ts, boy 1734)

surface F from *face* after L. *superficies*
 from *facies* face

surfet OF *surfet* (surfait) pp of *surfacer*,
 to overdo L. *super* and *facere*

surge From F *sur gir* from L. *surgere* to
 rise whence also F *sourdre* to spring up
 (inf water) with OF *stein* *surge* *sur g*
 Cf *source* and *see surf*

so fith sea vagu (Talag)

The capital commanded them to keep it (the
 boat) off the shore of the great surge the town by
 the shore (Hask) xl 311

surgeon AF *surzien* *sa ign et* for F
chirurgien *chirurgien* (q v)

surly From *st cent* *sting* in a sense of
 haughty imperious Earlier *st* *sting*
 peevish (Man f. *Locat*) *st* *sting* (Spem-
 ser) formed from *st* by analogy with
lord y *st* *sting* etc cf *st* *sting* *sting* *sting*
 gant from *st* *sting* In Shaks it always
 means arrogant imperious Later sense
 development has been like that of *sulky*
 See quot from Cotg v *sting*

The *sting* and imperious league (his) named
 Imperious (Hask) d *sting*

The *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting*
 (the) *sting* *sting* (Sp) *sting*

surmaster Decent matter of St Paul's
 School It looks rather like an error
 adaptation by Colet of F *surma*

Two teachers perpetuate the matter
 with other Latin words (Hask) *sting*
 (De) *sting* *sting*

sting *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting*
 (whole) (Cotg)

surmise OF pp form of *surmettre* to
 accuse it to put on lay to one's charge
 from L. *mitter* This is orig F sense (c
 1400) passing (16 cent) into that of sup-
 posing conjecturing (Hask) *sting* *sting*
 heats *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting*

My most serene hath lately surmised me to
 be a fabled person (Hask) *sting*

surmullet Red mullet F *surmul* from
sur red fish (see *surmul*)

surname From *nomen* after F *ut om*
 whence also AF *sur* *sur* *sur* *sur* *sur*
super-nomen *super-nomen* It *super-nomen*
 Sp *sol* *sol* *sol* *sol* *sol* *sol*

surpass F *surpasser* to overpass F *st*
archa ad use of *surpass* *sting* *sting* *sting*
 and *see pass*

The very treat at passed with gold
sting *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting*

surplice Of *surpe* *sting* *sting* *sting*
sting *sting* (sc. *sting* *sting* *sting*) *sting* *sting*
 for garment from *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting*
sting *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting*
 worn over furs in unheated medieval
 churches.

surplus F from *en* and *sur* more
 surprise First a noun F pp form of
surprendre it to surprise from F *sting*
sting *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting* *sting*
 surrebutter surrebutter (Hask) *sting*
 reply to defenden *sting* *sting* *sting*

of *tollere*, to take away First as gram term

Ther nys no thyng in gree superlatyf,
As seith Senek, above an humble wyf

(Chauc E 1375)

superman Coined (1903) by G B Shaw, after F *surhomme* (Lichtenberger, 1901), to render Ger *übermensch*, used by Nietzsche (†1900) to express an ideal very popular with those to whom nature has denied a pair of shoulders and other virile attributes Nietzsche took it from Goethe, the latter from Herder, with whom it is a favourite, and it is recorded in Ger as early as 1527 This foolish word has led to any number of nonce-formations of which the lang is getting very tired

Is the food controller to be a minister or a super-minister? (*Obs* Nov 19, 1916)

supernaculum [*archaic*] Mock L (16 cent.), rendering Ger *auf den nagel trinken*, i.e. to show the tankard is empty by the solitary drop it leaves on the thumb-nail, cf F *boire rubis sur l'ongle* and see *nail* For the custom see *Vivian Grey*, vi 1

boire la goutte sur l'ongle to drinke all but a drop to cover the nayle with (*Cotg*)

supernal OF, from L *super-nus*, from *super* Cf *infernal*

supernumerary Late L *supernumerarius*, soldier additional to strength of legion, from *numerus*, number

superpose See *pose*

superscribe L *superscribere*, to write over Cf *subscribe* Much earlier is *supercription* (*Wyc* Luke, xx 24)

supersede OF *super sedere*, L *super sedere*, to sit above, be superior, also to desist, refrain For latter sense see *succede* and cf leg *super sedere*, you shall desist Development of current sense is somewhat obscure Influence of *cedere*, to yield, appears in MedL *supercedere*

superstition F, L *superstitio-n-*, lit standing over, cf It *superstizione*, Sp *superstición* Earlier is *superstitious* (Chauc) Many theories have been propounded as to the sense-development, but none are at all convincing The ground-sense of L *superstes* is survivor If orig sense of *superstitio* was prophetic frenzy, the parallel of *ecstasy* would suggest itself

supertax [*neol*] For earlier *surtax* (cf *surcharge*), F. *surlaxe*.

supervene L *supervenire*, from *venire*, to come Cf F *survenir*

supervise From MedL *superuidere*, *superuis*, from *uidere*, to see Cf *oversee*, *survey*.

supine L *supinus*, lying on one's back, from root of *super*, over As gram term for L *supinum* (se *verbum*), applied in L also to the gerund

supper F *souper*, orig infin (cf *dinner*), prob of Teut origin and cogn with *sup*, *soup* The supper of the F peasant is still regularly *soup*

supplant F *supplanter*, L *supplantare*, to trip up, from *sub* and *planta*, sole of the foot Earliest (13 cent.) is *supplanter*, with ref to Jacob

Juste vocatum est nomen ejus Jacob supplantavit enim me in altera vice (*Vulg. Gen* xxvii 36)

supple F. *souple*, L *supplex*, *supplic-*, *submissive*, from *sub*, under, *phicare*, to fold Cf *suppliant* Hence *supplejack*, name for various twining shrubs and for cane made from them

supplement L *supplementum*, from *supplere*, *sub* and *plere*, to fill Cf *complement*.

suppliant F, pres part of *supplier*, L *supplicare*, whence also *supplicate*, for which ME had also *supply*. See *supple*

supplicat [*univ*] Petition for degree L, he supplicates (v s)

supply OF *supplier*, var of *supplere* (*supplere*), irreg from L *supplere*, *sub* and *plere*, to fill Cf It. *supplire*, Sp *suplir*; also F *emphir*, to fill, L *implere*

support F *supporter*, L *supportare*, from *sub* and *portare*, to carry Oldest sense (*Wye*) is to endure, put up with, now regarded rather as a gallicism

suppose F *supposer* (see *pose*) Like all compds of *-pose* it has taken over the senses of L *-ponere* Current senses of *supposition* are chiefly due to adoption of *suppositio* in MedL to render G *ὑπόθεσις*

supposititious From L *suppositus*, from *supponere*, *supposit-*, to substitute, lit put under

suppress From L *supprimere*, *suppress-*, lit to press under, from *primere*, to press

suppurate From L *suppurare*, from *sub* and *pus*, *pur-*, *pus*

supra- L *supra*, above, cogn. with *super* and ult with *sub*

supreme L *supremus*, superl formation from *super*, over, cf. F. *suprême* Early use chiefly in connection with the *supremacy* of Hen VIII over the E Church

F *suprême* is from E

sur- F *sur-*, OF also *sour-*, L *super-* (q v).

surah [neol] Fabric ? For surat
sural [anat] Of the calf of the leg L. *n. a*
surat Cotton fabric From Surat Bombay
surcease [archaic] Altered on erase from *P*
surssis pp of *surseoir* to surcease
pawse intermit leave off give over delay
or stay for a time (Cotg) L. *supersede* *e*
to supersede (q v)

surcingle OF *surcingle* from *cen le* (sa gle)
girth L *cingula* from *cin ere* to gird

surcoat [hist] OF *surcol(e)* See *sur coat*

surd L *surdus* deaf, also that speaketh not or soweth not that maketh us noyse (Coop) Math sense of irrational is due to use of L *surdus* to render Arab *qasam* deaf as in *jafr qasam* surd root the Arab being translated from G *alogos* (Euclid) speechless unutterable [irrational]

sure F sûr OF sur L secur s secure
(qv) Gradual change of sense in ellipt
Well I'm sure! To be sure is curious for
senses of surety of security

surf Late 17 cent nsu surf of the sea and recorded I believe by no gen E d i t before Dyche and Pardon (179) though surf of the sea is in the Gent Durt (1705) Replaced earlier suff(e) of the sea whi occurs passim in Hakl and Purch The r is prob due to influence of surge (q v) sea surge and surge of the sea occurring in practically the same sense in Hakl and Purch Orig sense is app the pull of the water (v t) cf synon F resse hit back pull rendered surf by Romme (1798) Origin unknown

We were now so near the shore that the count
ruff of the sea would rebound against the ships
s. J. (Hakl xi 406)

He threw me against the beach & very suddenly
 we had me into the sea again.
 (David Middleton 1610 1 Punch)

There running in five or there but hold a if on
such as or men call it (Roberts, Boy 65 2716)

surface *f* from *face* after *L* *st perface*
from *facies* *face*

surfeit. OF *su fet* (*su fait*) pp of *surfaire*,
to overdo. L. *super* and *facere*

surge from F *surgir* from L *aurgere* to rise whence also I *sourdre* to spring up (of water) with OF stem *aorig* *sur* g Cf *source* and see *surf*

* १ फल सः वसु (१ हग)

The captain came down to keep it [the boat] off for fear of the great surge that went by the shore (Haki. x. 311)

surgeon *Al* *surgeon* *sur* *en* etc *f r r*
chirurgien *chirurgeon* (q v)

Early From 16 cent orig. in sense of haughty imperious. Earlier *serly* imperiosus (Walsby Jacob) *serie* (Spenser) formed from *ser* by analogy with *lordly knight* etc. of Ger *heer* & arrogant from *her* *sir*. In Shaks it always means arrogant imperious. Later sense development has been like that of *stolen*. See quot. from Cotgr & *pur*.

That's wise and a perceptive critique of the so-called
Imperialism (Hollander, *Flare*)

The only unresolvable original problem is the
(the set of all $\{C_k\}$ $k \in \mathbb{N}$)

surmaster Second master of St Paul's
School It looks rather like an error
adaptation by Colet 17 18 19

Two tech s perpt l con cal t th m 1 r
a lth t th r al it u ber urns ter
(Dug Lul i 1512)

3. Is an under or over 18 in age
or (Cota)

sarvise Of p p fern of sarvise to
a case lit to put on l3) to one charge
from L millere This is ong f sen-e
1400 presun. (16 cent) into it of sup-
posing conjecturing H lid n mise is from
beats Sarvise on Chat 124 H mer

My mortal enemy is the (two) suns and moon
but a favor of person (The k. Warbeck)

surmullet Red mullet 1 surmullet from
sur reddish (see 2007/1)

surname From na e after F in nom
 hence also MF surname of MoLL
 supernomen s pronomem It son s m m
 Sp sobrenombre for incorrect surname of
 cousin

surpass *tr* *u p s a s* *t* *o e r p a s s* *l o*
archaic adv use of *sur* *p* *ct exceed u*
and see *pass*

The streets repeat the gold
Sun as a light Jerusalem)

surplice Of sou fel a pelis Vell worn
fel er n (sc vestimentum) f m p n
furgament from f a skin of It p
fell er by sobref lu n called because
worn over sur n untreated medi a
churches

surprise I took as a surprise
surprise I took as a surprise
surprise I took as a surprise
surprise I took as a surprise

rebut butter surrejoinder (not) surrejoinder
reply to defendant's reply to plaintiff's reply to
rebut butter surrejoinder

surrender OF *surrendre*, to hand over (see *render*) Cf MedL *super reddere*, also *sum reddere*, corresponding to AF *surrendre*

surreptitious From L *surreptivus*, for *subrepticus* See *subreption*

surrogate L *surrogatus*, from *surrogare*, for *subrogare*, "to substitute, to make a deputy, to put in another man's room" (Coop), from *rogare*, to ask, appoint

surround OF *surroundr*, to overflow, Late L *superundare*, from *unda*, wave Current sense (from c 1600) is due to erroneous association with *round*

Prees et pastures et terres semer, ajoignautz as ditz rivers, sont grandement destourbez, surondez, gastez, et destruitz (*Liber Albus*, temp Rich II)

to surround or overflow rondt-om vloeyen, overvloeyen, ofte omgingelen (Hexham)

surtout [archaic] F, over-all Tout is VL **totius*, for *totus*

surveillance F, supervision, esp in *surveillance de la haute police*, from *surveiller*, from *veiller*, to watch, L *vigilare*

survey AF *surveier*, OF *surveier*, from *veoir*, *veoir* (*voir*), to see, L *videre* Cf *superwise*, *ovisee* Older than *survey* is *surveyor*, as official title (15 cent)

survive F *survivre*, L *supervivere*, to overlive *Survival of the fittest* was used by Spencer for Darwin's *natural selection*

susceptible Late L *susceptibilis*, from *suscipere*, to receive, lit undertake, from *sub* and *capere*

suspect F *suspecter*, from L *suspicer*, *suspect*, lit to look up at, from *sub* and *specere* Earlier (14 cent) is adj *suspect*, regarded with suspicion As noun dates chiefly from F use at time of Revolution, as in the *loi des suspects*

suspend F *suspendre*, L *suspendere*, to hang up, from *sub* and *pendere* *Suspenders*, braces, is US In *suspense* was orig leg, in abeyance *Suspension bridge* dates from 1821

sus per coll Abbrev, in jailer's book, for L *suspensio per collum*, hanging by the neck

suspicion Respelt, on L *suspicio-n-* (see *suspect*), for ME *suspeccoun*, OF *sospeçon* (*soupçon*), L *suspicio-n-*

inspire [poet] L *inspirare*, from *sub* and *spirare*, to breathe; cf F *soupirer* (OF *sospirer*)

sustain OF *sostenir*, VL **sustentare*, for *sustinere*, from *sub*, under, *tenere*, to hold,

cf It *sostcnere*, Sp *sostener* For sense-development cf *suffice* Orig sense of upkeep appears in *sustenance*, *sustentation*

usurration L *usurratio-n-*, from *usurare*, from *usurrus*, murmur, whisper, of imit origin

sutler [hist] Du *zoetelaar* (earlier *socleler*), cogn with Ger. *sudeln*, to befoul, in MHG to cook badly, from *sieden*, to seethe, boil Cf relation of L *lixā*, "a scullion, drudge, or slave to carry wood and water in an armie, or to a kitchen" (Coop), with *lixare*, "to seeth or boyle" (*ib*) Sc form in quot below is app. due to confusion with *scullion*

The skuddilens [orig *lixae*] and kiltline boys (Leslie's *Hist of Scoll* 1596)

suttee Hind, Sanskrit *satī*, virtuous woman, fem of *sat*, good, wise, etc, lit existing, orig pres part of *as*, to be

suture F, L *sutura*, from *suere*, *sut-*, to sew
suzerain F, coined (c 1300) from *sus*, up, by analogy with *souverain*, sovereign *Sus* is L *susum*, *sursum*, for *subversum*, earlier *-vorsum*, from *sub* and *vertere*, to turn

svelte F, It *svello*, p p of *svellere*, to drag upwards, VL **exvellere* (cf F *élané*, slender)

swab From a LG root suggestive of swaying and flapping, whence ME *swabble*, cf LG *swabben*, to splash, Sw Norw *svabb*, mop, Du *zwabber*, "swabber, the drudge of a ship" (Sewel) For contemptuous or invec-tive use cf origin of *scullion*

swaddle Frequent of *swathe* Earliest (12 cent) in *swaddle-band*, later replaced by *swaddling clothes* (Coverd *Luke*, 11 7), cf AS *swicel*, bandage, etc

swag From 16 cent of swaying, tottering motion, as in *swag-bellied* (*Oth* 11 3) App cogn with *sway*, cf. synon Norw dial *svaga*, *svagga* Earliest sense (1303) is that of bulging bag, which, though not again recorded till 19 cent, seems to account for the burglar's *swag* and the Austral bush-man's bundle

He said he'd "done me wery brown" and nicely "ston'd the swag"

—That's French, I fancy, for a hat—or else a carpet-bag (*Ingoldsby*)

swagger First in Shaks (*Mids N Dream*, 11 1) Though it has the form of a frequent of *swag* (v s), sense suggests rather connection with Sc *swack*, to fling, brandish, obs Du *swacken*, "vibrare" (*Kil*) Cf *slagger* Adj use arose at Camb

Swahili [ling] Lang of Zanzibar and neigh
bourhood From Arab *sawāḥil* pl of *sahil*
coast

The S abeli to gue whi h is the t g a f a ca of
th east of Africa as H usa is of the west
(James P4 tt *Not s & Quer et Apr 2 898*)

swain ON *stein* boy attendant cogn
with synon AS *swan* which it has re
placed Cf *boatswain* *cowswain* App
obsolescent in Spenser's time and revived
by him in sense of rustic shepherd esp
pastoral sweetheart

Hym boes [behave] serv hym s it th t h s na
sw yn (Chauc A 4027)

swallow¹ Bird AS *swealuc* Com Teut
cf Du *swaluw* Ger *schwalbe* (OIG
sweala) ON *swala* It reaches Crece a
season earlier than these islands hence
ap spring in the G proverb—*μια χ λω*
ap o pro t

swallow² Verb AS *suelgan* Com Teut
cf Du *swelgen* Ger *schwelgen* to f ast
ON *swel a* Orig strong with pp *swel en*
which has influenced pronunc

swami Hind *swami* master lord Sanskrit
swamin Orig Hindu idol but used in L
of theosophical wonder worker

swamp Orig (Capt John Smith) in ref to
Virginia Of LG origin (ee *sump*) and
ult cogn with AS *swami* (Du *swam* Ger
schwamm) sponge cf C *σφῆγος* spongy
porous

swan AS *swan* Com Teut cf Du *swan*
Ger *schwan* ON *swanr* (poet) app at
first appl'd to the musical s an
(NED) and cogn with Sanskrit *s anah*
(it) sounds and L *sonare* to sound Cf
relation of Ger *hahn* cock to L *canere*
to sing The singing of the swan before
death is alluded to by Chauc but *swan*
son was adapted (? by Carlyle) from Ger
schwanengesang the singing of a swan
the contentedness and fine sayings of a
dying person (Ludw) See *Aes hylus*
Agam 1445 *Swan hopping* is a corrupt
of *swan up'n* the taking up of swans to
mark their beaks with sign of ownershp

To j s en p plant des d m es heures d'un
bea ge le q s et at on di C'est le cha f d i
cyrene (B f f w)

swank A midl & SW dial word a l pted
early in 20 cent ? Cf *sw* *sw* & active
s *unkin* strapping *swankie* mart fellow
of LG origin and ult cogn with Ger
schwenken to brand sh flour h from

schwen en to swing ? Or simply a per
version of synon *swagger*

swap swop A low word (Joins) Orig
to strike make rapid motion also used of
striking (hands in token of) a bargain
(v t) whence current sense In the ballad
of Chevy Chase it occurs as var of *swack*
(see *swagger*) in ref to swords Of imit
origin Cf F *toper* Ger *t p h* similarly
used of striking a bargain

Sw i swap w so sware h th tr with
(NED 4 211)

swap or st at etu (P mpt P n)

Th y will th beg th m b ad, t } or make a
s i th mpt at (P rch)

It w t best i w p horses when cros ng
tream (Al h m L ac lo)

sward AS *sura* f skin bacon rind Com
Teut cf Du *zuword* bacon rind Ger
schwa to the sword or rind of a th ng
(Ludw) ON *swörth* calf whale skin
Current sense due to ME *swa d of the*
ea th AS had also *swearth* whence dial
swarth in both senses

sw d f f k orian (Prompt Para)

t r f flag or re d of erik espes (b)

swarm¹ Of bees AS *swarm* Com Teut
f Du *zame* m Ger *schwa m* ON *swarm*
Usu connected with *Sw* but near to be
noisy but NED suggests a possible
ground idea of confused or irregular move
ment and ult connection with *swerve* cf
Icel *swiml* *swa fl* to dash hither and
thither Norw dial *swarma* *swarra* to be
giddy stagger Ger *schwärm* to wander
have become frenziedly enthusiastic 9c
also *swarm*

swarm To climb Orig (16 cent) naut
with var *swarte* (s) Perh ult cogn
with *swarm*

swart AS *swert* Com Teut cf Du
swart Ger *schwa* s ON *swart* (oth
swerts This is the true Teut word f i
bla k which has now replaced it in C It
is used by early 16c era f r blacks
Swart is 16 cent

swash App imit of blow cf *swash da k*
Chiefly in *swa k* *shwa* a compd of the
Shale jet type of a h M s marnes
as *Cake k* f i *Frak* fear Ger *Hawen*
schill etc and see my *Swarm* mes (1
211)

f *de-monde* put a swash mounted for i i
swash-luckier hombl w prater (Cotg)

swastika [neol] Gammadion, fylfot Sanskrit *svastika*, from *svasti*, well being, from *sū*, good *as*, to be. The emblem is of prehistoric (even palaeolithic) antiquity. *swat*¹ To hit. Chiefly US, from E. dial. *I'sp* in *swat* that fly (1911)

*swat*² See *swot*

swath, swathe AS *swaþ*, track, trace, used in ME of space covered by sweep of scythe Cf LG *swad*, furrow, measure, Du *zwaad*, swath, Ger *schwaaren*. The form *swathe* is partly due to *swathe*, band (v. 1). *swathe* AS *swaþian*, from *swaþ*, band, occurring only in dat. pl. as gloss to John, xi 14, cf *swaddle*. Cogn. with *swath*.

sway From c. 1500 LG *swājen*, to be moved hither and thither by the wind (whence also Sw *staja*, Dan *svan*), cf Du *zwaaien*, to totter, also trans, as in *den rijstaf zwaaien*, to wield the sceptre, which shows origin of *sway*, rule, empire. Distinct from ME *swegle*, to move, sink.

swear AS *swerian* Com Teut., cf Du *zweren*, Ger *schwören* (OHG *swerian*), ON *swerja*, cogn. with Goth *swaran*. See *answer*. For secondary sense of using bad language, orig. invoking sacred names, cf *oath*, and also double sense of F *jurer*.

With archaic *I'll be sworn* cf *I'll be bound*.

sweat As noun replaces ME *suote*, AS *swāt*, by analogy with the cogn. verb, AS *swētan* Com Teut., cf Du *zweeten*, Ger *schwitzen*, ON *sveta*, cogn. with L *sudor*, G *ἰδρῶς*, Sanskrit *swid*, to sweat. *Sweater*, profiteering employer, appears to be due to an error of Kingsley's (*Alton Locke*). In earlier use it was applied to a workman doing overtime. The garment originated c. 1880? at Camb. *Old sweat*, soldier, is for earlier *swad* (c. 1750), of unknown origin.

In *sudore vultus tui vasesceris pane*

(Vulg Gen iii 19)

The most sweated toiler in the world, the working-man's wife (*Daily Chron.* Feb. 17, 1919)

swede For Swedish turnip. *Swede* is obs. Du *Swede* (*Zweed*); cf Ger *Schwede*. This is prob. a back-formation from AS *Swēathēod* or ON *Swīthjōthr*, Swedish people, from AS *Swēon* (pl.), ON *Swīar*, with which cf L *Swiones* and archaic *Swogothinc*, used by early philologists for OSwedish. With *Swedish drill* cf *sloyd*.

Swedenborgian Of *Emanuel Swedenborg* or *Svedberg*, Swedish mystic (†1772)

sweep ME *swēpen*, altered, perh. by influence

of past *swēpe*, AS *swēop*, from *swopen* (see *suop*), AS *swāpan* (trans. & intrans.), whence Sc *soop* (esp. in curling). For intrans. senses of cogn. ON *svipa*, to move swiftly, Ger *schweifen*. With (chimney-) *sweep* for (chimney-) *sweeper* cf *shoeblack*, both prob. from street cries. *Sweepstake*, orig. he who sweeps up, wins, all the stakes (cf. to *sweep the board*), is recorded much earlier than the simple *stake* (in sense of wager, etc.). It was also a ship-name (in Pepys), dating back to *Nav. Accts.* of 1495, and, as a surname, is recorded as early as 1379 (*York's Poll-Tax*). Current sense from 18 cent.

sweet AS *sūte* (adj.), from *suōt*, sweetness. Com Teut.; cf Du *soet*, Ger *süss*, ON *sātr*, Goth *sāts* (for **suotus*); cogn. with L *suavis* (for **suadvis*), G. *süß*, Sanskrit *svādū*. *Sweetbread* (16 cent.) is of doubtful origin, the second element may be AS *brāde*, roast meat, and the first may be related to synon. LG *sweden*, Ger dial. *schweder*, *sweser*, Du *zweetenik*, earlier *zweesrik*, "sweet bread of veal" (Sewel, 1766), also *zweeserlens*. The last (app. = sisterlins) is also applied to the testicles, as was *broederlens* in archaic Du. The two glands of the pancreas form a pair united by a ligament. With *sweetheart* cf earlier *dear heart* in same sense. *Sweetmeat* preserves earlier gen. sense of *meat*. To be *sweet on* is 17 cent.

Delicacies his sweet tooth hath fostered (Gower)

The two noblest of things, which are sweetness and light (Swift, *Battle of Books*)

swell AS *swellan* Com Teut., cf Du *zwellen*, Ger *schwellen*, ON *svella*, Goth *uf-swallems* (noun). See also *sill*. Hence *swell*, "a well-dressed man" (Grose), "a man who by excessive dress apes a higher position than he actually occupies" (Hotten), thus, a puffed-up individual. Orig. sense appears in *swell-mobster*, with which cf synon. Ger *hochstapler*, lit. high rascal. *Swelled head* (cf. too big for one's boots) was earlier *swell-head* (app. US), but see quot. below, in a much earlier sense.

swelled head a disorder to which horses are extremely liable, particularly those of the subalterns of the army. This disorder is generally occasioned by remaining too long in one livery-stable or inn, and often arises to that height that it prevents their coming out of the stable door. The most certain cure is the *unguentum aureum*—not applied to the horse, but to the palm of the master of the inn or stable (Grose)

swelter Frequent of obs *swelt* AS *swellan* to perish cogn. with AS *swelian* to be burnt from *swol* burning cf dial *sueal* *swale* to burn singe Com Teut. cf Du *swael* *swel* sultry *sweltry* (Sewel) Ger *schwel* "sweltry" (Lud e) ON *swela* fume smoke See *sultry*.

After a welting day som sultry shower
Doth in the marshes heapes of tadpoles po re

(S 1 Col 403)

swerve AS *swerfan* to s rub scour Com Teut. cf Du *sweren* to swerve or swarve wander stray (Sewel) OHG *swerban* to swerve ON *sw-rfa* to scour Gath *swarban* to wipe (in compis). Pelation of senses is difficult to trace but we have something like it in *swelp*. See al o *swarm* 4.

swift Rapid AS *swift* cogn. with *suifan* to move sweep Hence name of bird

swift [naut.] To make taut etc. Cf ON *swipha* to reef Du *swicken* in *het sel swicken* to take in the sail (Sewel, 1766) Ger *schwicken* (from LG) Dan *swigle* perh ult cogn. with *suift*

swing From 16 cent drink liquor > Cf Norw Dan *stik* tap for cognates of which see *stich* In the earliest examples in AED *tap* would make equally good sense (v 1)

Long accustomed to the olde swete saye of Moser law (Udall)

swill AS *swil/a* to wash (trans) Hence *swill* hog wash As verb app associated with Du *swel/en* to swallow down to swill (Sewel) for which see *swalk* 1

Those that the sea h th swill d (Syl 1. 1)

swim To float in w at r AS *swimman* Com Teut. cf Du *swemmen* Ger *schwimmen* ON *syn ja* Goth. *swim* (pret.) See also *sound* 3 In the *swim* (with) is from angling sense of *swim* part of river from fishing point of view (cf *birds of a feather*)

swim In *swimming in the head* etc > From AS *swel na* dizziness cf Du *swym* ON *swime* ob Ger *schwe mel* ult cogn. with Ger *schwinden* to disappear *schwindeln* to be giddy On idea is that of vacuity cf F *sidanous* to vanish faint ult from L *vanus* empty But AED treats this word as ident. with *swim* (f 1 Ger *see schwinmen* blurred)

schweimel, schwim I oder *schwe nidel* giddiness, or swimming of th be d (Ludw.)

swindler Ger *s harnauer* picked up (1 62) from Ger Jews in London Re borrowed by Ger and other lang from I From *s harn deln* (ee *swim* 3) *Swindle* is a back formation (cf *beq cad e pedle*)

This name deriv ed from th Germ *n e harn d* (-u) to totter to be e dy to fall these arts be og generally fra used by persons on th totter ju t ady to break (Gross)

swine AS *swin* Com Teut. cf Du *swin* Ger *schwein* ON *stin* Goth *swin* On aly from *sn* cf L *us suinus*

swing AS *swin* in Cf OSax *swinjan* (er *schwin en* cogn. with (er *schwenken* to waver with which cf Du *swenken* to swing Full *swing* is prob from bell ringing Want to *swin* (hang up) a *h n* mock suggests that to *swing* a cat (1664) may be for orig *cost* With *Capit in Swine* (h et) leader of rick burners (1830-32) cf *Captain Moonlight* and see *Ludite*

St reton p e hes in a litt con r tal you a b adly wing cat round in (T Brown 100)

t ar to be h need (Grose)

I'll burn them preer our stacks d wn, blow in I Yours most st ely Captain (I godshi)

swinge [a chaise] To thrash ME *swenge* AS *swin* in causal of *swi* (cf *sn* *swi* e) Now chiefly as adj eg *swingy* a majority (cf *thump ng swantin* etc)

swingle For beating flax From *swi g r* *swinge* cf Ger *schwengel* *swingle-tree*. Also in *swin e tree* (if *carria e*) f second element of which cf *boot tree cross t e* etc.

swink [or *hzi*] Told AS *swen* also verb *swincan* cogn. with *sn n*

swipe First as noun NL *saip* stroke cogn. with *swipe*

swipes [1 n] Thin beer Ong naut Cf synon. Norw *stip* cogn. with Norw dial *stip* to sprinkle

se pas player's tip small beer so term on board th lang sb ps (Grose)

swirl Ong Sc Cf Norw dial *swir* from synon. *swirra* cogn. with Ger *sch* e to whiz warl For association between sound and movement cf *swirl*

swish Imt. of sound of rod scythe etc

Swiss F *Suisse* for *home d* S use man of Switzerland Often with implied sense of door keeper merrier ry skler (see *Guard*)

Point d argent, poe 1 d Salow (F *suwiss*)

switch Of late appearance (Shaks) App from Du *zwik*, peg, spigot, earlier *swick*, "seourge, swieh, or whip" (Hexham), also "small peareer to give vent to a barrill of beere" (ib) This is LG *swik*, from Ger *zwick*, var of *zweck*, aim, orig. wooden pin in centre of target, cogn with *zwischen*, to pinch, and with E *twitch* The peg sense suits the mech applications of *switch* These are chiefly US, though *switch* occurs in connection with coal-mining in 18 cent E Cf similar use of *point* in E railway lang, and of *aiguille*, needle, in F For fig senses cf *shint*, *side-track* A *switch-back* was orig (US) a zig-zag mountain railway with abrupt reversal of direction It seems doubtful whether the sense of plant wand, seourge (Kil), can belong to the same word In any case an E *sw-*, for Ger *zw-* (= E *tw-*) is abnormal, and can only be explained by substitution of this sound in LG Cf relation of E *twig* to Ger *zweig*, prob cogn with above

swither [Sc] To hesitate ? Cf AS *swethian*, to retire, dwindle, etc

The Pope, the swithering neutrals,
The Kaiser and his Gott (Kipling, 1917)

Swithun, Saint Bishop of Winchester (9 cent)

This night with us being called St Swithun's day, at night it rained, the old saying is it rains 40 days after (Josselin's *Diary*, July 15, 1662)

Switzer [archaic] Ger *Schweizer*, from *Schweiz*, Switzerland, OHG *Schwīz*, orig name of one canton (*Schwyz*)

swivel Orig naut (14 cent), from AS *swīfan*, to revolve, cogn with *sweep*

swiz [slang] Schoolboy perversion of *swindle*

swizzle [slang] "In North America, a mixture of spruce beer, rum, and sugar was so called The 17th regiment had a society called the Swizzle Club, at Ticonderoga, A D 1760" (Grose) ? Arbitrary from *swing*

swoon First (13 cent) in *swooning*, ME *swowenynge*, app from AS *geswogen* (whence obs *aswoon*), p p of a lost verb The revival of dial *swoonid*, with ex-rescent -d, is app due to Coleridge

It [the ice] cracked and growled, and roared and howled,

Like noises in a swoond (Ancient Mariner)

swoop * AS *swāpan*, to sweep (trans), to rush, dash Cf intrans senses of *sweep* (q v), which has replaced ME *swope* in gen senses

swop See *suap*

sword AS *sweord* Com Teut, cf Du *zwaard*, Ger *schwert*, ON *sverth* (but Goth has *hauris*)

swot [school slang] "This word originated at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in the broad Scotch pronunciation of Dr Wallace, one of the professors, of the word *sweat*" (Hotten, from *Notes & Queries*, 1 369)

sybarite G *Συβαρίτης*, inhabitant of *Σύβαρις*, in SItaly, famed, like Capua, for luxury

sybil Ineorr for *sybil*

sycamore [Bibl] In AV (*Luke*, xvi 6) for G *συκάρμος*, perh from Heb *shiqmāh*, pl of *shiqmāh*, sycamore (q v) It is not known what tree is really meant by the G word

sycamore Earlier *sicomore* (Wye), OF, L, G *συκόμορος*, as though from *σύκον*, fig, *μόρον*, mulberry, but prob folk-etym for Heb *shiqmāh* (v s)

syce [Anglo-Ind] Groom Hind *sāṭis*, from Arab, from *sāsa*, to tend a horse

sychnocarpous [bot] From G *συχνός*, many together, *καρπός*, fruit

sycophant G *συκοφάντης*, informer, lit fig-shower, said to have meant orig one who laid information as to (forbidden) export of figs from Attica From *σύκον*, fig, *φαίειν*, to show Perh rather successful tree-shaker (see *pagoda*)

sycosis [med] Skin-disease G, fig-like ulcer (v s)

syenite [geol] L *Syenites* (se *lapis*), from *Syene*, now Assouan (Egypt)

syl- For *syn-* before *l-*

syllable F *syllabe*, with -i- inserted as in *participle*, *principle*, L, G *συλλαβή*, from *συλλαμβάνειν*, to take together.

syllabus See *sillabub*

syllabus A ghost-word due to misprint in 15 cent ed of Cicero—"indices quos vos Graeci (ut opinor) *syllabos* appellatis" (*Ad Atticum*, iv 4), where correct reading is *sittubas*, acc pl of *sittuba*, G *σιττίβη*, piece of parchment used as label-tag of MS First in Blount and evidently regarded as kindred with *syllable* Cf *collimate*

syllipsis [gram] L, G, as *prolepsis* Cf *zeugma*

Mr Weller took his hat and his leave (*Pickwick*)

syllogism L, G *συλλογισμός*, a reckoning together, from *λογίζεσθαι*, to reckon, from *λόγος*, word, reckoning

T, to a ² For earlier to a little Cf Ger *genau bis aufs tüttelehen*, exact to the dot on the

ta Natural infantile sound of gratitude
Recorded from 18 cent

taal Du, language, applied in E to the
SAfrDu patois See *taal*

tab A dial word of obscure origin, often interchangeable with *tag* ² Ult cogn with Du *tepel*, nipple, Ger *zipfel*, lappet, etc., and with It *zaffo*, "ear" of a tab (from Teut) Latest (mil) sense, esp in ref. to red tabs of staff (v 1), is quite mod.

crampon de cuir a loope, or tab, of leather
(Cotg)

The army had not ceased chucking over this gun of red tabdom (*Daily Chron.* Jan 22, 1919)

tabard [hist] OF *tabar(t)*, cf It *tabarro*, Sp *tabardo* Orig coarse sleeveless upper garment worn by peasants (Chauc A 541) Later knight's surcoat (whence *Tabard Inn*) Her sense from 16 cent
Origin unknown

tabaret Striped fabric Trade-name from
tabby Cf *tabinet*

tabasco Puugent sauce From *Tabasco*, Mexico

tabby F *tabis*, earlier *atabis*, striped taffeta, from Arab '*attāhiy* (quarter of Bagdad where it was manufactured), whence also It Sp *tabi* Cf. *calico*, *fustian*, *muslin*, *swat*, etc Hence *tabby-cat* (17 cent), earlier described as *tabby-coloured* or "streakt"

tabby an old maid, either from Tabitha, a formal antiquated name, or else from a tabby cat, old maids being often compared to cats (Grosch)

tabernacle F, L *tabernaculum*, dim from *taberna*, hut, booth (see *tavern*) Earliest (13 cent) in OT sense

tabes [med] L, consumption, wasting
tabinet Fabric Earlier also *tabine* App from *tabby*

table F, L *tabula*, board (also for games), writing tablet, list, picture, etc, cf It *tavola*, Sp *tabla*, also Du Ger *tafel* (see *taffere*), AS *tabule* To turn the tables (upon) is from reversing the position at backgammon, earlier called *tables* (Chauc) *Table-land* is first recorded (Dampier) as name for *Table Mountain*, at the Cape, so may be adapted from Du *Table-rapping*, *table-turning*, date from 1850-60 Spec sense of *table-talk* dates from Luther's *Colloquia Mensalia* (1567)

tableau F, picture, dim from *table*

table d'hôte F, host's table

tablet F. *tablette*, dim of *table* Earliest (14 cent) in E in ref to the two Mosaic tablets of stone

tabloid Trade-word for concentrated drug, coined on *tablet* For recent fig. uses cf. *phemican*

In a report published on the 13th inst. occurred the word "tabloid," the origin of which is most interesting It was coined by Messrs Burroughs, Wellcome & Co, and was registered as their trademark in 1884 (*Ev Stand* Apr 19, 1920)

taboo, tabu Tongan *tabu* (adj.) Found in various forms (*tapu*, *tambu*, *lapu*) throughout the South Sea Islands First in Cook's *Voyage* (1777) and adopted as E verb before 1800 (Burke)

tabor OF *tabour* (*tambour*), of Oriental origin, cf. Pers *tabīrah*, *tabūrāh*, drum, Arab *tanbūr*, lute Prohibit See *tambour*

tabouret Stool F, lit little drum (v s.)

tabula rasa L, scraped tablet Cf. *clean slate*, F *table rase*

tabular. L *tabularis*, from *tabula*, table (q v) Cf *tabulate*

tacamahac Resin and tree Obs Sp *tacamahaca* (*tacamaca*), Aztec *tecomahiyac*

tache [*archaic*] Buckle, link (Ex. xxvi 6) OF *tache*, aphlet for *attache* Cf. *tack*¹

tachometer From G *τάχος*, speed, whence also scient. words in *tachy-* (adj *ταχύς*)

tachy-case [neol] For *attaché-case*, small bag as carried by embassy *attache*

tacit L *tacitus*, from *lacere*, to be silent Cf *taciturn*, L *taciturnus*

tack¹ Fastening. ONF *taque*, doublet of *tache* (see *attach*, *attack*) Hence verb to *tack*, sew together, shift the tacks (naut) so as to change direction Cf fig to *be on the right tack* It is curious that Sp *puntar*, from *punto*, stitch, has the same two senses

tack². Food Esp in naut *hard-tack*, ship's biscuit, *soft-tack*, bread App short for *tackle*, used in same sense (v 1)

tackle Of LG origin Cf LG *takel*, rope, pulley, etc, earlier, equipment in general, cogn with *take*, in sense of laying hold Thus appears in the verb (wrestling, football, and John Willet) From 13 cent, chiefly naut, whence many, and various, fig senses Borrowed by several naut langs

"Rare tackle that, sir, of a cold morning," says the coachman (*Tom Brown*, i 4)

tact *T. L. tactus* touch from *tangere* tact
Cf *Cer tact* time (mus) We still say of
a *tactless* man that he has a heavy touch
tactics Rentiers *G va tactica* lit matters
of arrangement from *tao* *tao* *tao* *tao* to
arrange Cf *synar*

tadpole¹ Young frog *VI tadpole* lit
toad head (*f III*) The numerous dial
names all allude to the head

tadpole² Pol. scheming nonentity *Tadpole*
and *Taper* are characters in *D. Sachs*
Ceningsby (1844)

The wretched old party game of *tad* and *blues*,
tadpoles and tap *s (K) (F Vers July 1 12 7)*

tael Chin money of account orig the *tan*
or ounce of standard silver Fort Malay
taht weight

taenia [*arch & biol*] *L. G taenia* fillet
ribbon

taffarel taffrail [*navl*] Orig *taffrail* picture
later (c 1700) flat part of stern usu orna-
mented with picture or carving Du
taffrail dim of *taffail* table picture Cf
synon *naut T tableau Taffail* (19 cent)
is altered on *vail*

taffeta OF *taffetas* ult from Pers *taffah*
pp of *taffan* to shine also to twist spun
cf *It taffet* Sp *taffeta*

taffrail See *taffrail*

taffy Earlier form of *toff*

Taffy Welshman Cf *Paddy Sandy Sawney*

Taffy was once a Cott mighty of *W. I*
(*R mp Songs, 1639-1*)

Taffy a *W. I* *h. n. o. D. d. (D. d. C. of C. n.)*

tafia Rum distilled from molasses De-
scribed in 1722 as native *W. I* name (see
taffia) but also found in *Malay*

tag¹ End point Orig (14 cent) pend nt
point of digged garment *Perh* altered
from obs *dig* (*Piers Plowm*) under influence
of *lack*¹ in sense of sharpened point ? or
from *LG* and ult cogn with *Ger zack*
point *tag* Some senses are associated with
tab Hence *tag rag* and *bobtail* (*Pepys*)
earlier (17 cent) *la andra taga* *Shaks*
has *tag* for *rabble* (*Cor n 1*) Another var
is *tag rag* and *cl tail*

tag² Game of touch ? Ult from *L. tan-ere*
Cf *tig*

taguan Flying squirrel Philippine name

tail Caudal appendage *AS ter el Com*
Teut but not in gen use in *m. d* Teut
langs cf *LG tagel* rope's end etc *OHG*
sagel tail *ON tigt* horse-tail *Goth t i*
hair Orig sense was prob hair hairy tail

From 13 cent. in sense of train of followers
with which cf mod cricket use Sense of
inferior part residue appears in *tail ngs*
with which cf *midl ngs* In connection
with *passa* it refers to the number of horse-
tail banners which indicate his rank

Some I turned writ as has compared a scorp
i an epigram bee se as th st p f th ser
pon h th in th t xl so th for and virt e of
p gram i in th concl on (*Topo*)

tail [*leg*] Limitation in inheritance of free
hold *Taille* tax assessment from *tailer*
to cut cf *AF fer tait* *MedL feod m*
tailatum See *entail*

taior *T. tailleur* tailor cutter (of anything)
from *tailier* to cut (see *tail*) See quot
s v turn

taint Aphet for a taint (q v) Cf to ha a a
touch of Some senses slightly in-
fluenced by obs *taint* colour tint (q v)

Carmel v taint et la plus et la b e
(*Berke s d p d*)

Cold and w t l u d i g h f u taint th ir peep
(*New E gland W moru*)

La pr miere tteint que nous don nes la venté
(*Bous t*)

And th truth

With a persuat on d undon t i (*W. I*)

Tai ping [*hist*] Chin revolutionary (1830-
65) Chin *ta i ping* lit great peace the
leader having assumed the title *T i*
pin *uang* prince of great peace and
aiming at the establishment of a *Tai*
ping chao great peace dynasty

take ON *tata* gradually replacing *AS*
nimen in *ML* cogn with *Goth tatan* to
touch (see also *tachte*) and with root *te*
of *L. tan ere* to touch (cf *tan* the ash)
The enco de elopment is remarkable e g
the combination to *take* has 32 varieties
of *meanings* It is one of the elemental
words of the language (*AED*) The de-
velopment of many of the senses can be
unders ood by a comparison with *T*
prendre Poet pp *taen* is *MF t e n* for
3 taken

Me modv w pyth and takyth on mer vi urly
(*P d m Lat 17*)

takin Horned ruminant from Tibet Native
name

talapoun Monkey orig *Buddhist monk*
(*1 c. u*) Port. *talapao* *Olequan talapao*
my lord Purch has *talapao*

talar Lon. robe *L. tala* s from *talus*

ankle
talbotype [*phol*] Patented (1841) by *H. H. F.*
Talbot

talc F, It *talco*, Arab *talq*, from Pers, cf Sp *talco*, Du Ger *talk*
tale AS *talū*, speech, number Com Teut, cf Du *taal*, speech, Ger *zahl*, number, ON *tala*, speech, number For double sense cf cogn *tell*, also Ger *zählen*, to count, *erzählen*, to relate, recount So also OF *conter*, L *computare*, now artificially differentiated into *conter*, to relate, *compter*, to count With *old wives' tale* (Marlowe) cf F *conte de bonne femme* For degeneration of sense cf *story*¹ To *tell tales*, betray, is 14 cent

Thereby hangs a tale (*Shrew*, iv 1)

And I will my nese Annes have a pare bedes of corall gawdild with gold & my boke of the talys of Cantyrbury (*Will of Sir Th Cumberworth*, 1451)

talegalla WGuinea brush-turkey F *talé-galle*, coined (1828) by Lesson from Malagasy *talèva*, coot, and L *gallus*, cock

talent F, L *talentum*, money of account, G *τάλαντον*, balance, weight, sum In most Europ langs, having in OF and other Rom langs sense of will, inclination, which is also common in ME Current fig sense is from *Matt* xlv 14-30 AS had *talente*, from L pl

tales [leg] Jurymen, orig those added on emergency L, pl of *talīs*, such, in *tales de circumstantibus*, such of those standing round See *Pickwick*, ch xxv

taliacotian operation [med] Surgical reconstruction, esp of nose. From *Taghiacozzi*, surgeon of Bologna (†1599)

talion, law of Adapted from F *loi du talion*, L *talio-n-*, from *talīs*, like An eye for an eye, etc Cf *retaliate*

talipot Palm Hind *tālpāt*, Sanskrit *tala-pāṭha*, leaf of the palmyra or fan-palm

talisman Sp, or It *talismano*, Arab *tilsam*, G *τέλεσμα*, lit payment, in Late G religious rite, etc, from *τέλειν*, to accomplish, from *τέλος*, end, initiation Cf *telegraph*

talk Early ME frequent formation on *tale* or *tell*, cf *lurk*, walk *Talkative* (15 cent) is a curious hybrid *Talkee talkee* is negro redupl

tall AS *getæl*, swift, prompt, cogn with OHG *gizal*, swift, cf Goth *untals*, uncomplacent Orig sense may appear in Chauc (v 1) For later developments cf *buxom*, *deft*, *pretty*, *proper*, and many other adjs applied to persons Usual ME sense survives in archaic *tall fellow of his hands*,

used by Holland to render L *promptus manu*, cf *tall ship*, common in Hakl & Purch Current sense appears in Palsg

She made hym at hir lust so humble and talle
 (Chauc *Compl of Mars*, 38)

Tall words and lofty notions (*NED* 1670)

tallage [hist] Tax OF *tailage* from *tailler*, to cut, whence MedL *tallagium*, cf F *taille*, "a task, or tax; a tallage, tribute, imposition" (Cotg) See *tally*

tallboy High chest of drawers (18 cent), tall drinking glass (17 cent) App *tall boy*, as playful name, perh partly suggested by surname *Tallboys* (F *taille-bois*)

tallet [west-country] Hay-loft Welsh *taflod*, *taflawd*, Late L *tabulata*, boarding See *table* and cf OIr *taibled*, storey

tallith Fringed shawl or scarf worn by Jews at prayer Rabbinical Heb from *tāla l*, to cover

tallow ME *talgh* (14 cent), LG *talg*, tallow being extensively imported from the Baltic Hence also Du. *talk*, Ger Sw Dan Norw *talg*

tally AF *tallier*, F *tailler*, to cut (cf *tally*², *sully*, etc) The noun, in sense of double notched stick used for "scoring," one half being kept by each party, is prob older in E Hence *tallyman*, selling on tick With F *tailler* cf It *tagliare*, Sp *tajar*, VL *taliare* Usu derived from L *talea*, rod, slip for grafting My own opinion is that VL *taliare* is from *talīs*, like, and that the orig idea was to cut into equal lengths or portions Cf *retaliate* For orig sense of noun *tally* cf synon Norw Dan *harvestok*, Ger *kerbholz*, lit carve-stick, -wood, and see *score*

tally-ho F *taïaut* (Mol), OF *thalau*, with many vars Prob a meaningless exclamation Cf *yoicks*

talma Cloak From *Talma*, F tragedian (†1826) Cf *roquelaure*

Talmud Body of Jewish trad law Late Heb *talmūd*, instruction, from *lāma d*, to teach

talon F, heel, VL **talo-n-*, from *talus*, ankle, cf It *talone*, Sp *talón* Sense of claw, orig. heel-claw of falcon, is developed in E only

The grete clees [of a hawk] behynde yt shall call hom talons (*Book of St Albans*)

talus F, slope, OF *talū*, VL **talutium*, from *talus*, ankle, taken in sense of heel (*talou*) Orig in fort, later in geol

tamandua Ant eater Port from Tupi (Brazil) Earlier is *tamandó* (Purch 1820)

tamarack Amer larch Native Ind name in Canada

tamarau Drunauve Tahiti fine buffalo Native name

tamaris Marmoset F from Carib dial of Cayenne

tamarind Cf *T. indica* (OF *tamarinde*) It. Sp *tamarindo* MedL *tamarindus* Arab *tan* kindi state of India whence *tana* and (Mina Pulo)

tamarisk Late L. *tamariscus* var of *tama* is *tamar* whence *T. tamaris*

tamasha [1860-Ind] Intermittent function Urdu Pers Arab from Aral *masha* to walk

tamboukl [S Afr] Gra of *tam* w land from tribal name

tambour F drum also in *tambour de Paque*
tambourine Vocalized form of *tabor* partly due to L. *tympanum* Also of drum shaped embroidery frame and as techn term of arch *Tambourine* is F *tabourin* the Provençal drum but used in F for the *tambour de Paque* Ben Jonson has *tamburine* prob by association with *Indes*

tame AS *tam* Com Teut cf Du *tum* Ger *zäh* Oñ *tame* G th *tamjan* (verb) cogn with *domare* G *zupar*

Tamil [ling] Chief Dravidian lang of S F India Sanskrit *Dravida* *Dravida*

Tammany [US] From pol associations of *Tammany Hall* New York centre of Democratic activity orig local-quarters of Society of St *Tammany* tutelary saint of Pennsylvania the name being taken from that of an Indian chief with whom Penn the Quaker negotiated for grants of land (17 cent)

tammy Fabric Prol for obs *tamin* F *tamina* (OI *estamin*) whence ME *stamin* Ult from L. *stamen* thread

tammy tam o shanter Low land bonnet as worn by hero of Burns poem Hence *ba h and tam* Oxford undergravellette (1920)

tamp [techn] To ram F *tampier* OF *estampier* of Teut origin (*stamp*)

tamper Var of *temper* (qv) in sense of working in clay whence *se* sense of meddling Cf F *tampier dans une affaire* to be mixed up in a business

A fork and a hook to be *tamp* *gi* claud (Tasse)

Hee w add eeds to be dling and teropen g with the w apons of h ssa I guest (Hiland s Pl 3)

tampion **tampon** **tampkin** See *ton pion*

tan AS *tannian* (cf *tannere* tanner) cf MedL *tanna* F *tanner* Of Celt origin from Bret *tann* oak cf Corn glis *tannen* d v The earliest *tan* was oak bark (cf name *Ba ker* ie *tanner*) Cf *tann* The latest (1920) sense *black and tan* members *ts* x ivry Fyral Irish C nstab lary s jr b liet n_g extempore unif rm if the f ree being army khaki with black leather belt

tanager Bird ModL *tana ra* (Linnaeus) for Tupi (Brazil) *tan ara*

Tanagra Terra-cotta statuette from *Tanag a* in Boe tia

tandem I at length

1 d m two-heel chase buggy or odd I a byt horses ne before the othe th is 11 gth (Grease)

tandstuckor Sw *tandst* hor pl of *tandsticka* match from *tinda* to hit *stick* splinter thus approx *tinder stick*

tang Sharp point sting pung nt flavour Oñ *tang* point For series of senses cf *pointe* and *piquant* Cogn with *ton* a

tang Limit of sound (cf *twa*) but in some sense e.g. *tongue with a tang* (Temp n 2) closely associated with *lang*

tang [dial] Sea weed See *lang*

tangena **targha** Poison and shrub F *ti* Ain Malabasy *tan ena*

tangent From pres part. of L *ta ere* to touch

Ita ing ew I times described this refo h lat ly New off t a I gent (H mph ey Cl shew)

tangerine Orange from *Tanger(s)* F *Tange*

tangle L *ta* *thilis* from *far ere* to touch

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- tandem** L *atlen th*
t tow two-wheeled chair e b ggy or odd dr w by 4 o h rses o e before th other th t t l gth (Gros)
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- tangena** tanghin Loison and shrub F *tinghin* Malacassy *tan ena*
- tangent** From pres part of L *tan e e* to touch
 Its i g t el tmes described this circle be lately a wood t tang at (H mphr v Cl hr)
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talc F, It *talco*, Arab *talq*, from Pers, cf Sp *taleo*, Du Ger *talk*
 tale AS *talū*, speech, number Com Teut, cf Du *taal*, speech, Ger *zahl*, number, ON *tala*, speech, number For double sense cf cogn *tell*, also Ger *zählen*, to count, *erzählen*, to relate, recount So also OF *conter*, L *computare*, now artificially differentiated into *conter*, to relate, *compter*, to count With *old wives' tale* (Marlowe) cf F *conte de bonne femme* For degeneration of sense cf *story*¹ To *tell tales*, betray, is 14 cent

Thereby hangs a tale (*Shrew*, iv 1)

And I will my new Annes have a pare bedes of corall pawdrid with gold & my boke of the talcs of Canturbury Will of Sir Th *Cumherworth*, 1451)

talegalla WGuinea brush-turkey F *talegalle*, coined (1828) by Lesson from Malagasy *lalūva*, coot, and L *gallus*, cock

talent F, L *talentum*, money of account, G *τάλαντον*, balance, weight, sum In most Europ langs, having in OF and other Rom langs sense of will, inclination, which is also common in ME Current fig sense is from *Matt* xxv 14-30 AS had *talente*, from L pl

tales [leg] Jurymen, orig those added on emergency L pl of *talīs*, such, in *tales de circumstantibus*, such of those standing round See *Pickwick*, ch xxxiv

talaeotian operation [med] Surgical reconstruction, esp of nose From *Tagliacozzi*, surgeon of Bologna (†1599)

talon, law of Adapted from F *loi du talon*, L *talo-n-*, from *talīs*, like An eye for an eye, etc Cf *retaliate*

talipot Palm Hind *lālpāt*, Sanskrit *talapāṭha*, leaf of the palmyra or fan-palm

talisman Sp, or It *talismano*, Arab *ḥisām*, G *τέλεσμα*, lit payment, in Late G religious rite, etc, from *τελέω*, to accomplish, from *τέλος*, end, initiation Cf *telegraph*

talk Early ME frequent formation on *tale* or *tell*, cf *huk*, walk *Talkative* (15 cent) is a curious hybrid *Talkee talkee* is negro redupl

tall AS *getæl*, swift, prompt, cogn with OHG *gizal*, swift; cf Goth *untals*, uncompliant Orig sense may appear in Chauc (v1) For later developments cf *buxom*, *deft*, *pretty*, *proper*, and many other adjs applied to persons Usual ME sense survives in archaic *tall fellow of his hands*,

used by Holland to render L *promptus manu*, cf *tall ship*, common in Hakl & Purch Current sense appears in Palsg

She made hym at hir lust so humble and talle
 (Chauc *Con pl of Mars*, 38)

Tall words and lofty notions (NED 1670)

tallage [list] Tax OF *tailage* from *taillier*, to cut, whence MedL *tallagium*, cf F *taille*, "a task, or tax, a tallage, tribute, imposition" (Cotg) See *tally*

tallboy High chest of drawers (18 cent), tall drinking glass (17 cent) App *tall boy*, as playful name, perh partly suggested by surname *Tallboys* (F *taille-bois*)

tallet [west-country] Hay-loft Welsh *taflod*, *taflawd*, Late L *tabulata*, boarding See *table* and cf OIr *taibled*, storey

tallith Fringed shawl or scarf worn by Jews at prayer Rabbinical Heb from *šālāl*, to cover

tallow ME *talgh* (14 cent), LG *talg*, tallow being extensively imported from the Baltic Hence also Du *talk*, Ger Sw Dan Norw *talg*

tally AF *talier*, F *tailler*, to cut (cf *rally*², *sully*, etc) The noun, in sense of double notched stick used for "scoring," one half being kept by each party, is prob older in E Hence *tallyman*, selling on tick With F *tailler* cf It *tagliare*, Sp *tajar*, VL *taliare* Usu derived from L *talea*, rod, slip for grafting My own opinion is that VL *taliare* is from *talīs*, like, and that the orig idea was to cut into equal lengths or portions Cf *retaliate* For orig sense of noun *tally* cf synon Norw Dan *havestok*, Ger *herbholz*, lit carve-stick, -wood, and see *score*

tally-ho F *tañaut* (Mol), OF *thalau*, with many vars Prob a meaningless exclamation Cf *yoreks*

talma Cloak From *Talma*, F tragedian (†1826) Cf *roquelaure*

Talmud Body of Jewish trad law Late Heb *talmūd*, instruction, from *lāma d*, to teach

talon F, heel, VL **talo-n-*, from *talus*, ankle, cf It *talone*, Sp *talon* Sense of claw, orig heel-claw of falcon, is developed in E only

The grete clees [of a hawk] bchynde .ye shall call hom talons (*Book of St Albans*)

talus F, slope, OF *talū*, VL **talutun*, from *talus*, ankle, taken in sense of heel (*talon*) Orig in fort, later in geol

tamandua Anteater Port from Tupi (Brazil) Earlier is *tamandua* (Turch xvi 220)

tamarack Amer larch Nats e Ind name in Canada

tamarau Diminutive Philippine buffalo Native name

tamarin Marmoset F from Canb dial of Cayenne

tamarind Cf F *tamarin* (OF *tamarinde*) It Sp *tamarind* ModL *tamarindus* Arab *ṭamar* kind late of India whence *ṭamarind* (Marco Polo)

tamarisk Late L *tamariscus* var of *tamarix* *tamarix* whence F *tamaris*

tamasha (Anglo-Ind) Litterment function Urdu Pers Arab from Arab *maṣḥa* to walk

tambouka (S Afr) Grass of Tes bu land from tribal name

tambour F drum also in *tambour de Basque*

tambourine actualized form of *tābor* partly due to L *tympanum* Also of drum-shaped embroidery frame and as techn term of arch *tambourine* is F *tambour* n prop the Proven al drum but used in L f r the *tambour de Basque* Ben Jonson has *tambourine* prob by association with *tamb* cf

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Tamil (ling) Cf f Dravidian lang of S f India Sanskrit *Damila* *Dravis*

Tammany [US] Iron pol associations of *Tammany Hall* New York centre of Democratic activity orig head quarters of Society of St Tammany tutelar saint of Pennsylvania the name being taken from that of an Indian chief with whom Penn the Quaker negotiated for grants of land (17 cent)

tammy¹ Fabric Irish for obs *tamin* F *estamine* (OF *estamine*) whence ME *stams* Lit. from L *stamen* thread

tammy² tam o shanter Lowland bonnet as worn by hem of Burns poem Hence *black and tan* Oxford undergraduate to (1920)

tamp [techn] To ram F *ta per* OF *estamper* of Teut origin (stamp)

tamper Var of *ten per* (qv) in sense of working in clay whence ng sense of meddling Cf I *tremper dans une affaire* to be mixed up in a business

A fork and a hook to be t open g l el (Tusser)

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tapestry ME *tapesry* *tapisserie* etc F *tapisserie* from *tapis* (q.v.)
tapinocephalic [anthrop] From G *tapinos* low κεφαλή head
tapioea Sp or Port Tupi Guaraní (Brazil)
tipioca meal of cassava root from *tipi* residue of to squeeze out Spelt *tochaa* *kouge* by Capt John Smith
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 Older F sense was table-cover whence *sur* & *tapis* before the meeting
tar AS *teru* *teoru* cf Du LG *teer* al o Ger *teer* (from LG) OV *tyara* prob cogn with *tree* With *tar* *kirpaulin* sailor (17 cent.) cf earlier *tar-br ech* and F *cul goud onnd*
 In to lose the skin for a ha porch of *tar* ship is for sheep on, allusion being *tar* to use of *tar* as sheep-oilment² or in marking sheep (with the latter cf *tarred with the same brush*)
 And rather thus to lose ten sheeps than be at the charge of a halfe penny worth of tarre
 (Capt John Smith)
taradiddle 1 fib or falsity (Grose) Play
 ful elaboration of *diddle* (q.v.)
tarantass Vehicle Russ from Tjookush
tarantula MedL from *Taranto* Apulia L
Tarentum where the spider is found
 Hence *tarantism* dancing mania It. *tarantismo* and *tarantella* It dance and melody
 supposed to be a cure for the spider's bite
taraxacum Dandelion MedL Arab from
 Pers *talh* *chahk* bitter herb
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tardegrade [cool] F L. *tardus* slow
 stepping
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 Cf *joie v testy*
*tare*¹ Plant, Orig (c 1330) a small eed
 La er (1388) in the sense of a kind of vetch,
 and used in the second Wyc version (Watt
 xii. 25) for earlier *cockle daniel* rendering
 L G *ჭარა* Origin unknown
 B 1iber of sett the milere nat a tare
 (Chauc. 3. 1000)
*tare*² [archa c] Reduction (for packing ve-
 hicle etc) from *gross* weight. F *losser*
 w z b.

- diminution decay impairment want or
 waste in merchandize (Cotg) It *er* Sp
tara Arab *tarah* from *ta* *aka* to reject.
 Now only in archaic *fire and tar*
target Orig shield Duri of archa *ta ge*
 F OV *ta ge* shield cogn with OHG
tar *ta ge* edge border (cf OHG *rand* shield
 list ed e) AS *alc* had *ta ge* from OV
 The hard *g* of *target* is due to OF *ta*
guette or It *tar* *ta* Gen e of shield like
 mark for archery: 18 cent
targum Collection of Aram OT versions
 paraphrases etc handed down orally after
 Captivity, and reduced to writing c 100 A D
 Chaldee from *tar* *em* to interpret Cf
d aroman
tariff It *tariffa* arithmetike or casting of
 accounts (Flor) Arab *tarif* explana-
 tion definition from *arafa* to make
 known cf Sp Port *tarifa* *Ta* *fi Refres*
 was orig (c 1490) LS and a movement
 towards free trade
tarlatan Fabric F *ta latane* earlier *tarna*
lane prob of Lind origin
tarmac Road material Registered name
 for *ta macadam*
tar OV *ty* whence Norw *tyrm* *tyr*
 A dial word introduced into E b the
 Lake Poet. (cf *gi* *ta felp*)
tarnation US for *darnation* i.e. *darn* 1 n
 Influenced by *ta* *na* eternal
tarnish F *ternir* *ternir* (c 1200) from
tern dull dinky² from OHG *ternen* to
 hite darken cogn with AS *de* *tan* (c
tan) For vowel cf *tern* sh
taro Plant Polynesian (Lapt look)
taroc tarot Playing-card F *ta* *v* It
tarocco (pl *ta* *occhi*) of unknown origin
tarpaun Used by Capt John Smith as
 equivalent to *arum* Second element is
 prob ME *farious* canopy a p form
 of *far* *thou* with which cf Norw *Dun*
 Sw *far* *thou* canopy and cogn forms in
 Lt To derive *tarpaun* from synonym
 Lincoln-hire *pan* *rg* is like den in *to* *ca* *co*
 or *po* *ca* from Lincoln-hire *ba* *ca* and
*later*² Unless the Lincolnshire *va* *on*
 an early loan from S and { s }
tarpon Jew fish Cf Du *tarpon* Prob
 from some native Amer name
tarragon Plant (used for flavouring vinegar)
 Lt Arab *tarah* *a* which is prob G
δρακον lit. dragon the plant has been
 early associated with *δρακον* *tarpon*
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tangram Chin puzzle The Chin name is *ch'i en'iao t'u*, seven ingenious plan, and *tangram* is app an E or US coinage on *agram*, *cryptogram*, etc.

tanist [*hist*] Successor apparent to Celtic chief Ir Gael *taraisle*, lit parallel, second
tank Orig Anglo-Ind, pool, cistern, a very common word in Haki & Purch, Port. *tanque*, L *stagnum*, whence F *étang* (OF *estanc*), Sp *estanco*. Some authorities regard *tanb* rather as a native word (Guzerati, Maluratti), with which the Port word accidentally coincided (for a similar problem see *palaquin*). *Tanks* first went into action at Pozières ridge, Sep 5, 1916

It was decided Feb 1916 that one hundred Tanks—the name was adopted for the sake of secrecy—should be built (*Times Lit Sup* Jan 22, 1920, reviewed Sir G Stern's *Tanks* 1914-18)

tankard Cf OF *tanquart*, archaic Du *tanc-furt* MedL *tancardus* I take it to be a joc metath. (> due to the fame of the Crusader *Tancred*), of L *cartharus*, "a tankard" (Coop). G. *káũupos*, suggested by the pers name *Tankard*, once common and still a surname (also *Tancred*, *Tanquaray*). This is OHG *Thanc-uard*, lit thought keeper. With this conjecture cf. *raci*, *jug*, *loby-jug*, *bellarmine*, *goblet*, *fun-tor*, etc. From L *cartharus* come OE *canthar*, "a great jugge, or tankard" (Cott). It *cartharo*, "a tankard" (Flor). A similar metath. is seen in Norw Dan. *hopper*, *vox*, for earlier *poller*

tanner [*skin*] Slaughter (c 1800) Orig unknown

tanuin F *tarin*, from *tar* tan

tance Insectivorous mammal F, from Malagasy

tanzy OF *tan-ze* aphet. for *atarsis*, Late L. G *atarsis* immortality from *at-*, *at-*, *at-*, death. Either in ref to moral virtue or persistence of flowers (cf *atarsis*, *immortelle*)

tantalize From punishment of *Tantalus*, king of Phrygia and son of Zeus, who was condemned to remain starved in water up to his ears and with fruit hanging just above his mouth. *Tantalus*, spirit-land where food is available but is not, is late 19 cent. *Tantalus* (Helen) was named

(1802) by Ekeberg from its incapacity to absorb acid when immersed in it

The fugitive pippin, swimming in water not the purest, and bobbing from the expanded lips of the juvenile *Tantalus* (L. Goldsby).

tantamount. Orig as verb, AF. *tantamount*, to amount to as much, cf It *tantomontare*. His not denying tant-amounteth to the affairs of the matter (Tuller)

tantara, tantarara Imit of flourish of trumpet or roll of drum Cf L *tarantiana* (Linn)
tantivy Orig adv, at full gallop Imit of huntsman's horn Hist application to Tory High Churchmen temp Charles II and James II is due to a caricature of 1680-1 described below

From thence to London it rode tan-tivy

(*The Ramp*, Dec 26, 1659)

About half a dozen of the tantivies were mounted upon the Church of England, booted and spurred riding it, like an old hack, tantivy to Rome

(North's *Tales*)

tantony [archaic]. For *St Anthony* Esp in *tantony pig*, Saint Anthony being patron of swineherds Stow connects the saying esp with the hospital of *St Anthony* London Cf *lawdry*

If any gave to them bread, or other feed, &c. I would they know, watch for, and draw follow whining till they had somewhat given them, where upon was raised a proverb, "Such an one will follow such an one, and whine as it were a *St Anthony pig*" (*Survey of London*).

tantrum Also (16 cent) *tantrum* Origin unknown Cotg. has *tantriar* in class of *tanlara*

Taoism One of the three religions of China (cf *Buddhism* *Confucianism*). From *tao* *tao*, path, right way, as in *tao te king*, book of reason and virtue, containing the teachings of Lao-tsze (6 cent BC)

tap¹. For liquids AS *tappa* Com Teut. cf Du. *tap* (see *latter*), Ger *zapfen*, ON *tappi* Orig sense prob. plug (see *latter*)

For transition of sense cf. *crap*, *cock*

tap² To strike lightly. F *taper*, of same origin, cf *rap*, *rub-a-dub*, etc.

tapa tappa Polynesian cloth Native name tape AS *tapp*, of unknown origin > *Capp*, with *tapp*.

taper¹ Conical AS *tapur*, dimin of *tap*, *tap*, L *tappus* The same dimin occurs in some of the more remote cognates of L *tappus*, poplar *Pappus* is rendered *taper* in early glossaries (11 cent) and had the sense of candle-wick Cf Ger *taper*, *taper*, from L *charta*, paper. Adj. sense of slender

tarras See *trass*

tarry. In ME also trans, as still in archaic to *tarry one's leisure* The phonetic history of the word is that of obs *tary*, *tarre*, to vex, persecute, egg on, etc., corresponding to AS *tergan* and OF *tarier* But there is no approach in these to the sense, which is exactly that of OF *targier*, VL **lardiare*, from *lardus*, late This does not suit the phonetics

Tarshush, ship of [Bibl] Large merchant-ship such as those of *Tarsus* in Cilicia Cf *argosy* (q v), earlier *Aragousey shippe* (*Privy Council Acts*, 1545-6)

tarsia It, "a kind of painting, in laying or setting in of small pieces of wood, ivory, horn, or bone as in tables, chesse-boordes and such" (Flor)

tarsus [anat] G *ταρσός*, flat of the foot between toes and heel Hence *tarso-* in scient words

tart¹ Adj AS *teart*, severe (of punishment, etc.), only found once in ME in a passage of doubtful meaning, but common from 16 cent in lit and fig senses ² Cogn with *tear*² (as *bitter* with *bite*) The gaps in its list want filling up

tart² Noun F *tarle* (13 cent), MedL *tarta* (c 1100) Connection with OF *lorle* (*tourle*), Late L *torta panis*, kind of loaf (*Vulg.*), ³ lit twisted bread, is doubtful, though both It & Sp have *torta*, tart, pasty, in early use (Flor, Minsh) Connection of Late L *torta* with *toquère*, *tort-*, to twist, is also doubtful, the Rom forms pointing to orig *ō*, not *ō*

tartan¹ Fabric ME & OF *tartarin*, MedL *tartarinum*, rich material imported from China via *Tartary*, also called *tarlerne* in ME Occurs several times as *tartar* in *Sc Treas Accts* of 15 cent For later application to a coarser material cf *buckram*, *camlet*, etc ² Partly due to F *tiretaine*, a mixed fabric, OF var *tertaine*, with which of 16 cent Sc *tertaine* *Tartaryn*, *tartayne*, *tyrtaine* all occur in will of Lady Clare (†1360)

Item, for v elne of tartar to lyne a gowne of cloth of gold to the King (*Sc Treas Accts* 1473)

For 113 elnis of heland tertane to be hois [hose] to the King's grace (ib 1538)

tartan² [naut] Mediterranean vessel F *tar-tare*, It (Sp) *tartana*, ? from Arab *tarīdah*, whence also ME *tavette* Cf MedL *tarida*, *tarēta*, "navis onerariae species, cadem

quae tartana vocitata, ut quidam volunt" (Duc.)

tartar [chem] F *tartrie*; cf. It Sp *tartaro*, MedL *tartarum*, MedG *τάρταρον*, ? of Oriental origin, cogn with Arab *durdi*, *tartar*, Pers *durđ*, sediment, dregs

Tartar MedL *Tartarus*, app. altered, on *Tartarus*, hell, from the orig ethnic name, which is *Tātār* in Pers Most of the Europ langs have both *Tart-* and *Tat-* forms First used (13 cent) in ref to the hordes (Mongols, Tartars, Turks, etc) of Jenghiz Khan The lang is Turanian. With to catch a Tartar cf F *tenir le loup par les oreilles*, "to be in danger, (for if you hold him he bites you by the fingers, if you let him go he will go neere to devour you)" (Cotg.) See Terence, *Phormio*, 506.

This noble kyng, thus Tartre Cambyuskan
(Chauc F 28)

Nor will I in haste My dear liberty buter,
Lest, thinking to catch, I am caught by a Tartar
(Song, c 1700)

Tartarus Hell L, G *Τάρταρος*

Tartu(f)fe Hypocrite F., title-rôle in Molière's comedy (1664), cf It *Tartufo*, character in It comedy, prob from *tartuffo*, truffle

tasimeter From G *τάσις*, tension, from *τείνω*, to stretch.

task ONF *tasque*, for OF *tasche* (*tâche*), metath of *tare*, tax (or VL **tasca* for *taxa*) This metath is common in F, e.g. *lâche*, OF. *tasehe*, VL **lascus*, for *laesus* (*laesus*) *Task* has also the sense of *task* in ME and to *take one to task* is very similar in meaning to to *tax one* (with)

tass [archaic] Cup, goblet F *tasse*, cf It *tazza*, Sp *taza*, MedL *tassa*, all from Arab *tass*, *tassah*, basin, Pers *tast*, goblet

tassel¹ Pendent ornament OF *tassel*, *tassel*, orig little heap, dim of *tas*, heap (whence ME. *tass*, heap, bunch), of Teut origin OF *tassel* also means clasp, prob from the practice, often referred to in OF, ME & Prov, of making the fastenings of a mantle of a tress of hair The equivalents in the Europ langs all mean bunch, tuft, e.g. F *houpppe* (Du *hoop*, heap, bundle), Ger *quast*, orig bundle of leaves, twigs, It *fiocco* (see *flock*²), Sp *borla* (see *butlesque*).

tassel² [archaic]. As in *tassel-gentle* See *tercel*

tasset [hist] Kind of kilt of overlapping armour plates OF *tassete*, dim of synon

tavern F *taverne*, L *taberna*, "a little house or lodging made of boards" (Coop), ? cogn with *tabula*, plank, ? or with *trabs*, beam, Cf *tabernacle*

taw¹ To prepare (leather) AS *tāwan*; cf Du *touwen*, OHG *zaujan*, Goth *taujan*, to do, make Ground-sense app to prepare, etc, for restriction to leather cf *curry*¹, and Ger *gerben*, to tan, lit to make ready, "are" Cogn with *tool*

taw² A marble, alley² Skeat suggests *taw* (q v), used for T-shaped mark, and compares the golf *tee*¹, but both of these are rejected by the NED Earliest sense of *taw* (Steele) is app the marble, not the mark Also *tor*²

tawdry Aphet for *St Audrey*, i.e. *Etheldreda*, AS *Æthelthryth*, patron saint of Llv Orig in *St Audrey's lace* (Palsg) Bede tells us that Etheldreda died of a tumour in the throat, which she regarded as a punishment for her early love of necklaces The immediate source of the word is from *St Audrey's fan*, held in her honour, at which necklets were sold, a practice very likely going back to the legend mentioned above. Cf obs *bartholomew ware*, from *St Bartholomew's Fair*, Smithfield For sense-development we may compare *gorgeous*, and, for the treatment of the first element, *Tooley St*, for *St Olave St* See *saint*

You promised me a tawdry lace and a pair of sweet gloves (*Wint Tale*, iv 4)

tawny F *tanné*, pp of *tanner*, to tan (q v)

In OF the vowel was nasalized (cf *pawn*¹)

taws, tawse [Sc] Earliest (Gavin Douglas) of whip for spinning a top Treated by Sc writers as pl From *taw*¹

tax First (13 cent) as verb F *taver*, L *tavare*, to censure, reckon, value, etc, in MedL to impose a tax In ME *tax*, *task* (q v) are synonym Its use in *Luke*, ii for G ἀπογράφειν (*Wyc discryve*) is due to Tynd Archaic *taxed cart* was a vehicle, for agricultural or business purposes, on which a lower duty was charged

taxi For *taximeter* (q v), *taxi-cab* Also used, by airmen, as verb

Softly she nosed to the ground, taxed her distance and stopped (*Corbett-Smith, Marne and after*)

taxidermy Mod, from G *τάξις*, arrangement, *δέμμα*, skin

taximeter F *taximètre*, from *taxe* in sense of tariff, rate of payment Introduced in London March 1907

taxonomy [scient] Classification. F *taxonomie*, irreg from G *τάξις*, arrangement

tazza It See *tass*

Tchech, Tschekkh See *Czech*

techn Russ, rank

tea. Du *thee*, Malay *te*, *teh*, Chin dual *t'e* (Amoy), for Mandarin *ch'a*, whence Port *cha*, Russ *chai*, Pers Urdu *chā* (10 cent), Arab, *shay*, Turk *chāy*; cf *chah*, tea, in E mil slang The Port form, also found earlier in E and other Europ langs, came from Macao, the Russ came overland from China The Du form has, owing to Du traders being the chief importers (16 cent) from the far East, prevailed in most Europ langs (F, *thé*, It *tè*, Sp *te*, Ger *tee*). It having also *cid* The earlier E pronunc was indifferently *tay*, *tee* (cf *sea*). *Storm in a tea-cup* is 19 cent for 17 cent *storm in a cream-bowl*, cf L *fluctus in simpulo* (ladle) *excitare* (Cic)

That excellent, and by all physicians approved, China drink, called by the Chineans *Tcha*, by other nations *Tay*, alias *Tee*

(*Mercurius Polihicus*, Sep 30, 1658, ad.1)

I did send for a cup of tee (a China drink) of which I never had drunk before (Pepys, Sep 25, 1660)

Here, thou, great Annual whom three realms obey,
Dost sometimes counsel take—and sometimes tea
(*Rape of Lock*, iii 8)

He thank'd her on his bended knee;
Then drant a quart of milk and tea (Prior)

teach AS *tēcan*, not found in other Teut langs, but cogn with Ger *zeigen*, to show, and G *dearīvan*, also with *tohen*

Teague [archaic] Irishman From common Ir name *Tadhg*, later identified with *Thaddeus* Cf *Paddy*, *Taffy*, etc

teak Port *teca*, Malayalam *tēkka* (famil *tēkku*)

teal ME *tele*, prob from AS, cf synonym Du *taling*, *teling*

team AS *tēam*, in current sense, also progeny, etc, cogn with *tēon*, to draw (see *taut*) Com Teut, cf Du *toom*, Ger *zaum*, ON *taumr*, all in sense of rein, bridle This, app the ground-sense, is not recorded in AS., nor is the E sense found in other Teut langs

teapoy [*Anglo-Ind*] Small tripod table From Hind *tin-*, *tir-*, three, and Pers *pāi*, foot Cf *charpoy*, *tripod* Spelling has been assimilated to *tea*

tear¹ Noun AS *tēar*. Com Tent, cf OFris *tār*, (poet) Ger *zähre* (orig pl from OHG *zahar*), ON *tāi*, Goth *tagr*, cogn

with *L. lacrima* (OL *lacruma*) G *da pu*
Welsh *deigr*

tear¹ Verb AS *teran* Com Teut cf Du
leren Ger *zerren* to destroy (al o *zerren*
to distort) Late ON *tēra* to use up (cf
wear and *tear*) Goth *galairan* to destroy
com with G *δέρω* to flay Past tense
(Bibl) has been altered to *love* after p p
(cf *bare brake survive* etc) For intrans
sense to rush violently cf Ger *ausrissen*
to shew a fair pair of heels (Ludw) lit
to tear out

tease AS *tēsan* to tease (wool) WGer
cf Du *tezen* to pull scratch OJG
zessen to tease (wool) For current fig
sense cf *hechle* F *attiser* to stir up (for
which see *entice*) has perh also helped the
fig sense of techn *teaser* fireman stoker
F *tiseur* (techn) In lit ensa WL usu
has *tease* whence name *To er* and dog name
Touzer (cf *tousle*)

The t users of the pl t wh would t do s t of
people re t (v rth *Es men*)

teasel Large thistle used in teasing cloth
AS *tēsel* with instrument suffix as in
shovel

teat F *telle* of Teut origin cf It *tetta* Sp
teta This replaced IS *titt* which survives
as *titt* *tel* in dial Cf Du dial *tel* Ger
tit All prob like *L. mamma* breast from
baby lang

tee (slang) Detective Cf scr p² *flu*
technical From G *τρυφή* from *τεχνή*
art craft For F *le technique* see
ics

tectonic Late L G *τεκτονικός* from *τεκτων*
carpenter builder

Teddy bear Orig US named (c 1900) in
allusion to the President Theodore (Teddy)
Roosevelt (1919)

Te Deum Init words of ancient F hymn
Te Deum laudamus Recorded in AS

t tedious Late L *tiediosus* from *taedium*
from *laedere* to weary

tee¹ The letter T used of various T-shaped
objects e g *tee square* Cf *ess taw*

tee² Mark aimed at (curling bowls quarts)
Perh orig a T shaped mark (v s)

tee³ Golf App distinct from *tee* as VED
has *tee* noun and verb for 1673 For
back formation cf *pres de gee* Chk etc.
If the verb is older it may be obs *tee*
to bend a bow (OF *teser* L *tens* re) which
is used by Gav n Douglas of pulling a
spear belt re hring it

tee hee See *to hee*

teem AS *tieman* from *tean* (q v) in AS
sense of progeny

teen [archaic] Affliction etc AS *tiēna*
hurt trouble cogn with ON *ti n* loss

teen AS *tyne* *the fromlen* cf Du *ten*
Ger *zehn* L *decem* Hence in one s teens
Shiftin^o of accent to suffix in the E
comps (exc in mechanical counting) s
due to wish to differentiate clearly from
ty (t July)

Twel ye they sat on king and Q reas,
Full to l d then b d l d th teen
(Tt A mp Dec 5 619)

teeny See *tiny*

teetotal Playful elaboration of *tall* perh
suggested by *teetotal* In anti alcoholic
sen e said (on his tombstone) to have been
first used (1833) by Dicky Turner of
Preston a working man temperance agi
tator but the word must have been earlier
in collq use Quot below is the reported
opinion of a Kentucky br wood man

These Miagoos ought to be teetotal for a d p r
to lary and teetotal old but I d off of the
to e tth whol arth (VED 183)

teetotum Earlier *Tatum* (Defre) orig the
lucky ide only of the instrument which
was also called a *to um* The four sides were
on marked T (*totum*) A (*ante*) D (*de*
pon) V (*visus*) Thine of the F *aleu*
formerly *totum* a kind of game with a
whirl-bone (Coig) were according to
Lattre marked T (*to um*) A (*ante*) D (*de*)
R (*rien*) Cf Du *aleu* *teet* a whirl bone
or totum (Sewel t c) lit all top

teg (d d) Sheep (earlier also doe) in second
year Origin unknown

tegument L *tegumentum* from *tegere* to
cover

te hee Init of definite titter

T hee q od b and elaps t e w y n d m s
(Cl be 4 1 1)

teel [bold] Obs name for lime tree OF
(replaced by *limb*) L *tilia* a *teyl*
(Coop) From uel to *til* (t t t t)
for Heb *alak* elsewhere read red oak F r
th s t u h has for *limbus* (so W) Cf ver l
and R t)

teleesthesia Coined (1882) by Myers along
with *telepathy* from G a *telesthesia* percep
tion Cf *arsitak* and *we tel*

tele G *τῆλε* far cf *Telegraph* (18 cent)
as *en* used of the semaphore when e
Telegraph *Hellinism* localities *T* he name
was also used of several sound in trumants
before being adopted for that invented

(1876) by Bell *Telepathy* was coined (1882) by Myers (cf *telaesthesia*) These are all imitated from the much earlier *telescope*, It *telescopio* (Galileo, 1611), which is in Milton Cf Ger *telefunken*, name of a wireless company, from *funke*, spark

telega Vehicle Russ *teljēga* In Hald teleo- From G *τέλεος*, perfect, complete, from *τέλος*, end Hence *teleology*, doctrine of final causes, ModL *teleologia* (Wolf, 1728)

tell AS *tellan*, cogn with *tale* (q v) Ground-sense is to mention in order, hence double meaning (to count, recount) Com Teut, cf Du *tellen*, to count, Ger *zählen*, to count (*erzählen*, to relate), ON *telja*, to count, relate, cogn with Goth *talzjan*, to teach The counting sense survives in *all told*, *gold untold*, the *tellers*, in the H. of C, to be told off, *telling one's beads*, etc, and in to tell one thing from another Cf also a *telling shot*, one that counts

tellurium [chem] Discovered and named (1798) by Klaproth, from L *tellus*, *tellur-*, earth, in contrast to *uranium* (q v)

telpher Overhead line For *telephore* See *tele-*, *-phore*

Telugu [tug] Dravidian lang of India Cf Tamil

temerity From L *temeritas*, from *temere*, blindly, rashly

temper First as verb AS *temprian*, L *temperare*, to proportion duly, regulate, perh from *tempus*, time Hence also F *tremper*, used esp of tempering metals, which has affected the sense-development of the E word *Temper* is now often for *bad temper*, and to be in a *temper* is equivalent to its logical opposite to be out of *temper*, with which cf to keep one's *temper*, i.e one's mental balance *Temperance* was one of the four cardinal virtues, its use for total abstinence being 19 cent *Temperament* was in medieval physiology used for *complexion* (q v), and was interchangeable in most senses with *temperature* Current use as euph or excuse for cowardice, immorality, etc, is adopted from Ger

So ill-tempered I am grown that I am afraid I shall catch cold (Pepys, June 28, 1664)

tempest OF *tempestie* (*tempête*), VL *tempesta*, for *tempestatas*, season, weather, storm, from *tempus*, time For transition of sense in L cf Ger *gewitter*, storm, from *wetter*, weather

template See *templet*

temple¹ Building AS *templ*, L *templum*, reinforced in ME by F *temple* ? Orig the section of earth and sky marked out by the augur for observing the flight of birds (cf *contemplate*), from an Aryan **temp-*, cogn with *tend-*, stretch The *Temple*, London, was orig the property of the *Knights Templars* (organized c 1118, suppressed 1312), who were named from occupying at Jerusalem a building near Solomon's Temple The *Good Templars*, teetotal body, were established (1851) in US

Le pavement du chemyn par entre la Barre du Novel Temple de Lundres (NED 1314-15)

temple² Of head OF (*tempe*), L *tempora*, pl of synon *tempus*, neut pl, as often, becoming fem sing in VL Sense, *tempora capitis*, ? imitated from G *τὰ καίρια*, lit the seasonable (places to strike an enemy), ? or as *temple¹*, with orig sense of stretched, thinnest, part, cf synon AS *thinwange*, Ger dial *dünning*, ON *thunwangi*, lit thin cheek, cogn with Ger *dünn*, thin, *dehnen*, to stretch, L *temus*, thin

templet In various techn senses, the form *template* being due to folk-etym App. from earlier *temple*, used of various mech devices (? thing stretched), AS *tmple*, L *templum*, temple¹, cf Rum *templar*, carpenter

tempo [mus] It, L *tempus*, time

temporal¹ Secular L *temporalis*, from *tempus*, *tempor-*, time, ? from same root as *temple¹* For sense cf *secular* Wyc uses it in sense of *temporary*

temporal² L *temporalis*, of the temple².

temporary L *temporarius*, from *tempus*, *tempor-*, time

temporize Cf F *temporiser*, MedL *temporizare*, to put off the time, delay Cf *time-serving*.

Why, turne a temponst, row with the tide,
Pursew the cut, the fashion of the age
(Marston, *What you will*, II 1)

tempt OF *tempter*, L *templare*, to handle, test, etc, intens of *tendere*, to stretch The OF learned form has given way to the pop *tenter* Earliest E. sense (13 cent) is to allure

Aft'r that thes thingis weren doone, God temptide Abraham (Wyc Gen xxii 1)

ten AS *tien* Aryan, cf Du *tien*, Ger *zehn*, ON *tíu*, Goth *taihun*, L *decem*, G, *deka*, Gael Ir. *deich*, Pers *dah*, Sanskrit *da-*

Upper ten is for upper ten thousand Ten penny nails were orig (15 cent) sold at tenpence a hundred

tenable F from *tenir* to hold VI **tenire*
for *tenere*

tenacious From *L. t* *na* *tenac* from *tendere*
to hold Cf. *audacious*

tenant. F pres part of *tenir* to hold (v s)

thus like being *on the rack*. For form cf *batter, fritter*

Pro le tenterhukes, pro le hangings, et pro le candelos sin the chapel]

(York Merch. Advent Accts 1490)

tenuity From L *tenuitas*, from *tenuis*, thin, cogn with *tendere*, to stretch

tenure OF, from *tenir*, to hold, VL **tenure*, for *tenère*, cogn with *tendere*, to stretch

teocalli Mex temple From Aztec *teotl*, god, *calli*, house

tepee Wigwam N Amer Ind (Sioux)

tephrite [min] From G *τεφρός*, ash-coloured, from *τέφρα*, ashes

tepid L *tepidus*, from *tepere*, to be warm.

ter- L *ter*, three times, cogn with *three*.

tera: (hat) From *Teraí*, jungly belt between Himalayas and plain, from Hind *tar*, damp

teraphim Household gods of Hebrews (*Judges*, xvii 5) In AV often rendered images, idols Heb *l'rāphim*, pl in form (cf *cherubim*), and of doubtful origin and meaning

teratology Study of marvels and monstrosities From G *τέρας*, *τέρας*, prodigy

tereel, tereel [*archaic*] Male of the falcon OF *tercel*, also *tercent*, MedL *tertiolus*, from *tertius*, third, cf It *terzuolo*, Sp *terzuolo*

For one of various supposed reasons see quot below. Hence *tassel-gentle* (*Rom* & *Jul* ii 2), in which second element means noble

terelet the tassell, or male of any kinde of hawke, so tearmed, because he is, commonly, a third part lesse than the female (Cotg)

tercet [metr] F, It *terzello*, "a terset of rymes, rymes that ryme three and three"

(Flor), dim of *terzo*, third, L *tertius*

terebella [zool] Marine worm ModL, from *terebra*, borer, cogn with *teredo*, *terete*

terebinth F *terébinthe*, L, G *τερébinthos*, prob of foreign origin Cf *turpentine*

teredo [zool] Boring mollusc L, G *τερύδων*, wood-boring worm, cogn with *τέρεω*, to rub, bore

terete [biol] From L *teres*, *teret-*, rounded off, smooth, cogn with *terere*, to rub, G *τέρεω*, and ult with Ger *drehen*, to turn, E throw, thrown

tergiversation L *tergiversatio-n-*, from *vertere*, *vers-*, to turn, *tergum*, the back

term F *terme*, L *terminus*, limit, boundary, cogn with G *τέρμα*, limit, and ult with *thrum*¹ Hence, limiting condition For sense of expression and math use cf G *ὅρος*, boundary, employed in math and

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(York Merch Advent Accts 1490)

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theorem L, G *θεώρημα*, speculation, proposition to be proved (Euclid), from *θεωρεῖν*, from *θεωρός*, a spectator. Current sense of *theoretic* is after Aristotle, who

contrasts *θεωρητικός* with *πρακτικός* So also *theory*, from MedL, transl of Aristotle's *θεωρία*

theosophy MedL, Late G *θεοσοφία*, knowledge of things divine. Current use for esoteric Buddhism from c 1880, the *Theosophical Society* having been founded at New York (1875) by Madame Blavatsky & Co

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thews and sinews is due Orig sense ap-
pears in Sc *thewless* feckless See also
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If so were that sh hadde
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(Ch F 342)

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dick ON *thickr* cogn with Gael Ir *thú h*
For two ground senses of massive dense in
texture or juxtaposition of parts cf those
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threes thickset *Through th h* and *thin*
orig referred to intervening growth trees
etc (v1) It is found in the other Teut
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A d whan th hors w s l s he gyo th gon
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th and I re as great as two beg ars
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thumall thumb of glove Perh a leather
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also Goth *things* app int d time I r
sense devel pment cf Cer *sach th n*
sake (q v) also I *cho e thim* I *awia*

With *the thing of cheese* *Thing* m whence
thingunmy thingu ddb etc is 17 cent
With orig sense of *thin* cf use of *dax* (see
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in Cer *versted gen* to defend OllG *ver*
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cem (e m e h i n k s) Com Teut cf Du
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(v s) The two were distinct in AS but
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thither AS *thider* earlier *thader* from root
of demonstr *that* with suffix as in *hither*
to which also the vowel has been assim-
ilated

thole Per of rowlock AS *th v* cf ON
tholl Du *d t* ? ident with ON *th r* fir
tree In ME recorded only in r n as
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d d n (where Ger *e hnd* pa r e r) G
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thul *thuer* e t *lyru*

Thomas C Pagan of Aram (n y a t a n
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If so w re th t she hadde
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(Chaucer F 541)

they ON *thair* nom pl masc of demonstr replacing AS pers pron *hie* Cf *their* them

thick AS *thiعة* Com Teut cf Du *dik* Ger *dick* ON *thykkir* cogn with Gael Ir *tough* For two ground senses of massive dense in texture or juxtaposition of parts cf tho e of *thin* To the latter belong as *thick* as *thieves* *thicket* *Through thick and thin* orig referred to intervening growth trees etc (v1) It is found in the other Teut langs also *The plot thickens* is 17 cent

And when the hors was laui he gynneth g n

Tows d the f n th r waldo mares renne —
To th with Weheel thugh th kke and thugh
thenn (Chaucer A 4064)

He a d i e a s gr t a s t w b p g a r

(Lan Ven y 1639)

thicket AS *thiuccet* from *thick* Cf synonym Ger *dickicht*

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thill Shaft of cart ? Ident with AS *thille* board deal (q v)

thimble AS *thymel* from *thumb* cf ON *thumall* thumb of glove Perh a leather thumb-stall was the earliest form of thimble metal thimbles were app introduced in the 17 cent (VFD) In *thimble* rig (19 cent) second element is rig

thun AS *thunna* Com Teut cf Du *duis* Ger *duun* ON *thunne* cogn with I *tennis* Sanskrit *tanu* and with L *tende* c G *reuer* Ger *dunen* to stretch For double mean ng of *thick* *Thin red line* (shipped with steel) was used by W H Russell of the 93rd Highlanders rep ling the Russian cavalry without firing square at Balaklava

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thing AS *thing* del derivative assembly hence affurs matters (e e *hushings* *stow* *thug*) Com Teut cf Du (er *ding* ON *thug*) To endure as in sense of public assembly thing all orig in sense of appointed time For also Goth *the* appointed time For sense-de clojment cf Ger *che* thing snko (q v) also F *chose* thing L *causa*

With the thing of cheese¹ *Thin* m whence *thingummy* *thingumbob* etc is 17 cent With orig sense of thing i u e of day (= diet) and the combination of the two words in Ger *verleiden* to defend OHG *ver ta elin* en to summon bef re th *tags* i a as embly

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this Neut sing of AS demon tr *thia* *thi s* this from the same root as *that* the with suff x corresponding to Goth *sa* see be hold cf Du *de e* Ger *d e r r* ON *th e* Pl was *thi s* whence *those* and *th* whence *these*

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 G *θέλημα*, wish

The new Thelema of a neurasthenic Rabelais of
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increase *Takash* (see *take*) has same sense
in ON

thro See through

throat AS *throta* cf OHG *dro a* (whence
Ger *dro sel* only in ven) From a root
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in Du *strot* It *stro a* (from Teut) To
lie in one's throat was revived by Scott
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due to the earlier to *thrust a lie* do *s the*
speaker's throat

throb As pres part (*throbbant heart*) in *Piers*
Plowm and then not till 16 cent with
var *froth* Of imit origin It is like *thud*
with recurrence of the beat suggested by
the *r*

three ME *throwe* spasm pan^o esp of
death or child birth From AS *throwian*
to suffer die cogn with ON *thra* violent
longing AS *thrēa* punishment three and
ult with *threat* Mod spelling from 17
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throne Restored from ME *trone* F *trône*
L G θρονος elevated seat

throng AS *geithran* from *thri* an to press
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turdus thrush

throatle Formed in MF from *throat* cf
synon Ger *erd osseln*

through AS *thurh* which when stressed
became *thorough* (cf *borou h furrow*)
WGer cf Du *door* Ger *du ch* through

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thrum [archaic] Short end scrap of yarn
etc Ong what is left attached to loom
when web is cut AS *thrum* hument
Com Teut. cf Du *dreum* Ger *trumm* (now
esp in pl *tummer ruins*) ON *thr* *r*
edge cogn with L *terminus*

Thrum *c. halfe* with *re, hal* with creped m^o *e*
(Syl 7)

thrum Verb Imut *f strun*

thrush¹ Bird AS *thrysc* *thryscce* app
cogn with *thro fte* (qv) though some
with onties regard them as quite separate

thrush Disease of mouth From 17 cent
also in 18 cent used of disease in the
frog of horse shoe Cf Sw *thrst* Dan
t dske also of obscure origin Norw has
f o k frosh in same sense phonetically
ident with *f osh* frog This fact and use
of L *rana frog* G *þ paxos* frog as names
for diseases of the mouth, suggests that
frush may have been the original See
*frog*² The change of *f* to *th* has parallels
in hist *thredborough* AS *frithbor* peace
surety and naot *thrap* for *f o p*

thrust ON *thrysla* ?ult cogn. with L
trudere In colloq use mostly replaced by
p i h

thud From 16 cent (verb and noun) Imut
or with new sense developed under imut
influence from AS *thyddan* to thrust

thug Hind *þ/s* cheat swindler used in
stead of the correct name *p hamsiger*
stringler

thuja thuya Shrub G *th* *th* an an Afr
tree whence also *thyma* (Pet xviii 1)

Thule L G θυλή τέλη a land six days
sail north of Britain (Polybius) whence L
ulima Thule variously identified and used
fig for furthest point.

Thomist Follower of *St Thomas Aquinas*
Cf *Scotist*

thong AS *thwang*, strap, cogn with ON *thvengr*, and with Ger *zwingen*, to constrain (see *twinge*)

Thor ON *thórr*, thunder (q v) Cf *Thursday*
thorax L, G *θώραξ*, breastplate

thorium [chem] Discovered and named (1828-9) from *Thor* by Berzelius, and adapted (1885) to incandescent mantles by Welsbach

thorn AS *thorn* Com Teut, cf Du *doorn*, Ger *dorn*, ON *thorn*, Goth *thaurmus*, with Slav cognates *Thorn in the flesh* (2 Cor xii 7) renders G *σκόλω*, stake, pale

Piccolomme all the while sate upon thornes studying how to get away (Svdenham Poyntz, 1624-36)

thorough Var of *through* (q v) in stressed position *Thoroughfare* is found as verb in AS *Thorough-paced* was orig (17 cent) used of horses

Constantius was a thorough-pac'd Christian
(Fuller)

thorp [poet] AS *thorp*, *thorp*, village Com Teut, cf Du *dorp*, Ger *dorf*, ON *thorp*, Goth *thaurp* Current form (cf *-thorp*, *-thripp*, etc in place-names) is partly due to Norse influence Obs from c 1600, but revived by Wordsworth

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thou AS *thū* Aryan, cf archaic Du *du*, Ger *du*, ON *thū*, Goth *thu*, L *tu*, G *du* (Doric *tu*), Gael Ir *tu*, Pers *tū*, Sanskrit *tva*

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thought AS *thōht*, *gethōht*, from *think*, cf Du *gedachte*, OHG *gidāht* (whence Ger *gedächtnis*, memory) In ME often of the mental distress, whence to *take thought* a *fall* vi 31, Vulg. *sollicitus esse* With *spought too particular* cf *a sight too care-theoph*

God, d AS *thūsēd* Com Teut, cf Du *theorbo*, Ger *tausend*, ON *thūsund*, Goth *thorba*, Second element is cogn with among c-1 ON *thūs-hundrath*, thousand), unknown be cogn with Sanskrit *tavas*, theorem L, sense prob large number, position to be being no gen Aryan word *pēu*, from *θεω* sense of *theoret*.

thrall ON *thræll*, cogn with OIIG *dregril*, servant, prop runner, and with AS *thrægan*, to run Dial *thrall*, stand for barrels, etc, is prob a fig use of the same word Cf mech uses of *jack*, i.e. servant

thranite [hist] G *θρανίτης*, rower in upper tier, from *θράνος*, bench The lowest tier rower was called *thalamite*, from *θάλαμος*, chamber, applied to a section of the boat

thrash, thresh AS *therscan*, *threscan*, to thresh (corn) Com Teut, cf Du *dorsehen*, Ger *dreschen*, ON *threskja*, Goth *thriskan*, orig to tramp, stamp (whence OF *trescher*, to dance, It *trescare*); then, esp the treading of the corn, the use of the flail (q v) being learnt from the Romans Later flagellating sense, with artificial differentiation of spelling, from 16 cent We still *thrash out* a question, although we *thresh out* corn See *threshold*

thrasonical From name of braggart soldier in Terence's *Eunuchus* G *θρασύς*, from *θρασύς*, bold

thrawn [Sc] Twisted, distorted From *thraw*, dial form of *throw* For sense cf. *warped*

thread AS *thræd* Com Teut, cf Du *draad*, Ger *draht*, wire, ON *thraðr*; from a root to twist, "throw", cf Ger *drehen*, to twist With *threadbare* (*Piers Plowm*) cf Ger *fadenscheitig*, lit thread showing, and F *montrer la corde*.

threat AS *thræt*, throng, pressure, cf AS *thrēotan*, to weary, cogn with Du *verdrieten*, Ger *verdrinessen*, to vex, ON *thryðia*, to lack, Goth *usthrutian*, to oppress, ? and ult with L *trudere*, to thrust three AS *thrī*, *thrīo*, *thrēo* Aryan; cf Du *drie*, Ger *drei*, ON *thrīr*, *thryār*, *thryū* (Sw Dan *tre*, Norw *tri*), Goth **threis*, *thrija*, L *tres*, *tria*, G *τρεῖς*, *τρία*, Welsh, Gael Ir *tri*, Russ *tri*, Zend *thri*, Sanskrit *tri*

threnody G *θρηνηδία*, dirge, from *θρηνηος*, lament See *ode*

thresh See *thrash*

threshold AS *therse-öld*, *-wald*, *-wold*, cf ON *threskjöldr*, OHG *driscūflī*, first element *thresh*, in orig sense (see *thrash*), second doubtful

thrice ME *thries*, formed from *thrie*, three, with adv genitive -s, after *ones*, once

thrift Formed in ME from *thrive* (q v.) Orig success, prosperity

thrill Metath of earlier *thurl*, AS *thyrhan*, to pierce, from *thryel*, hole (cf *nostril*), cogn. with *thurh*, through, and ult. with *drill*.

ticket *F étiquette* label etc *OF estiquer* from *estiquer* to stick of Teut orig in US ppl use is recorded c 1600 hence prob that is the *ticket*. The (obs) *ticket porters* of London were so called from the badge which showed them to be licensed by the Corporation. Spec. sense of *ticket of leave* written permission arose in Austral
tickle ? Metath. influenced by *tick* of *hittle* (qv) But cf synon *L titillare* an idial *titile* (14 cent.)

How he tickles you trout and the gills you shall see him take him by and by
 (Marston 41 & 3114 u)

tick tack Redupl on *tick* Cf *F tic tac*
tic polonga Snake (Ceylon) Sinhalese *titi polonga* spot viper
tidbit See *titbit*

tiddler For *titbit* See *stichtl bich*

tiddlywinks Game orig (1870) form of dominoes ? Suggested by slang *tiddly wink* unlicensed drink shop (pub nshop)

tide AS *tid* time as still in many onppl (*eventide* *luteide* etc) and to work *double tides* though this is orig allusive to the two tides of each day. Com Teut cf *Du tyd* Ger *s u* ON *tík* all meaning time with which they are ult com. From archaic to *tids* (*betide*) happen comes *tidin* (s) orig happenings but found in AS in current sense Cf Ger *testen* news paper Application to sea has a parallel in LG *flide* *Du ty* (earlier *tyde*) from which it may have been borrowed the first clear exampl of *tide* (of the sea) being in Chauc. In pleon time and *tide* which occurs much earlier *tide* has its orig sense To *tid over* is naut (v) A *tide waiter* n.v. some times fig for time server was a Customs officer who awaited ships coming in with the tide

To *tid over* t a pl ce t goe ov r a th th tid of bbe or flood (Capt Jol n Sin th)

tidivate See *titilate*

tidy Orig timely seasonable From *tide* (qv)

I will do what I can *tidit* to sup. (ty nlo) u Majesty o st to (Lord We two U 1348)

tie AS *ta* (noun) *ta an* (verb) coga with ON *ta g* rope Ger *ziehen* to draw and with *tight* *tau* *tu* etc Sen e of equality (sport) is evolved from that of connecting link { cf mod bracketted i.e equal

tier Orig naut of oars or guns From *F tirer* to draw shoot OF has *tie* sequence but the *E* word (16 cent) push represents

rather *F tir* shooting and was orig ap pl d to a tire of ordnance row of gun Cf *It tiro* a tyre of ordnance (Flor)

Th a vd hlp earn d th e tire of ruin on a d and l en peeces v ry t e (F egh 307)

tierce *F tierce* officers third *L t i us* The cask called a *tie ce* the third of a pipe For fencing sense cf *casse qu rle*

tiercel See *te sel*

Tiers État [*kist*] *F* third estate i.e the Commons as opposed to the clergy and nobility

Quest-*c* q i f m l t t T t Qu a t u t u yu q u l p r e t d a n s l o r d r e p o l i t i q u e t R i r Qu dem do t i l d e e n t Qu quo h o n e (Sijer)

tiff Temper Prob mut of small outb rsl Cf *huff* n ff

tiff *tist* [*liat*] To drink Hence Anglo Ind *tiffin* lunch for *tiffin* For extension from drinking to eating cf *nunchoon* *bier*

t i n g a u g d n k u n g o t t a l t u n e (Grose)

Th capt n t i s t i n g a w y a t t h e f i d s a s d r e a m p o n t a t t o m l p l a s L e f t

tiffany Fabric In AF occ used for Epi phany and also common in ME as a female name OF *tiphani* *L G theophania* manifestation of God cf *F* dual (B m)

tefen January As name for fabric perh a joc allusion to etym sense of manifestaton ? or associated with d *aphanous*

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tiffin See *tiff*

tig Game of touch Cf *tich t* and ynon Ger *tek*

tiger *F t i r e* *L G tigras* prob of Oriental origin ? with *tn* sense of swift whence also river Tigris In most Europ langs Often used by early travellers for the jaguar panther etc A archaic name for groom prob from striped waistcoat or h erv

tight For earlier *thit* ON *th* r water *tight* solid staunch cf synon *t er d i c k* (from LC) Chan e of form is app due to association with *knit* (q) and obs *t i k t* pp of *tir* whence also some later senses chiefly from naut lang Orig sense of dense compact appears in *water tight* so also a *tight ship* and hence a *t i k t i l e* *st i n d* For slang sense of *dr nk t* *u r e d* *phsht* *h o o l s* not broken u *h o o l s* w y i n t g e r *g o i d* (Frompt Parc)

thump From 16 cent Imit., cf *bump*, *thud*.
For intens use (*thumping* majority) cf.
whopping, *spanking*, etc.
thunder. AS *thunor* Com. Teut.; cf Du.
donder, Ger. *donner*, ON *thōr* (for **thor*),
whence name of god *Thor*, cogn. with L.
tonare, Sanskrit *tan*, to resound Early
used both of sound and flash, hence
thunderstruck (cf similar use of F *tonnerre*,
Ger *donner*) See also *bolt*. *Thunderer*,
the *Times*, is in Carlyle (1840), and was
orig applied to Edward Sterling, who
wrote for the *Times* 1830-40 With intens
thundering of *thumping*, etc The *Thunder-*
ing Legion (hist) trad derived its name
from a militarily convenient thunder-
storm brought on by the prayers of its
Christian members With *thunder* and
lightning, black and yellow (in various
colloquialisms), cf *pepper and salt*, *seer-*
sucker

thurable From L *thunbulum*, from Late L
thus, *thin-*, incense, L *tus*, G *thūs*, sacri-
fice, from *thūv*, to sacrifice
Thursday AS *Thunresdag* and ON. *Thōrs-*
dagr, day of Thor or thunder (q v), cf Du
donderdag, Ger *donnerstag* Teut rendering
of Late L *Jouis dies*, whence F *jeudi*, It
giovedì

thus AS *thus*, from demonst root of *that*,
the, cf Du *dus* OHG has *sus*, from de-
monst so

thuya See *thuya*
thwack Imit intensification (16 cent) of
earlier *thack*, AS *thaccian*, to clap, which
is also imit Cf relation of *lang* and *twang*
thwart¹ To impede, etc First (c 1200) as
adv ON *thvert*, across, athwart, orig
neut of adj *thverr*, transverse Hence
ME adj *thwart*, froward, perverse, "cross,"
and verb to *thwart* (cf to *querer* the *pitch*,
Du *dwars* (adv), Ger *quer* (OHG *twer*)
These are all shortened from an earlier
form which appears in AS *thwecorh*, per-
verse, cross, Ger. *zwerch-* (OHG *twerh*), in
zwerchfell, diaphragm, "cross skin," Goth
thwarhs, angry, "cross", ult cogn with
L *torquere*, to twist

We frequently ching'd our barge, by reason of the
bridges thwarting our course. (Ld Lyll)

th thwart² Of a boat. Altered (18 cent.), under
influence of *thwart*¹, from earlier *thought*
thet (Capt. John Smith and mod dial), for
thothet (still in dial), AS *thofte*, rowers'
amench, cf ON *thoflu*, Du. *docht*, doft, Ger
unl
theoret

positi
pō
sense

duft, *duchi* (from LG), from a Teut
to squat AS *gethofla*, comrade, lit. bench
mate, is an interesting parallel to
panion, *comrade*, *wessmate*, etc.
thoughts are the seats or which thou sit
in the boat (Sea Dict 1708)

thy. Weakened form of *thine* orig before
consonants as in Bibl *thine eyes*, *thy son*
Thyestean (feast) From Oedipus, brother of
Arpeus, who made him eat of the flesh of
his own sons

thyne See *thuya*
thylacine Marsupial wolf (Tasmania) F.
came (1827) by Temminck from G
thylakos, pouch

thyme F *thym*, L *thymum*, G *thymon*, from
thūv, to burn sacrifice

thymele Altar of Dionysus in G theatre
G *θυμέλη*, altar, from *thūv* (v s)

thyroid [anat] From G *thyroidea*, shield
shaped (Galen), from *thūpeōs*, oblong sk. shield

thyrsus L, G *thýrpos*, stem of plant, Bacchic
staff

tiara L, G *tiāpa*, orig a Pers head-dress,
so prob of Oriental origin

tibia L, shm-bone, flute

tic F, in earliest use applied to spasmodic
trouble in horses Hence *tic douloureux*,
facial neuralgia ? Cf It, *ticchio*, freak
whim

ticca [Anglo-Ind] In *ticca-gharry*. Hind
thikā, hire

tice [cricket, *tennis*] From dial *het*,
aphet for *thick* (q v), or, as it appears
earlier (13 ce), *thick* from F *thick*, *thick*, Ger
zecke, also F

tick¹ Insect
zecke, also F
(? for **tica* or
orig goat and
zucklein, kid, cf
wood goat

tick² In bed-tick C
WGer loan from L
case, from *thūv*, to
late, pillow-case

tick³ Light touch, sound
ticken, Norw dial *tikka*,
lightly Sense of light to
whence to *tick off*, is 19 cent

tick⁴ Credit A 17 cent clipp
ticket (cf *mob*, *cat*, etc) Perh.
men's practice of getting goods o
pay-tickets (v s)

Their families must starve if we do not give
money, or they procure upon their tickets from some
people that will trust them (Pepys, Oct 31, 1666).

before Bradshaw Time honoured is an
echo of Shaks. (R. A. II. 1. 2)
timid F timide L timidas from timere to
fear

timocracy *F timocratie* MedL. G r *timokratia*
from *timē* honour In Aristotle rule by
property class in Plato rule inspired by
love of honour

Timon Of Athens famous misanthrope

The latter-day Tinson of Cheyne Row C. 13141
 1876

timoneer L his oncer helmman It timo
niere from timon helm L timon wag
gon pole helm

4. Teach him the trade of a timoner (Kondakora)

timorous OR timorous MedL. timor us
from timor fear

Timothy (grass) Introduced from England into U.S. by Timothy Hanson (early 18 cent)

tin AS *tin* Com Teut. cf Du *tin* Ger
zinn O' *tin* For slang sense of money
said to have been first applied to the thin
worn silver coinage of the 18 cent re-
called in 1817 of brass Contemptuous
tinpot was orig applied to music *Tin hat*
helmet, was that. before the Great War
tinamous I artridge of the pampas F from
native name

finchel [S] Circle of beaters in hunting
Gael. *finch* off circuit

W li qu li the savage mountain
As their tinchel cows th g me
(Lady / Late k.)

fracture dye I *fractura* from *fringere* to break

tinder AS *tynder* cogn with *tyndan* to
kindle whence dial *tind* The verb is Com
Teut cf Ger *zünden* ON *tendra* Goth
tandjan See *kandsticker* One method of
procuring fire by striking flint with steel
has given the phrase to *strike a light*

Neither is it dyn. lastern t putt mit under
a b. sh. t (Wye. Mat. v. 5)

tine Prong AS and cogn with ON and
 Ger zinne pinnacle For 1 ss of -d of
 woodline

ling. Inst. of thin clear sound Cf *tna³* and redupl *tna tna*.

unge Test as verb L. *tingere* to dye

Modification of *tumble* with which it varies in Wyc. Origin of sound passing into that of sensation appears to make

one's ears tingle L. *finniva* has the same double sense

A cry that he cr'd to the gl'g stars
(Tennyson, *Morte d'Arthur*)

tink Inuit the redupl *tink tink* (cf *ti tink*) representing alternation of lighter and heavier sound

I am made as I sow my seed a vital I I
 you I I I ens (Wye. i Cor 1:1)

tinker Thus *und Sc händler* are found much earlier (12 cent.) than *tink tinkle* from which they are usually derived an etym. given in the *Prompt Parv*. This is not an insuperable objection as a word like *tinker* used as trade-name and surname would naturally get recorded more easily than an onomatopoeic word.

tinkle. Frequent. of *huk* (q.v.) Cf. *huk* *le* with which it is used indifferently in ME. Both *huk* & *huk* *le* (1 *le* *re*) (Wre. 1 *le* *re* *le* *re*)

tinsel F étincelle spark OF est n elle VL
stimulus metath of c stilla ModF has
in this sense *pas seule* or *et nquant*
u *other* a powder or set the k with sparkles
(C 12)

but Earlier *l* not *L*. *l* not *s* from *l* not *e*
l not *l* to dye Later form as art word due
 to *l* not *s*

tinnabulation Coined (?) by Poe) from
L. *tin* *anabul* m bell must. redupl from
tin as to resonant tinkle

tiny From earlier (15 cent.) *hne* used as noun (small quantity) and adj. and always preceded by *lue*. Aphet for *eyon* *Fantun fantinet* *ey* so little corresponding in sense to *L. l. tellus* from *fant* *s* so much. For sense and regular *ue* with *little* cf. *Sc. wee* (q.v.) Transition from sense of small quantity to that of small size is like that of *Sc. the but little*. Terence uses *puer* to *stus* in same sense as *MF* and *Shak. the my child*. But if the etym. I propose for *wee* is correct (it may be — they connected with *L. en* { } v)

Amos a very little new is so little a little more
a little (flow)

9. I'll be so little and small very little, but they (Lett)

tip Point extremity Cf synon Du *tip*
 Sv *tip* Nor Dan *tip* also Du *tip*
 Ger *zpfel* In some senses perh a thinned
 form of *top* cf *tip*-*l* whch may be
 redupl on either word First appears in
tip (Chauc)

tike. See *tyke*.

tilbury [archaic] Vehiele Inventor's name
Cf *shillebeer*.

tilde Sp, diacritic mark over *n* as in *señor*
Metath from L *titulus* (cf *tittle*)

tile. AS *tigle*, L *tegula*, from *tegere*, to
cover, cf F *tule*, It *tegola*, *teggia*. Early
Teut. loan from L, cf Du *tegel*, Ger.
ziegel, ON *tgl*. Slate (q v) is F, the orig
tile roof-cover being represented by
thatch (q v.)

till¹ Verb AS *tilian*, to strive after, labour
WGer, cf Du. *telen*, to breed, cultivate,
Ger *zielen*, to aim, and see till² For
specialization of sense cf F *labouer*, to
till, lit to work AS *tilth* is now usu
replaced by *tillage*

till² Prep & conj Northumb and ON *til*,
corresponding in use to E. *to*, Ger *zu*, as
still in Se Orig a noun, cf AS *till*, fixed
position, Ger *ziel*, end, aim, also AS *til*,
serviceable, to the purpose See also till¹

till³ Noun Orig (15 cent) drawer or com-
partment in coffer for valuables, private
documents, etc Origin obscure ? Cf F
tille, boat-locker, which is perh of Teut
origin and cogn with *thill*

tillandsia Plant Named by Linnaeus from
Tillands, Sw botanist

tiller OF *teher*, *telher*, orig weaver's beam,
teher des tissersands, MedL *telarium*, from
tela, web; hence, stock of crossbow E
naut use (= F *barre du gouvernail*) is 17
cent

Sor le telier a un quarrel assis (*Loherenes*).

arbrier the tillar of a crosse bow (Cotg).

till⁴ Of cart. Replaces (16 cent) ME *teld*,
telt, AS *teld*, tent, cogn with Ger *zelt*, ON
tjald, ? and ult with L *tendere*, to stretch
(see *tent*) Current form is app due to
ME *tilette* (v 1), OF *tetele*, var of *telette*
(*toilette*), dim of *teile* (*toite*), cloth, L *tela*

Cartes with tillettes for shott with all apparelle
(*Nav Acels* 1497)

tilt² To incline, etc In ME to overthrow
App from AS *tealt*, unsteady, whence
tealthan, to be unsteady Current sense
perh orig from naut use

tilt³ Joust Identified by *NED* with tilt²,
which I believe to be an error First re-
corded c 1500, as noun, in sense of en-
counter, place of encounter (*till-yard*) I
conjecture connection with OF *tillet*,
tillot, from *tilleul*, lime², staves of lime-wood

having been used in the sport (v 1), perh.
as splintering easily I have not found evi-
dence that the *tilt* was orig the lance-shaft,
but the correspondence of *full tilt* with OF
plene hanste (passim in *Roland*), *bouhort*
plenier (*Tristan*), is significant, as both
hanste and *bouhort* mean shaft of lance, and
OF *bouhorder*, to tilt, is derived from the
latter To run a *tilt* is for earlier *atilt* (adv.).
To tilt at windmills alludes to Don Quixote

tilatus, tilosus virgula tiliacea, cujus usus maxime
erat in hastiludis Cujus vero ligni interdum
fuerunt ipsae virgulae discimus ex aliis lit. remiss
ann. 1375 in Reg 107, cli. 50 "Iceulx Jehan et
Girart prinnent chascun d'eulx un blanc petit tilleul
pelé, pour en behourder l'un a l'autre, et en eulx
aussi esbatant et bouhourdant, briserent plusieurs
tilleux l'un contre l'autre" (Duc)

tilth See till¹.

timariot In *Bride of Abydos* (17). F, It
timariotto, from Pers *timār*, sief

timbale [cook]. From shape F, kettle-
drum, bowl, app a mixed form from OF,
atabal (q v.) and L *tympanum*, cf It *tum-
ballo*, Sp *tímbal*. See *timbre*.

timber AS *timber*, house, building material,
trees suitable for the purpose Com Teut,
cf Du dial *timmer*, Ger. *zimmer*, room
(OHG *zimbar*), ON *timbr*, Goth. **timr* (in
timjan, to build), cogn with G *δέμω*, to
build, *δέμος*, house. Cf. also Ger *zimmer*,
to carpenter, *zimmermann*, carpenter In
law *timber* is oak, ash, elm of twenty years'
growth or more, with certain additions due
to local use in building, e g in Bucks the
beech is included.

timbre F, small bell, hence, tone, L *tym-
panum*, G *τίμπανον*, *timbrel*, *kettledrum*
The F word also assumed the sense of bell-
helmet, hence, crest, and finally, stamp,
whence E *timbromama*, stamp-collecting
timbrel. Dim of obs *timble*, used by Wyc
to render *tympanum* (v s)

time AS *tīma*, cogn with ON *tīmi* (whence
Sw *timme*, Dan *time*, hour), and with
tide, the immediate cognates of which re-
present its senses in the other Teut. langs.
In E it has the double sense of extent and
point (F *temps*, *fois*, Ger *zeit*, *mal*), and
also stands for hour (F *heure*, Ger. *uhr*).
Good (bad) 'time, now regarded as US, was
once current E (cf. F *se donner du bon-
temps*, and to have a fine time of it), but
high old time is genuine US. (see however
old). *Father Time* represents G. *χρόνος*
The *Times* dates from 1788 The earliest
railway *time-table* appeared 1838, a year

title *Of* (*titre*) *L. titulus* the title or inscription of a worke or acte (Coop)

And the title of his cause was writen
(*Wyc M & x 6*)

titling See *titl* Cf *ON titlin r sparrow*

titmouse *ME titmose* from *tit* and obs *mose* *AS mase* a Teut bird name of *Du mees Ger meise ON meisinger* also *F mésange* a titmouse or titthing (Cotg) from Teut Altered on *mouse* wh nee incorr pl *titmice* Cf *Norw Dan musus* black tit altered on *mus* mouse from earlier *musstie* Often shortened to *tit* whence *tomt t*

titter *Imit* cf *Ger kichern*

titlle *L. titulus* title in Late *L.* for any small stroke forming part of or added to a letter cf *Port tit accent Prov titlle dot of i Sp tilde (q v)* In *Bibl* use (*Wyc Matt v 18*) it represents *Heb qot* thorn prick *C pau* horn *L apex* rendered *pri* a in *AS* See *got*

tittebat See *stickleback*

tittla tattle See *tattle* App the redupl is on *titlle* to prate much older than *tattl* The *NED* quotes *tittler* from *Piers Plowm* but it was a surname a century earlier (*Hund Rolls*) The verb is prob *imit* cf *titter*

tittup To prance along First (c 1700) as noun canter Perh *imit* of hoof beat

titubate From *L. titubare* to stagger

titular From *L. titulus* title

tizzy [*slang*] Sixpence ? Argotic perversion of obs *tilbury* sixpence so called from its being formerly the fare for crossing over from Cravesend to Tilbury fort (Grose) Cf schoolboy *sus* for *swindle*

tnesis [*g am*] Separation of parts of compound *C tpi* is from *t p e* to cut.

TNT Powerful explosive *tri nitro tolu* is from *Ger toluin* from *tolu* (q v)

to *AS to WGer* cf *Du te Ger zu ON* has *tit* Goth *du* cogn with *L. enclitic do* (is in *quando*) *G -de* For *alt to brake* (*Jud ex ix 53*) see *alt to*

to Obs prefix *AS to- WGer* cf *OSax te Ger zer* ult cogn with *L. dis* See *all*

toad From *AS tid ge* with no known cognates Cf *tadpole* Toady is for *load-eater* orig mountebank attendant of quick doctor pretending to eat (poisonous) toads in order to avertise his master's infallible antidotes (see quot sv *underst offer*) *F crapaut* toad is used with similar allusion cf also *F araleur de couleuvres* (adders) toady For *toadstool* cf *synon*

Du paddestoel from *paddle* toad pad dock

Th Bea clerks *Lo d West toela d and M Jones* has *t r r to d t r wer* our party
(*Diches of De nat r J ly 6 1770*)

toast First (14 cent) as verb *OF toster* from *L. torrefre* *lost* to parch etc cf *It tostare* to toast to bloat to parch with heate (*Flor*) In *ME* used also of a slice of toast spiced bread with which beverages were flavoured and from c 1700 of a lady regarded as figuratively adding piquancy to the wine in which her health was drunk

Goit her q rt tsack put a toa l r
(*Merri B vol 1 3*)

tobacco Earlier (16 cent) *tabaco* *Sp* from *Carib of Havti* according to *Owied* (1535) the name of the tube through which the smoke was inhaled but accordⁿ to *Las Casas* (1552) a kind of cigar Later research suggests the possibility of its being a *Gurani* word (*Brand*) In most *F* *rop lings* *A tobaccoist* was earlier (*Ben Jenson*) a smoker

To the erupted *basenose* *f th* first use of this tobacco *doth cry a ill tree th* (*which a d gro dlese* first entry th read int th *king James* [*jas es*])

Druke d and tobaccoist r ranked tog ther and *timproperly* (*Wm Monson 1624*)

toboggan *Canad Ind* (*Michmac*) *tobakum* Spelt *tabagium* in 17 cent *F*

toby¹ Jug Punch's dog both first in *Dickens* unless a jug is meant in quot below From *Tobias* (cf *jerobeam tankard* etc) Earlier (17 cent) also buttocks as in *to hickle one stoby Toby's hip pot* (*Ten Brown's School days*) *f r* a brown jug goes back to the name of a character in *O Keefe's Poor Soldier* (182)

I am glad you had the Toby
(Letter 1863 in *Notes & Quer* 7 125 18)

toby [archaic] In *high l l v* *l r v* *l r v* *pr* session of mounted *l ghw jman* and *l wot pud* respectively From *Shelta tob* is said to be deliberate perversion of *Ir toisear* to touch

tocrata [*mus*] It from *toctere* to touch
toco toko [*slan*] From *Wind phrase* *h o* for *iam* punishment instead of food with ref to slaves *Toco* is said to be imper of *Hind tohra* to censure

toco- From *G r* or offspring
tocsin *F* *OF toquesen* *Prov tocsin* *h* touch (q) *u* with second element from *L. signum* used in Late *I* for bell

tip² Present From earlier verb to *tip* (c 1600), hand over, pass, orig a cant word, as in to *tip the wink* Here belong *straight tip*, *tipster*

tip³ To upset, tilt up Orig (14 cent) *type*, with long vowel (still in dial) Origin unknown, but cf synon *top*, *tope* (naut & dial) Here belongs *tip-cat*

tip⁴ To touch lightly ? Thinned form of *tap*² Cf dial *tip for tap* Here belongs *tip and run* (cricket), used during the Great War of Ger nav dashes at seaside resorts

tipit, tippit Provincial game For *tip*² *it*, hand it over, pass it on

tippet Orig dim of *tip*¹ Cf Ger *zipfel* in similar senses

[He] bond the sorvs to his hede with the tpyet of his hood (*Beryn*)

tipple From 16 cent, but *tipeler* is found as leg description in 14 cent (*NED*) and as surname is recorded early in 13 cent This proves early existence of verb, unless it is a back-formation like *cadge*, *peddle* Origin obscure, but ult connection with *tap*¹ seems likely Cf Norw dial *tippla*, to drip slowly, drink in small quantities A *tippler* was orig an alehouse keeper For a converse sense-development cf *tobacconist*

tipstaff [*hist*] For *tipped staff*, truncheon with emblem of office, carried by constable, etc See *tip*¹

tipsy From *tip*³, but later associated with *tipple* For suffix cf *tricksy*, *popsy-wopsy*

tirade F, It *tirata*, volley, etc, from *tirare*, to fire See *tire*²

traillleur F, from *trailler*, frequent of *trier*, to shoot See *tire*²

tire¹ To weary AS *florian*, to exhaust, wear away (trans & intrans) Ulterior hist obscure

tire² [*obs*] To tug, tear, etc F *trier*, to draw, cf It *tirare*, Sp *tiar* Hence *attire*, *retire* Of obscure origin, but perh connected with *tire*¹, as the verb has in the older Rom langs also sense of vexing, harassing

tire³ Dress, outer covering of wheel Aphet for *attire* In first sense confused with ME *tiar*, *tiara* For second sense cf Ger *radkranz*, lit wheel-garland Often incorr spelt *tyre*

peruquiere a tyre-maker, or attire-maker, a woman that makes pernwigs, or attires (Cotg)

The application of elastic bearings round the tire of carriage-wheels (*NED* 1845)

tiro L, young soldier, raw recruit. In MedL often *tyro* Hence *tyrocinium* (Cowper, 1784), lit first campaign, novice experience

Tironian System of shorthand attributed to Cicero's freedman *Tiro*

titra-litra Imit of cheerful song (*Wint Tale*, iv 3, *Lady of Shalott*, iii 4) Cf OF *turlure*

tisane See *ptisane*

Tishri Jewish month, called *Ethanim* before Captivity Late Heb *tishrī*, from Aram. *sh'rā*, to begin

tissue Earlier *tissu*, F, p p of OF *tistre* (replaced by *tisser*), to weave, L *texere* *Tissue-paper* (18 cent) was perh orig used, as now, to insert between layers of fine tissue (fabric), but synon F *papier de soie* suggests rather an allusion to the softness and delicacy of the paper itself

tit¹ Small nag, little girl, bird Cf ON *tittr*, *titmouse*, Norw dial *tita*, of various small fish and other objects Occurs much earlier in *titmouse*, *tilling*

tit² In *tit for tat* ? Imit of light tap Cf earlier *tip for tap*, also dial *tant for tant*, app after F *tant pour tant* (see *taunt*)

Titan One of family of giants, G *Titānes*, children of Heaven and Earth (Uranus and Gaea), who attempted to scale heaven and overthrow Zeus by piling Mount Pelion upon Mount Ossa *Weary Titan* is in M. Arnold's *Heine's Grave* He afterwards applied the epithet to England (*Friendship's Garland*)

titanium [*chem*] Named (1795) by Klaproth on analogy of *uranium* (v s)

titbit From 17 cent (also *tidbit*) Prob from *tit*¹

Tite Barnacle Adhesive and incompetent bureaucrat See *Little Dorrit*

tithe AS *teogotha*, *tēotha*, tenth Spec sense of eccl due has led to the retention of the word, replaced as ordinal by *tenth* Cf F *dime*, tithe, L *decima* (sc *pars*) Hence *tithing* (*hist*), AS *tēothung*, aggregate of ten households under system of frankpledge

Titan hair Of the red colour common in pictures by *Titan* (†1576)

titillate From L *titillare*, to tickle

titivate From c. 1800 (also *tidivate*). ? From *tidy* with jocular latinization, ? or fanciful elaboration of synon dial *tiff*, F. *attifer*, "to decke, pranke, tricke, trim, adorne" (Cotg), Merovingian L *aphiscare*, from *aptus*, fit

tod Weight, orig of wool Fris & LG *todde*, small bundle, load, ? cogn with Ger *zotte*, shaggy tuft, etc *Toð*, bush, csp in *wy-tod*, is the same word

to-day From *to* and *day*, cf *to-night*, *to-morrow*, also Ger *heutzutage*, F *aujourd'hui*, both pleon., as *heute* is for OHG **inn-tagu*, and OF *hui* is L *hodie*, *hoc die*

Yet hadde I levere wedde no wyf to-yeere
(Chauc D r68)

toddle Orig Sc & north. (NED) Of obscure origin, ? ult cogn with *tolter* NED records it from c 1600

toddy Orig Anglo-Ind name for fermented sap Earlier *larrie* (Purch), *taddy* Hind *tārī*, from *tār*, species of palm, Sanskrit *tāla*

A kinde of drinke of the pamita tree called "taddy"
(Jourdain's Journal, 1609)

todea Fern Named from *Tode*, Ger botanist (†1787)

to-do Cf *ado* and origin of *affair*

tody Wind bird From F *todier*, from L *todus*, some small bird, adopted as generic name by Linnaeus

toe AS *iā* (for **tāhe*) Com Teut., cf Du. *teen*, *toon* (orig pl), Ger *zehe*, ON *iā*

toff Earlier *toft*, vulgarism for *tuft* (q v)

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I these [distr ts] where the T i toj theory holds good the peasants are set e t bel ers in the doctrine of univ rsal virtue and pre-p nty pro ided the virtue is not e pect d from them
(*Sunday Times* Jan 6 9 8)

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Tom For *Thomas* (q v) With *Tom Dick and Harry* cf *Pierre et Paul* Cer *Hein und Aunz* (Henry and Conrad) Conolumus uses *Hob and Dick* (u 3) in same sense and Gower in his lines on Wat Tyler's Rebellion gives a longer list of the commonest names as typical of the mob viz *Wat Tom Sim Bel* (Bartholmew) *Gib* (Gilbert) *Hich* (Richard) *Col* (Nicholas) *Geff* *Hill* *Grig Daw* (David) *Hob* (Robert) *Larkin* (Lawrence) *Hud* (?) *Jud* (Jerdan) *Teb* (Theobald) *Jack Tom* is often used for great bells (cf *Big Ben*) whence *Tom Quai* Christ Church Ox! also for guns (*long tom*) fools (*longfool* *tommoddy*) *Tom-cat* for *Tom the cat* in a child's book of 1760 (cf *Reynard*) has replaced earlier *gib cat* (from *Gilbert*) *Tom and Jerry* are the chief characters in Egan's *Life in London* (1821) *Tomboy* was orig applied to an unmanly boy *Tom Fiddler's* ground is also in dial *Tom Tschler's* (*Tinker's*) *groind* With *tomist* cf *jachdaw magpie* etc and see *jach* for similar groups of senses With *Tom Thumb* cf *P Petit Poucet* Ger *Ddumling* (dum of *dau* en thumb) *Ja k* and *Tom* and *Will* and *Dick* 1 H meet and cens r m nd my go erame t (J mes 1)

A tho ighly s youn, fool
Bama also a lord of the *Tom* oddy school
(*f goldsbv*)
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tomahawk N Amer Indn (Virginia) spelt *tomahack* by Capt John Smith with many vars in the Ind drils Its burial was emblematic of a sworn peace Cf *pipe of peace*
toman [hist] Pers gol! coin nominally worth 10 000 dinars Pers *tumdn* ten thousand of Tatar ori, in

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tomb F *tombe* (now only poet) Late L-

tumba from G τῆμβος funeral mound cf It *tomba* Sp *tumba* ? cogn with L *tamulus*

tombac Lind alloy of copper and zinc F Port *tambaca* Malay *tamba* a copper

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tone F L G τ μος part of volume from *rapu* u to cut Cf section

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Tommy See *Tom* **NED** quotes *Tommy Atkins* from Sala (1883) and *Tommy* from *Kipling* (1893) For origin of the nickname see *Thomas* Sense of food orig bread only (mil) is app v11 withicism *Tommy v Brown* (see *brown*) *Tommy rot* is 19 cent (c 1880)

Th *Tommy* shop —an establ hment wher you ca run to a week on th slate
(*L dy Ch* on A g 1 1919)

to morrow See to day

tompson Watch or clock by *Thomas To* from watchmaker temp Anse

tompson Plug fitting mouth of cannon Also *tampion* *tamphin* F *tampon* nasalized form of *tapon* bung of Tent origin and cogn with *tap* For vars cf *pumpkin*

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ton Weight Var of *tun* (q v) differentiation of sense appearing only in 17 cent Cf F *Anne* in both senses also dim *in* near cask used also in giving *tonnage* of ship which was orig calculated in terms of Bordeaux wine-l ns (see *summage*) Hist *tonnage* (and *foundage*) was levied on every tun of wine

ton F tone
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to-day From *to* and *day*, cf *to-night*, *tomorrow*, also Ger *heutzutage*, F *aujourd'hui*, both pleon, as *heute* is for OHG. **huu-tagu*, and OF *hui* is L *hodie*, *hoc die*

Yet hadde I levere wedde no wyf to-yeere
(Chauc D 168)

toddle Orig Sc & north (NED) Of obscure origin, ? ult cogn with *totter* NED records it from c 1600

toddy Orig Anglo-Ind name for fermented sap Earlier *tayrie* (Purch), *taddy* Hind *tāri*, from *tār*, species of palm, Sanskrit *tāla*

A kinde of drinke of the pamita tree called "taddy"
(Jourdain's Journal, 1609)

todea Fern Named from *Tode*, Ger botanist (†1787)

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(vs)

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June 29, 1917) For *Antomo* Cf *Tommy*,
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(Morel, 1585)

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a pres part., eater (cf L *edere*, to eat)
Fig senses often allude to teeth as natural
weapon With current *toothcomb*, for small
tooth comb, cf *to comb out*.

The army behind the front is being tooth-combed
of all men fit for the fighting-line
(*Daily Chron* Jan 25, 1918)

tootle Frequent of *toot*

tootsy, tootsicum Baby word for foot (19
cent), prob evolved from *toddle*

In this, my unenlightened state,
To work in heavy boots I comes,
Will pumps henceforward decorate
My tiddle tiddle tootsicums?

(Gilbert, *Ben Poller*)

top¹ Summit, etc AS *top*. Com Teut, cf
Du *top*, Ger *zopf*, queue of hair, ON *toppr*,
tuft of hair The hair sense is perh the
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tuft, or topping" (Cotg) See also *tuft*
Prevailing E sense appears in many
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the parapet) is characteristic of the British
soldier's dislike for heroes *Top* is common
in naut lang, e g in *top-gallant*, in which
the second element has intens, force, cf
naut use of *royal* (sail), and Du *bramzeil*,
top-gallant, ? from LG *bram*, display, cf.
also cogn F *gaillard* used for the fore and
after castles of a ship *Topknot* may be
folk-etym for AF dim *topinet*, crest, a
topynet de j basinet, crest of a helmet, is
mentioned in the Earl of Derby's travel-
ling accounts (14 cent) Fig use of *top-*
sawyer is due, according to Grose, to the
fact that in Norfolk saw-pits the *top-sawyer*
received twice the wages of the *bottom-*
sawyer (*Up to the*) *top-hole* is a recent
variation on earlier *top-notch*

At this moment the Canadians went over
(*Press Ass* Nov 13, 1916)

top² For spinning Cf Du dial *top, dop*,
the latter the earlier form, app cogn with
Ger *topf*, pot, used in dial for top (v i),
also F *toupe*, "a gig, or casting-top"
(Cotg), OF *topet, toupin*, etc, from Teut
App the orig *top* was the hollow humming-
top F *sabot*, wooden shoe, also means
"a top, gig, or nun to whip, or play with"
(Cotg), hence *dormir comme un sabot*, to
sleep like a top

der topf-kreisel [-kreisel] oder *kreisel topf*, damit ein
knabe spielt a top wherewith a boy plays *Den
topf, oder dopf, treiben oder peitschen* to scourge,
or whip, your top (Ludw)

tail made like an auger, with which tail shewriggles betwixt the costs [ribs] of a ship and sinks it straight (Ben Jonson, *Staple of News*, iii 1)

torpid L *torpidus*, from *torpēre* (v.s.). The *Torpidi*, Lent races at Oxf., were earlier the clinker-built boats used in the races, and these boats were orig the second, i.e. slower, boats of each college

The little gentleman did not join with the "Torpidi," as the second boats of a college are called (*Verdant Green*)

torqué From L *torques*, twisted collar, from *torquēre*, to twist

torrefy F *torréfier*, from L *torrefacere*, from *torrēre* (v.1) and *facere*

torrent F, L *torrens*, *torrent-*, orig pres part of *torrēre*, to burn, hence to boil, bubble, etc Cf *burn*,² and see *estuary*

Torricellian [phys] Of *Torricelli*, It physicist (†1647)

I went to v^c Philosophie Club, where was examined y^c Torricellian experiment (Evelyn, 1660)

torrid L *torridus*, from *torrēre*, to parch, etc, ult cogn with *thirst*

Quinque tenent caelum zonae quarum una coruseo Semper sole rubens, et torrida semper ab igni

(*Georg* 1 233).

torsion F, L *tortio-n-*, from *torquēre*, *tort-*, to twist

torsk Fish Norw & Sw, ON *thorskr*, cf Ger *doisch* (from LG), cogn with Ger *dür*, dry

torso It, stalk, cabbage-stump, trunk of body without head and arms L, G. *θύπος*, thyrsus, wand

tort [leg] F, MedL *tortum*, lit twisted, from *torquēre*, *tort-* Cf relationship of *wrong* to *wring*

White had suffered damage by reason of defendants' tortious and wrongful acts

(Mr Just. Astbury, Apr 30, 1920).

torticollis [med] Crick in neck ModL, from *collum*, neck (v.s.) Cf. earlier F *torticolis*

tortilla [Mex] Cake Dim of Sp *torta* See *taft*²

tortoise Earlier (14-15 cents.) *tortit*, *tortuce*, *tortose*, etc; cf F. *tortue*, Sp *tortuga*, representing Late L *tortuca*, ² twisted (see *tort*), ² from crooked feet of SEurop. variety The sibilant ending of *tortoise* may be due to *tortu*'s-shell But the naming of the animal from so inconspicuous a feature as the feet seems unnatural, and some of the SEurop forms in *tar-* (e.g. It *tartaruga*, Sicilian *tartuca*) suggest -a- as orig vowel, with a later assum to L *tortus*

tortuous F *tortrueux*, L *toruosus*, from *torquēre*, *tort-*, to twist

torture F, L. *tortura* (v.s.). For sense-development cf *torment*

torula [biol] ModL dim from *torus* (v.1)

torus [arch & biol] L, lit bed, hence cushion, bulge, etc

torve [archaic] OF, L *torvus*, "cruell and sturdy in lookes, grimme, sterne, terrible, fell" (Coop)

Tory. "One who adheres to the ancient constitution of the state and the apostolical hierarchy of the Church of England" (Johns) Ir *tóraidhe*, *tóraighe*, pursuer (in compds only), from *tóu*, pursuit Orig applied (c 1650) to dispossessed Irishmen who became freebooters, rapparees Hence, by Parliamentarians, to rebel Irish, papist soldiers of Charles I Pol nickname (cf *Whig*) dates from 1679-80, when the "Exclusioners" used it of the supporters of the Duke of York, afterwards James II Definitely established as name of one of the two great parties at the Revolution (1689).

See also *Conservative*

tosh [school slang] NED quotes from 1892 Perh from same word used at some schools (1879 in author's recollection) for penis A parallel will occur to those familiar with schoolboy lang

toss From c 1500 ² Cf Norw. dial *tossa*, to spread, strew Earliest in ref to the sea (Tynd *Matt* xiv 24, where Wyc' has *throwen*) In current senses the upwârd motion is emphasized as compared with *throw*, *cast*, *fling*.

tot¹ Small child Earliest (1725) in Sc ² Cf ON *toltr*, as nickname for dwarf, whence Dan *tommel-tot*, Tom Thumb ² Hence also sense of very small glass (cf *tallboy*)

tot². To reckon up From earlier noun *tot*, short for *total* Perh partly due to obs *tot*, to mark an item as paid in sheriff's accounts, which is L *tot*, so much

He [Admiral Sevmour] had the names of all the Lordes, and totted them whome he thought he might have to his purpose

(*Privy Council Ads*, 1548-9)

total F, Scholastic L *totalis*, from *totus*, all *Totalizator*, machine for registering bets (*pari mutuel*), is after F *totalisateur*

tote [US.] To carry, transport. From 17 cent (Virginia) Cotg has *tauter*, "to lay a roller &c under a heavy thing, the better to remove it," and the existence

toward The -s of *towards* is the adverb genitive as in *against*, *thence*, etc

The exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe (*Lph* 1:19)

towel Archaic F *touaille*, of Teut origin, cf Du *dweil*, ON *thvegill*, OHG *dwahila*, from *dwahan*, to wash, cogn with AS *thwēan*, to wash, *thwēal*, washing. So also It *tovaglia*, Sp *toalla*, from Teut. In OF & ME also as part of attire (v 1)

De touailles sont entortellies lour [the Bedouins'] testes, qui lour vont par desous le menton (Joinville)

Hir [Hate's] heed y-writen was, y-wis,
Full grymly with a greet towayle

(*Rom of Rose*, 160)

tower F *tour*, L *turre*, G *túrros*, cf It Sp *torre*, also Ger *turm*, possibly an early loan from OF. AS had also *torr*, from L (see *tor*). Hence verb to *tower*, *towering* (ambition, etc.), orig of hawk (v 1) and see *pitch*², *pride*. *Towering passion* was revived by Scott from Shaks (*Hamlet* v 2)

Like a falcon trowing at full pitch ore the trembling fowle (Glapthorne, *Hollander*, iv 1, 1640)

town AS *tūn*, enclosure, court, later, home-
stead (cf F *ville*, town, L *villa*, country-
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Dinas. For the fence as characteristic of
early Teut settlements, Kluge quotes "Sēo
[Bamborough] wæs ærost mid hegge be-
týned and thærafter mid wealle" (*AS
Chron* 547). Sense of homestead survives
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bilities of sense-development that a word
which once meant a yard should now be
spec. used of the vastest of all cities. At
Oxf and Camb contrasted with *gown* (with
townec cf *baigec*). The latest compd of *town*
is *town-planning* (1906)

toxic MedL *toxicus*, from G *τοξικόν*, arrow
poison, from *τόξον*, bow (v 1)

toxophilite Devotee of archery. From
Ascham's *Toxophilus* (1545), lover of the
bow (v 5), coined on *Theophilus*

toy App Du *tug*, earlier *tuygh*, "arma-
mentum instrumenta, armamenta, impedi-
menta, ornamenta" (Kil), cogn with Ger
zeug, stuff, implements, frippery, etc., AS
sulh-gelög, agricultural implements, late

ON *týgi*, tool, equipment, cf Du *speeltung*,
Ger *spielzeug*, toy, plaything. Common
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My own conjecture is that two separate
words have got mixed up

nugae fables, trifles, toys (Coop)

I look upon Birmingham as the great toy-shop of
Europe (Burke, 1777)

trabeated [*arch*] Irreg (for **trabale*) from L
trabs, beam

trace¹ Track, vestige, etc. F, from *traces*,
VL **trachare*, from *trachus*, a drawing
along, from *trahere*, *tract-*, to draw, cf. It
tracciare, "to trace, to track, to follow by
the footing" (Flor), Sp *trazar*. Senses
have been influenced by (prob unrelated)
track (q v). *Tracey* (*arch*) was intro-
duced by Wren, who describes it as a
masons' term

trace² Of horse. ME *trays*, OF *trais*, pl of
trait, "a team-trace, or trait" (Cotg.), L
tractus (v s). For adoption of pl cf *bodice*,
huice, etc

Ful hye upon a chaar of gold stood he,
With foure white boles in the trays

(Chaucer A, 2138)

tracheo- [*anat*] From Late L *trachia*, G
τραχέα (se *ἀπρηπία*), fem of *τραχός*, rough
trachyte [*geol*] Gritty volcanic rock. F,
from G *τραχός*, rough

track F *trac*, "a track, tract, or trace"
(Cotg.), ? of Teut origin and cogn with
Du *trekken*, to draw, pull, which supposes
ground-sense to have been mark made by
what is dragged along, ? or from a hunting-
cry **trac* (cf Sp Port *troque*, sharp report,
Port *traquejar*, to pursue). For sense-de-
velopment of *trace*, *trail*, with which it is
mentally associated. Railway *track*, to
make tracks, are US, also to die (fall) in one's
tracks, i.e. on the spot where one is wounded.
The beaten track is after F *chemin battu*

tract¹ Space. L *tractus*, "a drawing in
length, a space, a country, a region, a
coast" (Coop), from *trahere*, to draw

tram Of LG origin, cf archaic Ger *tram*, LG *traam*, balk, handle of barrow, etc., Fris *trane*, beam, rung of ladder. From c. 1500 in sense of shaft of barrow, also wooden frame for carrying or dragging. Sense of vehicle, first in mining, is app evolved from *tram-road* in which the *trams* were heavy wooden rails on which the coal-trams were run. Cf Ger *puccelweg*, road made on swampy ground with transverse logs, "corduroy" road, lit cudgel-way. *Tram-car* is for earlier *tramway car*. The persistence of the *Outram* (†1805) myth is due to its inclusion in Smiles' *Life of George Stephenson* (cf *beef-cater*).

To the amending of the highway or tram, from the west end of Bridgegate, in Barnard Castle, 205 (W.D., 1555).

tram a rafter or joist (Ludw.)

trammel First (14 cent) in sense of large fishing-net, trammel-net, cf F, *trenail*. It *travaglio*, Sp *trasmallo*, all explained as three-mesh from L *macula*, mesh. If this is right, I regard *trammel*, clog, hindrance, as a separate word and belonging to *tram* (q.v.), the most elementary form of clog being a stout staff (v.1).

tramaclus briculus collo canis appensus, ne per ea loca currat, quibus nocere posset nos *trama*l vocamus non solum rete, sed etiam quodvis pedicæ genus (Duc.)

cf the stock of a tree, or plant; also, a log, or clog of wood, such a one as is hung about the neck of a ranging curie (Cotg.)

trâmel, a lever, bar, pole, stick, club (Ludw.)

tramontane It *tramoniana*, "the north, the northern wind" (Flor), *tramontant*, "those folk who dwell beyond the mountains" (ib), from L *transmontanus*, from *trans*, across, *mons*, *mont-*, mountain. Cf *ultramontane*.

tramp App nasalized form of a Teut. verb, to tread, which appears in Ger *trepppe*, stairs, the modification being perh imit., cf relationship of *stamp*, *step*. So also Ger *trampen*, Norw., Sw *trampa*, Dan *trampe*, Goth *anatrumpjan* (Luke, v.1). With *tramp* (17 cent), for one "on the tramp," and later naut sense (c. 1880), cf *scamp*. *Tramp*, *trample* occur as vars in Wyc (Prov vi.13).

trance F *transe*, deadly anxiety, orig passage from life to death, from *transir*, to perish, lit to go across (now only to chill), L *transire*, with which cf poet. F. *trépasser*, to die. Chaucer has it both in F. & E. sense.

tranquil F *tranquille*, L *tranquillus*, from *trans* and an element cogn with *quies*.

trans- L *trans*, across, often *tra-* in compds.; orig pres part of a lost verb which appears in *intrare*, *penetrare*. In many geog and hist compds, e.g. *transalpine*, *transpadane* (L. *Padus*, Po), *transrhene* (L. *Rhenus*, Rhine), etc. Cf *cis-*.

The object of a translator of poetry is transvaluation (Pym's Lit Sup Nov 20, 1919).

transact From L *transigere*, *transact*, to achieve, come to agreement, etc., from *agere*, to do, drive. Cf F *transaction*, compromise, agreement by mutual concession, the earliest sense in E. See *intra* *signet*.

transcend L *transcendere*, to climb beyond, from *scandere*. Mod sense of *transcendent-al*, beyond experience, is due to Kant, and owes its E vogue to Emerson.

transcribe L *transscribere*, to copy, from *scribere*, to write. Much older (13 cent) is *transcri* (from OF), now restored to *transcript*.

transect To cut across, from L *secare*, *sect-*, to cut.

transept First (16 cent) as AL *transeptum*, common in Leland, who perh coined it from L *septim*, *sacptum*, heage, etc., from *sacpire*, to enclose. Or a pedantic perversion of *transect* (cf. *sept*).

transfer F *transférer* or L *transferre*, from *ferre*, to bear.

transfigure L *transfigurare* from *figura*, form, cf *transform*, *metamorphosis*. Orig and chiefly Bibl.

transfix OF *transfixer*, from L *figere*, *fix-* to fix.

transform F *transformer*, L *transform* from *forma*, shape. Cf *metamorphosis* *transfuse*. See *fusi*.

Transfusion of the blood is a late anatomical invention experimented by the Royal Socy.

transgress F *transgresser*, from *gredi*, *-gress-*, from *gradior*, I *pass*.

transient From pres part. *transiens*, from *ire*, to go.

transit L *transitus*, from *transire*, to pass. Older is *transito* (Char.). L *transitus*, passing.

translate Archaic F. *translat*, to bear across (cf Ger *übersetzen*). From 13 cent also in lit sense, e.g. *translation of Elijah*, as still spec of transfer of bishop.

bajaz This is usu derived from Late L *trepalium* (6 cent), an instrument of torture, conjectured to have been an ingenious arrangement of three stakes (L *palus*) An alternative, and better, etym is from VL **trabaculum*, dim of *trabs*, beam, whence F *travail*, "the frame wherinto farmers put unrulie horses, when they shoore or dresse them" (Cotg) Cf obs E *trave*, *travail*, similarly used This makes an equally good starting-point for the series of senses That of (orig toilsome) journeying, which appears early in AF and is peculiar to E, is now (since 17 cent) differentiated by the spelling *travel*

And she sproong, as a colt doth in the trave
(Chauc A 3282)

Having travailed about 2 leagues, about noone wee returned to the point (Hakl vi 176)

Some cut hoops, others laboured upon the sailes and ship, every man travelling for his life (ib 413)

travel See *travail*

traverse F *haverser*, VL *transversare*, for *transversare*, from *vertere*, *vers-*, to turn For leg sense, to oppose, deny, frustrate, cf sense-development of *thwart*¹

travertin-e Limestone F *travertin*, It *travertino*, earlier *trverthino*, "a kind of stone to build withall" (Flor), L *Tiburthinus*, of *Tibur*, Tivoli

travesty First as adj, pp of F *travestir*, It *travestire*, to disguise, from L *trans* and *vestire*, to clothe

trawl Prob var of *trail* (q v) This suits the sense, and the vowel has a parallel in *brawl*¹ (q v) *Trail*, *trailnet* are found for *trawl*, and *trawl* is recorded for *trail* of a gun (v 1) earlier than first NED record (1768) of *trail* in that sense

The train of artillery within the Tower, consisting of fifty pieces of brass ordnance, mounted on trauling carriages

(Chamberlayne, *Present State of England*, 1692)

tray¹ Utensil ME *trei*, AS *trīg*, ult cogn with *tree*, as being of wood

tray², trey Three at cards, also (ven) third branch of stag's horn OF *trei*, back-formation from *treis* (*trois*), L *tres*, three. For first sense cf *deuce*

treachery F *tricherie*, OF also *hecherie*, from *tricher*, to cheat, for which see *trick*¹ Spelling and sense partly due to association with *treason*

treacle OF *triacle*, antidote against venom, L *theriaca*, "triakle" (Coop), from G *θηριακός*, from *θηρίον*, dim of *θήρ*, wild

beast, cf It *triaca*, "a remedie against poyson, called treacle" (Flor), Sp. *triaca*, also Arab *tryāh* (7 cent) Later used of many pharmaceutical compounds, and, in E only, of unrefined molasses For sense-development cf *syrup* John Clerk, treacler and tuthdragher, 16 druggist and dentist, was a freeman of York in 1422

Payd for 1j boxes of conserves, tryacle, and souger candy, &c (Stonor Let 1424)

There is no more triacle [Wyc gumme, resyn, Vulg resina] at Galaad (Coverd Jer viii 22)

tread AS *trēdan* Com Teut, cf Du *treden*, Ger *treden*, ON *trotha*, Goth *trudan* Hence *treadle*, with agent suffix as in *ladle*, *shovel*, *treadmill*, invented (1822) by William Cubitt of Ipswich

treason OF *haison* (*trahison*), L *traditio-n-*, from *tradere*, to hand over, from *trans* and *dare*, to give Hist definition dates from Statute of Treasons (1350-51)

treasure F *trésor*, L, G *θησαυρός*, ? from *τίθέναι*, to put, lay up Replaced AS *goldhord* (Matt vi 21) For intrusive -r-, due to assim, cf *partridge* This does not appear in It Sp *tesoro* *Treasure* *trove*, OF *trouv* (*trouv*), with ending lost as in *costive*, *defile*², *signal*², etc, corresponds to MedL *thesaurus inventus* (12 cent) See *trouver*

treat F *traiter*, L. *tractare*, "to handle, to touch, to intreat, to use or exercise, to order or governe" (Coop), frequent of *trahere*, to draw, drag All senses develop naturally from that of handling That of dealing kindly with, entertaining (15 cent), appears in mod *school treat*, etc *Treatise* is OF *traitis* With *teaty*, F *traité*, cf *tractate* It was orig synon with *treatise*, current sense springing from that of discussion, negotiation, as still in to *be in treaty* for

At after soper fille they in trette
What somme sholde this maistres gerdown be
(Chauc F 1219)

treble OF, L *tripulus*, for *triplex*, three-fold, cf *double* Mus sense app from the soprano being the third part added in early contrapuntal music to the melody (sec *tenor*)

trebuchet [hist] Missile war-engine F *trébuche*, trap, balanc, in OF. war-engine, from *trébucher*, to stumble, from L *trans* and OHG. *buc*, trunk of body (cf Ger *bauch*, belly) Also used for cucking-stool

trecento [arf] It for *mil trecento* 14 cent
 Cf *cinquecento*
tree AS *trēow* Aryan thou h not found in
 Du & Ger (*boom ba:n*) cf OSax *trio*
 ON *trē* Goth *triu* G *ēp* s oak Pol *drna*
 wood Welsh *derwen* oak Sanskrit *dru*
 tree wood Formerly used of wood (wh nee
 obs adj *treem*) as still in naut *tree* () naut
cross tree etc and in *boat tree* roof *tree*
saddle tree swungl tre etc also (already
 in AS) for the Cross Rood *Up a tree* in
 US of the hunted animal With *tree calf*
 (book binding) from tree ble markings of
tree-a etc
tréfa *trifa* [Jen.] Meat whi h is not *kosher*
 (q v) Heb *tréphah* from *tsarf* to tear
 (Lev xvi 14)
trefoil AF *trifol* L *trifolium* from *tri*
 (q v) and *folium* leaf
trek [SAfr] Du *trekken* to draw drag
 hence journey by ox waggon
trellis F *treillis* a trellis a lattice before
 a doore hole or window a grate set thick
 with crasse barres of wood (Cotg) OF
treis VL *trichius* for *trichis* trich
 tissue made of three threads of divers
 colours (Coop) rendering G *επιτρις*
 (see *dimity samite*) Later form and sense
 affected by association with F *treill* lat
 tice railing trellised vine L *trichila*
 bower summer house
tremble F *trembler* VL *tremulare* from
tremulus from *tremere* to quake tremble
tremendous From L *tremendus* to be feared
 from *tremere* (v s) For application to size
 cf *enormous mon trous*
tremolo [mus] It L *tremulus* from *tremere*
 (v s)
tremor OF *tremor* (archaic F *trés* us) L
tremor-em (v s) Cf *tremulous* from L
tremulus
trenail [naut] See *tree*
trench First (14 cent) as noun OF *tranche*
 (*branche* slice) from *trancher* (*brancher*) to
 cut app VL *trunca* e for *trunca* e from
truncus trunk The alteration of the vowel
 may be due to L *trinu* three at a time
 ? thus t₁ cut in threes Current senses
 of noun correspond rather to those of F
tranchée orig p p fem To *trench upon* (cf
 to *cut into*) may be of mil orig or refer to
 altering of boundary trenches Hence also
trenchant *trench* v F *trancheoir* (OF *trien*
choir) wooden platter on which food was
 cut (cf Ger *teiler* plate F *tailleur* from
 miller to cut) V h *trencher* colleg-cap

cf *monta board* *Trencher man* one w₁)
 plays a good knife and fork is iron
 after *houman spears an* etc

Hes ery alla t trencher-m n, h bath v
 excell t st m ch (Much 4d 1 1)

trend AS *tendan* to roll revolve com
 with *trundle* and s ith Dan *dmf* ext about
 Sw dial *trind* round In current use it
 is a naut metaphor of urring passim in
 Haki and Iurch of the gen run or direc
 tion of the coast Cf also dial *triddle*
trundle used of many round objects and
 implements

trental [eccl] Series of thirty masses (hu ch
 L *trentale* from VL *trenta* thirty fr
triginta)

Trentine [hist] Of Council of Trent (16 cent)
 L *Tridentum* city in the Trentino (Tyrol)
 Cf *Vicene*

trepan [surg] F *trépa* MedL *trepan* m
 G *trépan* from *per* to bore

trepan To kidnap First (17 cent) as noun
 (*trapan*) a decoy swindler A cant word
 app connected with *trap* Its contem
 porary synonym was *conscab*

A with g ham pl is and *trapan* upon the govern
 ment and its friends (North s E man)

trepan Sea slug *bêche-de-m r* Mal *tri*
pan

trephine Improved *trépan* for the
 cranium (1818) after *trépan* by its in
 ventor Woodall, *trépan* for the
 three ends thereof Borrowed by f
 whence current spelling

trepidation L *trépido* from *trépido*
 to hurry be agitated Cf *trépi*

trespass OF *trespas* (*trépasser* to pas
 away die) MedL *transpass* to pass
 across For sense of elopement cf *tran*
 gre s Leg ens peculiar to F reverts tr
 etym sense but orig is ed as a spec u
 n gen ven e of silence

trese L *trese* from *tréser* (OF *tréser*) to
 weave plant cf It *trésera* Th *tréma*
 point to a VL *tréma* or *tréma* (cf
 obscure orig) Or rather from *tréma*
 three fol

trésle OF *trésle* (*tréseau*) VL *tréma* and *tréma*
 dm of *tréma* in cross beam from *tréma*
 across

tret Only in archaic *tréma* s d t t Orig
 all wance of 4 v in 104 lb on go s t t d
 by weight Af F *tréma* pull (the scale)
 from OF *tréma* e to pull L *tréma* The
 allowance compensated for the nater of

"turns of the scale" which would result from weighing the goods in smaller quantities. *Trait* is still so used in F. (v. 1), and *draft*, *draught*, had a similar sense in ME.

Un poids en equilibrium ne trebuché point, si on n'y ajoute quelque chose pour le trait. Les petits poids ne reviennent pas aux grands à cause du trait (Turettin, 1727)

On appelle trait ce qui emporte l'équilibre d'une balance et la fait trébucher. Pour certaines marchandises où l'on pèse très juste, le vendeur accorde par facture une réduction de tant pour cent ou par pesée qu'on appelle trait (Glausser and Poole, *French Commercial Correspondence*, 1902)

trews Ir *truis*, Gael *trubhas*, from obs L *trouse*, trousers (q v)

treys Sec *trav*

tri- L, from *tres*, three, or G *τρι-*, from *τρίς*, three, *τρίς*, thrice

triad L, G *τριάς*, *τριάδ-*, group of three

trial AF, from *triv* (q v)

trialogue MedL *trialogus*, mistakenly coined on *dialogus* (see *dialogue*)

triangle F, L *triangulum*, from *angulus*, corner. In mil lang (hist) of three halberds to which soldier was tied when flogged

triarchy G *τριαρχία*, triumvirate Cf *monarchy*, etc

triassic [geol] Through Ger., from G *τριάς*, triad, because divisible into three groups

tribe L *tribus*, ? from *tri-* and root of verb to be as in L *fu-* and in G *φύλις*, tribe. Orig applied to the three divisions of the early Romans Cf F *tribu*, It *tribù*, Sp *tribu*, all learned words

tribrach [metr] L, G *τρίβραχος*, three short Cf *amphibrach*

tribulation Church L *tribulatio-n-*, from *tribulare*, to oppress, from *tribulum*, threshing-machine, cogn with *terere*, *tri-*, to rub, pound

tribune L *tribunus*, "a protectour of the commons" (Coop), from *tribus*, tribe. Hence L *tribunale*, judgment seat, of which latest (war) sense is naturally not in *NED*. This was replaced in MedL by *tribuna*, whence F & E *tribune*, platform, rostrum, etc

tribute L *tributum*, from *tribuere*, to give, assign, etc, app from *tribus*, tribe, though the nature of the connection is not clear. Hence *tributary*

trice To pull, now only naut Du *trysen*, to hoist, cf Dan *trisse*, naut Ger *trissen*, both from Du or LG, also F *drisse*,

halyard, of Tent. origin. Hence in a *trice*, earlier at (with) a *trice*, at one pull.

Sometime thy bedfellowe is colder than is yae,
To him then he draweth thy clothes with a *trice* (*NED*, 1515).

triceps Muscle. Cf *biceps*

trichi Short for *Trichinopoli* (cheroot), *Madras*

trichinosis. From ModL *trichina*, intestinal worm, from G *τρίχινος*, hairy, from *θρίξ*, *τριχ-*, hair

tricho- From G *θρίξ*, hair (v s)

trichotomy Tripartite division. Coined on *dichotomy*, from G *τρίχα*, triply,

trick First (c 1400) as noun ONF *trique*, from *triquier* (*tricher*), to cheat, of doubtful origin; ? VL **triciare*, for *tricare*, "to trifle, to dally, to jest and toy with trifling words" (Coop). Verb in E is from noun. The word has developed many senses not known in F, and it is doubtful whether they all belong here, e.g. archaic *trick*, to adorn, deck out, suggests OF *estricquer*, "pranked, decked," neat, fine, spruce, *trick* up" (Cotg.), p p of OF *estriquer*, to array, put in order, orig to level corn with a "strike." To *trick*, sketch, a coat of arms, may be Du *trekken*, to draw (for change of vowel cf *trigger*); and naut *trick at the wheel* (ear) is prob also Du *trek*, pull, spell, etc. In fact Du *trek*, *trekken* have so many senses in common with *trick* that the possibility of Du or LG. origin must be allowed for F *tricher* (OF also *trechier*)

Nay soft, I prav ye, I know a trick worth two of that (1 Hen IV, ii 1)

trickle Orig (14 cent) of tears ? For *strickle*, frequent of *strike* (q v), which in AS & ME has also the sense of flow. The loss of *s-* would be due to the word being regularly preceded by *tear-s*

And when this abbot hadde this wonder seyn,
His salte teeris trickled [ars trekelede, striked, striked] down as reyn (Chauc B 1863)

trichium [antiq] Couch round three sides of table. L, G *τρίκλιον*, dim of *τρίκλιος*, from *κλίη*, couch (cf *clime*)

tricolour F *tricolore* (sc *drapeau*), adopted at Revolution, Late L *tricolor*, from *color*, colour. The arrangement of the colours (blue, white, red) dates from 1794

tricornie Three-cornered hat. F, L *tricornis*, from *cornu*, horn

tricot F, from *tricotier*, to knit, ? ult from Ger *stricken*, to knit

Triones [*astion*] L, plough-oxen
trip OF *triper*, *heper*, to dance, skip, of Teut origin, ult cogn with AS *heppan*, to tread (see *tramp*, *trap*¹) Spec sense of causing to fall is E only, and suggests rather a thinned form of *hap*¹ (cf *bulk*) Sense of journey was orig naut (cf to *trip the anchor*), as still in *trial trip*

tripe F, entrails (13 cent), cf It *trippa*, Sp *tripa*, of obscure origin, ? Arab *theib*, entrails At one time also applied to a coarse velvet with a surface like that of dressed tripe (cf *frill*)

triphthong Coined from *tri-* after *diphthong*
triple F, L *triphus* See *treble* Hence *triple*, *triplicate*

tripod L *tripus*, *tripod-*, G *τρίπους*, from *πούς*, *ποδ-*, foot Cf *trivet*

tripos L *tripus* (v s) altered on G words in -os At Camb orig a B A who, seated on a tripod, conducted a satirical dispute (cf *urangler*) with candidates for degrees; corresponding to the Oxf *terrac filius* The (math) *Tripes* list was orig printed on the back of a set of humorous verses composed by the *Tripes*

Mr Nicholas, of Queens' College, who I knew in my time to be *Tripes* (Pepys, Feb 26, 1660)

The Senior Proctor calleth up the *Tripes*, and exhorteth him to be witty, but modest withall (NED 1665)

triptych From *tri-*, after *diptych*

triquetrous [*biol*] From L *triquetrus*, three-cornered

trireme [*hist*] Galley with three banks of oars F *trirème*, L *triremis*, from *tri-* and *remus*, oar

trisagion [*eccl*] G (τὸ) *τρισάγιον*, the Eucharistic hymn, neut of *τρισάγιος*, from *τρίς*, thrice, *ἅγιος*, holy

triset Coined from *tri-*, after *biset*

Trismegistus Epithet of Hermes (q v)

tritonist G *τριταγωνιστής*, actor playing third part Cf *protagonist*

trite L *tritius*, p p of *terere*, to rub For sense-development cf *terse*

tritoma Plant From G *τρίτομος*, thrice-cut Cf *alom*

Triton L, G *Τρίτων*, sea-deity, son of Poseidon

triturate From Late L *triturare*, from *tritura*, from *terere*, *trit-*, to rub, pulverize

triumph F *triomphe*, L *triumphus*, cogn with G *θρίαμβος*, hymn to Bacchus Orig L sense of processional entry of victorious

general survives in *triumphal arch* (*progress*)

triumvir [*hist*]. L, usu in pl *triumviri*, back-formation from *trium virorum*, genitive of *tres viri*, three men Esp Pompey, Caesar, Crassus (60 B C), Caesar, Antony, Lepidus (43 B C)

triune From *tri-* and L *unus*, one

trivet AS *trefet*, L *tripes*, *triped-*, tripod, from *pes*, foot Hence as *right as a trivet*, ? because a three-legged article will stand firm on any surface

trivial L *trivialis*, "common, used or taught in high ways, of no estimation" (Coop), from *trivium*, cross-roads, "also where common recourse of people is" (Coop), from *tri-* and *via*, way Influenced also by MedL *trivium*, three (grammar, logic, rhetoric) of the seven liberal arts

-trix L, fem of -tor

trochaic [*metr*] L, G *τροχαῖος*, from *τρέχειν*, to run Cf *trochee*, F *trochée*, L, G *τροχαῖος*

troche [*pharm*] Shortened from *trochisk*, F *trochisque*, L, G *τροχίσκος*, small wheel, globule, lozenge, dim of *τροχός*, wheel, from *τρέχειν*, to run

trocho- From G *τροχός*, wheel (v s)

troglydite Prehistoric cave-dweller L, G *τρογλοδύτης*, from *τρώγλη*, hole, *δύειν*, to get into

troika Vehicle Russ *troika*, from *troje*, set of three, *tri*, because drawn by three horses

Trojan L *Trojanus*, from *Troja*, Troy

Gif we wil mene that they beeth stronge we clepeth hem Trojans (Trev ii 255)

troll¹ Verb, with gen suggestion of rotary motion, e g with ref to gait, the bowl, a catch in singing, etc In ME (*Piers Plowm*) to saunter ? OF *troller* (*trôler*), "hounds to trowle, raunge, or hunt out of order" (Cotg), Ger *trollen*, to run with short steps, ? like a *troll*² In angling sense perh another word, *trowell*, "rotula" (*Manus Voc*), OF *troul*, *trouil* (*trouil*), reel, winch, ? ult from G *τροχός*, hoop, from *τρέχειν*, to run, cf Welsh *hoell*, "wheel, reel, pulley, windlass" (Spurrell), *hoell*, "to twist, wind" (*ib*), ? from E It may be noted that the senses of *troll* are very similar to those of *hurdle* (q v), and may all have started, like that word, from the name of a circular object, small wheel

troll². Goblin ON *troll*, supernatural giant (also *trolldömr*, witchcraft), whence Sw. *holl*, Norw Dan *troll*, now dwarfish imp

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Mr Nicholas, of Queens' College, who I knew in my time to be Tripas (Pepys, Feb 26, 1660)

The Senior Proctor calleth up the Tripas, and exhorteth him to be witty, but modest withall (NED 1665)

triptych From *tri-*, after *diptych*

triquetrous [*biol*] From L *triquetrus*, three-cornered

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Trismegistus Epithet of Hermes (q.v)

tritagonist G *τριγωνιστής*, actor playing third part Cf *protagonist*

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Triton L, G *Τρίτων*, sea-deity, son of Poseidon

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-trix L, fem of -*tor*

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trocho- From G *τροχός*, wheel (v s)

troglydite Prehistoric cave-dweller L, G *τρωγλοδύτης*, from *τρώγλη*, hole, *δύειν*, to get into

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tub First in Chauc Of Du, or LG origin,
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tobel, bowl-shaped valley With *tub-*
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picts the same

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a tree, and therein he preached divers Sondayes
(Wrothesley, *Chron* 1538)

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The tube-journey can never lend much to picture
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of the tubercle-bacillus (1882)

tuberoze Plant with tuberous root L
tuberosa, fem of *tuberosus*, tuberous (v s),
but often misunderstood as *tube-rose*

tuck¹ To gather in folds, earlier, to tug,
snatch, and spec to dress cloth by stretch-
ing it on the tenter-hooks (hence name
Tucker) App ident with AS *tūcian*, to
ill-treat (for shortened vowel cf *suck*),
cogn with Ger *zucken*, to tug, snatch,
intens of *ziehen*, to pull, and ult with *tug*,
tie, etc Hence *tucker*, frill, as in *best bib*
and *tucker* (1737) From sense of gathering
up and putting away, "tucking in," comes
tuck-shop and Austral *tucker*, provender

tuck² [archaic] In *tuck of drum* F *toquer*,
north form of *toucher*, to touch (q v), cf
toesin Hence archaic *tucket*, flourish of
trumpets

tuck³ [hist] Straight sword F *estoc*, "a
rapier, or tucke" (Cotg), whence It. *stocco*,
"a tuck, a short sword" (Flor), from LG
stocken, to stick, pierce, cogn with Ger
stock, stick The E word is from F dial
var *étoc*

tucker See *tuck¹*.

tucket See *tuck²*

tucutueu. Burrowing rodent (Patagonia)
Native, from grunt

Tuesday. AS *Twesdæg*, day of *Tīw*, cor-
responding to ON *Týr* (whence *týsdag*),
cogn with OHG *Zio* (whence Ger dial.
zisdag), and with L *deus*, G *Zeús*, A-
OIr *día*, Sanskrit *dyaus*, *div*, heaven This
ancient Teut divinity was taken as cor-
responding to Mars, hence *Tuesday* for L
Martis dies (whence F. *marti*) Du *dins-*
dag, Ger *dienstag* belong to *Thunrus*, Late
L epithet of the same god, *Mars Thunrus*,
from Lombard *thing*, public assembly, etc
(see *thing*)

tufa [geol] It *tufo*, *tufa*, from L *tofus*
Earlier (16 cent) is synon *tuff*, via F *tuf*,
"a kind of white sand, or soft and brittle
stone" (Cotg)

tuft F *touffe*, with exerscent -t (cf *graff*),
prob of Teut origin, cogn with *top*¹ (see
loupet), and ult with Ger *zopf*, "a tuft or
tuffet" (Ludw) Also, ornamental tassel
formerly worn at the univs. by tiled stu-
dents, whence *tuft-hunter* (18 cent), toady
to the aristocracy See also *toff*

tug ME *loggen*, intens formation from AS
lōon, corresponding to Ger *ziehen* (*zog*,
gezogen), to pull See *tie*, *low*¹, *tuck*¹ Athletic
tug of war (1876) is a curious example of
the way in which the phrase of a minor
writer will sometimes become a permanent
addition to the lang (see *Greek*, and cf
diddle, *Grundy*)

tuisim Coined (? by Coleridge) from L *tu*,
thou, after *egoism*

tuition AF *tuyction*, OF *tucion*, L *tutio-n*,
from *tuere*, to look after For sense-de-
velopment of *tutor*

Humbly desiring pardon of your honour for my
tediousness, I leave your lordship to the tuition
of the Almighty (Hakl xi 378)

tulip From 16 cent Cf F *tulipe* (earlier
tulipan), It *tulipano*, Sp *tulipán*, Ger
tulpe, Du *tulp*, etc, all from *tul(i)band*,
vulg Turk. pronunc. of Pers *dulband*,
turban, which the shape of the flower sug-
gested Addison has *tulipomania*, the sub-
ject of Dumas' *Tulipe noire* *Tulip* wood is
from the *tulip-tree*, a NAm magnolia,
with tulip-shaped flowers

tulipan the delicate flower called a tulipa, tulpic,
or Dalmatian cyp (Cotg)

tulle From *Tulle* (Corrèze) Cf *jean*, *cam-*
bric, etc

tulwar Hind *talaar* sabre

tumble Frequent from AS *tumbian* to dance etc early sense surviving in *tumbler* acrobat Cf Du *tumelen* Ger *tummeln* to bustle *tawneln* to reel Sw *tum'a* Dan *tumse* to tumble roll F *tomber* of LG orig n has kept to one spec sense and influenced the F word The wide extension of the word (eg Pm *tumbé* somersault Calabrian *tum a c* to go head over heels) points to an orig imit *tum(b)* of the *slap bump* type Th glass called a *tumbler* was orig round bottomed so that it could not be put down till empty Slang to *tumble* to is I believe for *understumble* a slang pervers on of *understand* which I remember in use nearly fifty years ago This is further complicated in rising slang into *do you Oliver* (see *Cromwell*)?

Y u und 'rjumble to well s you h ve a good wit (*Macgomas* 14 c 350)

tumbrel OF *toumbrel* (*ton bureau*) a tip-cart esp for dung from *tombrel* to fall Esp of the carts in which victims were taken to the guillotine during the Reign of Terror Hist F sense of instrument for punishment app cucking stool as found in early 13 cent but is unknown in F

tumid L *tumidus* from *tu vere* to swell Cf *tumour* F *tumeur* L *tumor* c; *tumefaction* from L *tumefacere* to make to swell See *flumb*

tummy Infantile for *stomach* See s
tump Mound A dial ord (Widl) in use at the Front Welsh *tump* ? cogn with L *tumulus* ? cf Si than *ti ipa* hill a pre Roman word

t mp f g ow d *tumulus* (Lht)

turnult k *tumulte* L *tumultus* from *tumere* to swell

tumulus L a hillock a knap a tump (Litt) from *tumere* (v s)

tun Var of *ton* (q v) AS *tunne* cf Du *ton* Ger *tonne* (OHC *tunna*) ON *tunna* also from Teut F *tonne* MedL *tunna* Gael Ir *tunna* Prob a seafaring word of LG origin adopted early by other Europ langs Orig large cask apphation to weight (*ton*) appearing in late 14th

tund [Winchester school slon] L *tundere* to beat

tundra [geog] Treeless steppe of NTuss Lapp orig compd *tun tur* marsh plain [W] cam t pi yn call d Corr ap T dra (Purch. d 18)

tune Phonetic var (14 cent) of *tone* (q v) with later differentiation of sense

To h knocked on th h ad at th t e of 35 64 a week (D toe *Colonel J ck*)

tungsten [ch m] Sw heavy stone

tunic F *tuniqu* L *tunica* used of various garments Of semit origin and ult ident with G *xtor*

tunnel OF *tonel* (*tonnea*) dim of *tonne* *ton* (q v) with ground sense of cylindrical shape Earliest E sense tunnel net for partridges is F *tem tennell* Chi f current sense has been developed in E and borrowed with other railway words by F

Le rail y t t nel l ballast l tender
Exp ess trucks et goes un bouch française
Serbi boyer do tr o mcher del braise
(J P G V en et 1855)

tunny From F *thon* a tunnie fish (Latg) Prov *ton* or It *tonno* L G *thnos*

tup [di t] Ram (Johns) ? Transferred u o of *hora* Sw *tupf* cock comb with *tup* in sense of crest The word must be much older than dict records (14 cent) as *Tupper* *Tupman* are well-established surnames and John *Tupf* cartmex was a freeman of York in 1377

tupelo Tree N Amer Ind

Tupi [Ing] One of the two chief native langs of Brazil Cf *Gua ani*

Tupperism In style of *Marl n Tupper* author of *Prose dial Philosophy* (1838 42)

tu quoque L *thou* also you re another

Turanian (lin 1 Group of Aiat langs (Ural Altaic) whi h are neither *Arvan n r* S mistic From Pers *Turan* realm beyond the Oxu contrasted with *I n P r a* The chief Turanian literature is in Finnish and Magyar Pol and ethn appld esp to the T rks (v 1)

Th pan Turan a amarilla incorrigibl (Ob Feb 19 0)

turban Iers *duband* In most Europ langs the r for t appearing first in Port Earler E forms were to *ipa* *tuiban* etc See *ti p*

turbary [leg] Right of cutting turf or peat OF *hou berie* from *hou ble* turf (q v) peat Cf MedL *turbaria*

turbid L *ti bidus* from *turba* crowd d + turbulence See *troop*

turbine F L t do tu bin whirlwin l r el spindle etc from l *larr* to di turb (v s)

turbit Pigeon App from L *tu bo t p* (v s)

turbot F (12 cent *tourbot*), prob of Scand origin, "thorn butt", cf synon Ger *dornbutt*, and Norw *pigvar*, turbot, from pig, thorn Cf *hahbut*

turbulent F, L *turbulentus*, from *turba*, crowd, disturbance

Turco F slang for Algerian infantry soldier Sp It, Turk

Turcoman [*eltn*] Branch of Turkish race inhabiting Turkestan Pers *turkumān*, one like a Turk, from *māndan*, to resemble Cf *Mussulman*

turd AS *tord*, with Du & ON cognates Occurs passim in Wyc. where *AI* has *dung*

turdisform [*ornth*] From L *turdus*, thrush tureen Earlier *terreen*, F *terrine*, "an earthen pot, or pan" (Cotg), from *terre*, earth Mod spelling perh due to some fancied connection with *Turin* Cf *cayenne*, *paduasoy*, etc

turf AS *turf*, sod, peat Com Feut, cf Du *turf*, OHG *zurba* (replaced by LG *torf*), ON *torf*, cogn with Sanskrit *darbha*, tuft of grass OF *tombe* is from Teut (see *turbary*) The other langs have not the sense of greensward With the *Turf* (18 cent) of the boards

turgid L *turgidus*, from *turgere*, to swell

Turk Cf F *Turc*, It Sp *Turco*, MedL *Turcus*, Late G *Τούρκος*, Arab *turk*, of obscure origin "Probably the name *Turk* appears first in E in connexion with the Third Crusade, 1187-92" (*NED*) It was also used vaguely for Moslem (*Collect for Good Friday*), and for brutal individual, as still playfully With *Grand (Great) Turk* (15 cent) cf *Great Mogul* See also *Turki*

turkey Short for *Turkey-cock (-hen)*, orig applied (16 cent) to the guinea-fowl, which was often imported through Turkish territory, and later transferred to the Amer bird For vague use of the word cf *Indian* in *Indian corn* (also called *Turkey wheat*), and F *dindon*, *dinde*, turkey, for earlier *coq (poule) d'Inde* See early list of Europ names below Horne Tooke whose father was a poulterer, used to describe him as an "eminent Turkey (ie Levant) merchant"

gallina Africana, *Numidica*, *Indica* *AI* Indianisch oder Kalkutisch [of Calcutt] oder Welsch Hun *B* [Du] Calkeonsche oft Turckische Henne *G* [F] geline ou poule d'Inde, ou d'Afrique. *It* gallina d'India *H* [Sp] pavon de las Indias *An* cok off Inde (*A* Junius)

Turki [*ling.*] Pers *turki*, Turkish, apphed also to the lang of the Eastern Turks, Turcomans *Turkie* is also used in a wider sense, while *Turkish* is applied to the lang of the Ottoman Turks (v 1)

The Turkish tongue is loftie in sound, but poore of it selfe in substance For being originally the Tartarian, who were needie ignorant pastors, they were constrained to borrow their termes of state and office from the Persians, of religion from the Arabians, as they did of maritime names from the Greekes and Italians (George Sandys, 1610)

Turkoman See *Turcoman*

turmeric Earlier (16 cent) also *tarmaret*, archaic F *terre mérite*, MedL *terra merita*, app a fanciful name for the powdered root of *curcuma* It may, however, be folk-etym for some Eastern word.

turmoil From early 16 cent as noun and verb, to agitate, disquiet ? For unrecorded **turmel*, OF *trunel*, disturbance, tumult, altered like AF *troboil*, trouble, or associated with *moil*, to drudge, for which it is used in dial Godef conjectures for *trunel* the sense of gambling only, but see quot below, which means that the man sent crazy by love desires fighting, quarrel and turmoil

Qu'amors desyee

Deslire inellee

Hutin et trunel (Godef)

turn AS *turnian*, *lyrnan*, L *tornare*, "to turne or worke with the wheele as turners doe" (Coop), from *tornus*, lathe, G *τόπος*, carpenter's compasses Replaced native *thiawan* (see *thrawn*), *wendan* (see *wend*) Senses were reinforced in ME by F *tournier*, cf It *tornare*, Sp: *tornar*, also Ger *turnen*, to do gymnastics The very wide senses, largely developed in F *tour* (OF *tourn*), *tourner*, start from a handicraft metaphor, which is still apparent in a well-turned phrase (*pair of ankles*) A *turncoat* was orig one who attempted to hide the badge of his leader or party *Turnpike*, also used for *turnpike road*, was orig a revolving barrier armed with pikes or spikes, used as a mil defence *Turnsole*, plant and dye, is F *tonnesol*, Prov *tounasol*, turn sun (cf *heliotrope*)

An exceedingly well-turned out damsel in a dark blue taltormade (*Daily Chron* Mar 19, 1920)

turnip Earlier (16 cent) *turnepe*, compd of obs *neep*, AS *næp*, L *napus*, "navew or turnepe, long rapes" (Coop) First element may be *tun*, from symmetrical shape

first used (1725) in ref to two rival musicians (v 1)

Some say compared to Bononcini
That Mynheer Handel's but a minny,
Others aver that he to Handel
Is scarcely fit to hold a candle
Strange all this difference should be
'Twixt Tweedle-dum and Tweedle-dee' (Byrom).

tweeny [colloq] For *between-maid*, assisting both cook and housemaid

tweezers "The etymology of *tweezers* can best be made clear by starting from F. *étui*, a case, of doubtful origin. Thus became in E *etwee*, or *twee*, e.g. Cotg explains *estui* (*étui*) as 'a sheath, case, or box, to put things in, and (more particularly) a case of little instruments, as sizzars, bod-lan, penknife, etc., now commonly termed an *ettwee*'. Such a case generally opens book-fashion, each half being fitted with instruments. Accordingly we find it called a surgeon's 'pair of twees,' or simply 'tweese,' and later a 'pair of tweeses'. The implement was named from the case, and became *tweezers* by association with *pincers*, *scissors*, etc." (Weekley, *Romance of Words*, ch 1x) For change of sense cf F *boussole*, compass, It *bossola*, orig little box, and see *bodkin*. For double pl. (*tweeses*) cf *quinces*

I did give him [a young man leaving for the Indies] "Lex Mercatoria," and my wife [gave him] my old pair of tweezers (Pepys, Dec 15, 1667)

Twelfth-night Eve of *Twelfth-day*, Epiphany, twelfth day after Christmas. Both are found in AS

twelve AS *twelf*, from *two*, with second element as in *eleven* (q v). Com Teut, cf Du *twaaif*, Ger *zwölf* (OHG *zwehf*), ON *tölf*, Goth *twalif*, for relation to *two* cf also L *duodecim*, G *dwädeka*. Compd *twelve-month* occurs in AS, cf ON *tölfmánuðr*. The jury were formerly called the *twelve men* (see also *Meas* for *Meas* n 1)

twenty AS *twēntig*, from *two* (*twain*) and *-ty* (q v). Com Teut, cf Du *twintig*, Ger *zwanzig*, ON *ttutvgn*, Goth. *twainþigus*

twice ME *twies*, AS *twiges*, adv formation from *twiga*, *twiwa*, twice, cogn with *two* Cf *once*, *thrice*

twiddle App imit. of motion which suggests both *twirl* and *fiddle*, in sense of trifling, aimless movement

twig¹ Noun AS *twig*, cogn. with *two*, with orig sense of dividing, forking, cf Du *twigg*, Ger *zweig*
hop the twig. Weelaufen (Ebers, 1793)

twig² Verb 18 cent slang, of obscure origin
? Ident with dial *twick*, to pinch, nip (see *tweak*, *twitch*)

twilight Formed in ME, with prefix *twi-*, cogn with *two*, which enters into many obs. compds, cf LG *zweleht*, whence is imitated Ger *zweleht*, replacing MIIG *zwisehenlicht*, between-light, with which cf AS *twēoneliht*, Norw Dan *tusmörke* (between murk) *Twilight of the gods* comes, via Ger *Götterdämmerung* (? Wagner), from ON, *agnar rökkur*, altered from earlier *agnar rök*, judgment of the gods

twill Short for obs *twilly*, AS *twili*, formed from *twi-* (v s) after L *biliv*, cf Ger *zwilch* (OHG *zwilf*), "linnen woven with a double thread" (Ludw), and see *drill*⁴, *dimity*. See also *tweed*

twin AS *twinn*, twofold, twin, cogn with *two*, with suffix as in L *bin*, two at a time. With ME *twining* cf. Ger *zwilling*, twin, OHG *zwinning*, Du *tweeling*, also G *δίδυμος*, two-fold, twin, from *dis*, twice, cogn with *dis*, two

twine AS *twīn*, cogn with *two*, cf Du *twijn*, Ger *zwirn*, ON *twinn*. So also F *dédoubler*, to untwine

I twyne threde, I double it with the spyndell je retors (Palsg.)

twinge First as verb, to wring, pinch AS *twengan*, usu regarded as cogn with Du *dwingen*, Ger *zwingen*, ON *thvinga*, all meaning to oppress, but NED doubts connection

twinkle AS *twincan*, frequent of **twincan*, whence archaic *twink*, to wink, sparkle, etc., cogn with Ger *zwincken*, *zwinchern*. With *twinkling*, moment, cf AS *beorhthwīl*, lit bright-while

And the devyll shew ed hym all the kyngdoms of the erth even in the twyncklynge of an eye
(Tynd Luke, iv 5).

twirl Of late appearance (c 1600), replacing (? under influence of *whirl*) ME *tril* (still in dial), earlier *trill* (Chauc), cogn with Norw Sw *trilla*, Dan *trille*.

gier. to veer, or turne with the wind, to twirle, whirle, or wheele about (Cotg)

twist In ME as noun and verb, in AS only in compd. *mast-twist*, stay of mast. Cogn with *two* and *twine*. Du *twist*, Ger *zwist*, discord, strife, represent another sense-aspect
I twyste threde, I twyne threde: this term is northren; declared in *I twyne* (Palsg.)

Twist like plough-jobbers and sv ill like tinkers
(Motteux' *Rabelais*, v. 5)

Tzigane Hung gipsy F, Magyar *czigány*, cogn with *Zingari* and Ger *Zigeuner*, "an egyptian or gipsy" (Ludw)

U-boat For Ger *unterseeboot*, undersea boat

The U-boats could not stow prisoners So they reverted to the practice of the Middle Ages

(*Times Lit Sup* Jan 8, 1920).

ubiety "Whereness" Coined, on *ubiquity*, from L *ubi*, where

ubiquity F *ubiquité*, coined from *ubique*, wherever, everywhere Cowper uses *ubiquarian* (*Tirocinium*, 266) for *ubiquitous* *ubiquitarians* a late sect holding that Christs body is every where as well as his divinity (Blount)

udal [*hist*] Freehold tenure anterior to feudalism still in force in Orkneys (see Scott's *Pirate*) ON *óthal*, cf AS *æthelu*, lineage, produce, OSax *óthul*, OHG *uodal*, cogn with *atheling*

udder AS *ūder* Aryan, cf Du *uer* (earlier *uder*), Ger *euter*, ON *jūgr*, L *uber*, G *oßap*, Sanskrit *ūdhar* A word from the nomadic or pastoral period For relation of L -b- to Teut dental cf *beard*, *red*

udometer Rain-gauge From L *udus*, damp

ugh Natural exclamation of disgust

ugly ON *ugghlyr*, from *uggr*, fear, cogn with *awe*, cf Goth *ōgan*, to fear The pugil *ugly customer* preserves orig sense

Ugrian [*ling*] Finnic From name of a tribe of N Russia Cf *Ural-Altaic*

uhlan Ger *ulan*, laneer, Pol *ulan*, Tatar light horseman, Turk *oghlan*, young man, Tatar *oglan*, son, ehild Hence F *kulan*, E *ewe lamb* (slang of the Great War)

When they are called to the Chan [of the Crime Tatars], he hears them, the soldans, tuans, ulans, marzies and principall Tartars being present

(Purch xiii 481, *Transl of Bromanius*)

Our men went through the uhlanes like brown paper (Sir P Chetwode, 1914)

ukase Russ *ukaz*, edict, esp imperial (now, Lemnité), from *kazat'*, to indicate (in Serb to speak, in Czech to preach), whence *ukazat'*, to command, cf *pokazat'*, to show ulcer F *ulcère*, L *ulcus*, *ulcer-*, "a boyle, a sore, a botch" (Coop), cogn with G *ēlcos*, sore, wound

ulema Corporation of Moslem doctors of sacred law Arab *'ulemā*, pl of *'ālim*, learned, from *'alama*, to know Cf *alma*

ullage "What a cask lacks of being full" (Phillips) Prov *ulhage*, from *ullar*, to fill up; cf synon OE *oullage*, *oullci*, from

L *oculus*, eye, in sense of bung-hole, cf F dial (S W) *uyet*, funnel for cask filling ulmic [*chem*] From L *ulmus*, elm ulnar [*anat*] Of the *ulna*; L, smaller bone of fore-arm, cogn with *ell*, *elbow*

ulotrichian [*ellin*] Woolly-haired From G *οὐλότρις*, from *οὔλος*, whole, thick, fleecy, *τρίχ-*, hair

ulster For *Ulster overcoat* Orig long frieze coat as worn in *Ulster* Cf *inverness*

ulterior L, compar from *ultra*, beyond

ultimate From Late L *ultimare*, to come to an end, from *ultimus*, superl of *ulterior*.

Ultimatum, earlier also *ultimat*, comes, via F, from "diplomatic Latin"

ultimo Abl of L *ultimus* (sc *mensis*) Cf *proximo*

ultimogeniture Borough English (q v) Opposite of *primogeniture* (q v)

ultra- L, beyond Cf F *outré*, *outrage*. Hence mod *ultra*, extremist, *ultraism*, *ultraist*, these perh suggested by *altruism*, *altruist*

ultramarine Orig adj qualifying *blue* Altered from It *oltra marino*, foreign from overseas, applied to lapis lazuli Now replaced by *over-sea* in gen. sense

ultramontane F *ultramontain* (14 cent), beyond the mountains, esp the Alps Connotation varies according to the position of the speaker or writer, but current sense usu refers to belief in Papal authority F *ultramontanisme* is 18 cent

ultra vires L, beyond powers

ultramotivity Power of spontaneous movement From L *ultra*, spontaneously Cf F *de son propre mouvement*, of one's own accord

ululate From L *ululare*, "to howl as a dog or wolf doth" (Coop), of imit origin

umbel [*bot*] Earlier *umbella*, L, "the round tuft or hed of fenell, or other herbes, wherein the seede is" (Coop), also a sunshade, dim of *umbra*, shadow

umber "Somewhat a sad yellow colour used by painters" (Blount) F *terre d'ombre*, It *terra d'ombra*, shadow earth, a pigment used for shading, cf Sp *sombra*, umber, lit shadow

umbilical [*anat*] Of the navel, L *umbilicus*, cogn with G *ὀμφαλός*, and ult with *navel* (q v.)

umbles [*archaic*] Entrails of deer. See *humble-pie*

umbo L, central boss (of shield, etc), cogn with *umbilical* and with *nave*

umbraculum [bot] L. from *umbra* shade
umbrage *Γ umbra e* an umbrage a shade
 a shadow also jealousy suspicion an
 inclining of whence *donner umbrage d* to dis
 content make jealous of or putte buzzes
 into the head of (Cotg.) Perh orig a
 term of horsemanship as in F *cheval om
 bra sur* a horse apt to take fright at its
 own shadow See also *dud eoz*

umbrella Archaic *It on u ella* (now *ombrello*)
 dim of *umbra* shade L *umbra* u ed in
 sense of L *umbella* (see *umbel*) Orig as
 defence against sun (cf F *ombrelle*) the
 first rain umbrella used by a man in London
 having been trad carried (c 1560) by Jonas
 Hanway the famous traveller and philan
 thropist (1786) But women used the n
 from c 1700 The use in Italy of *umbrellies*
 is mentioned by Coryat (1611)

Here [t Marse il s] we bought mbr Ros aga n t
 the heat (E el)

Blest wasth prophetij hinh h enly b d
 B t ehl how soon did hi umbrellat del
 (Fpsl ph 1044)

The young gentleman bor owing th mbr ll be
 longf g to Will's Coffee house in Consta t the
 ml trees is her by ad returned th t b dry from
 heed to foot on the lik oc an he shal be w l
 come to the mald s p ite s

(Female Taster Dec 12 1709)

Umbrian Of *Umbr* a province of Italy
 Name of school of painters and of Italic
 dial acm to L

umiak See *omni* t

umlaut { u } Ger from *um* around *laut*
 sound Coined (18 cent) by Klopstock

umpte For ME *uncun fer* OF *nomper*
 (non pair) not equal (see *peer*) third (or
 extra) man called in when arbitrators dis
 agreed For loss of n cf *ap r n auger* etc
 for ending of archaic *rampire* for *ramp*
 (rampart) for sense of Sp *tercero* the
 third a broker a mediator (Percyvall)
 Montaigne uses similarly *pe sonne t tres*
 rendered by Florio *st eiler* (q v) her arbi
 trator occurs in an AF proclamation of the
 Earl of Gloucester (158) Cf also a *hler*
 The form used in quot 2 is remade on
un and L *par* equal p er The abstract
 noun in quot 3 is a curious formation

Arbitradores th t t m named f the wyght n
 acc dyn and elly of anocper (Paston Let 14)
 The seide arb trs might n t accorde, an f as
 u par ha y e your decore rightly and in
 dist rntly (Covebury Led Book 1464)
 The matter bet v t my servant and J ha Forest
 is p it h n sen, and th oncup ght f yo
 (Plympton Led temp Item VII)

umpty umpteen Army slang to disguise
 number of division brigade etc Cf *iddy
 umph* colloq for the Morse *dot and dash*
 notation

One wh served with umpty quadron through th
 battl of th Somme (A A ma 101 g)

un [colloq] Is in good *un to go* Preserves
 correct pronunc of *one* (q v) Also in old
 southern dial from AS *hine* acc of *he*
 (see *hine*)

un Prefixed to adjs and nouns and advs
 derived from them AS *un* Aryan cf
 Du *on* Ger *un* OV *δ u* Goth *un*
 L in G a dy Sanskrit *an a* Often in
 euph coinages eg *unt uth* lie *unworthy*
 rascally *unrest* brigandage cf *d s* (eg
diseas) in (eg *infamous*) Thus *un* *isatoury*
 i euph for *dis*, *usim* also orig euph In
 some as *s* (*unconth* *ungainly* *unkempt*
unruly) the simplex is not in use etc as a
 nonce word

Dunag th recent war the l t of h [I eland s]
 u n d d unconscie d, u bombed, a d un
 o p ed people was almost that of th epolit
 children f E ope (D dy G o June 1919)

un Prefixed to verbs AS *un* Com
 Teut cf Du *ont* Ger *ent* (OHG *ant*)
 Goth *and* cogn with L *ante* G *anti*
 (see *a* *isatour*)

unaneled (arch 16) See *aneled*

unanimous From L *unanimus* from *unus*
 one *anim s* mind

unbend In fig, use from the bent bow Thus
 to *unbend* i e become almost straight is
 not logically the opposite of *unbend n*
 ing div s'traight

unbrufen Ger unsummoned exclamation
 prop tiating Nemesis

unbosom Cf to *make a clean breast*

uncanny Sc dangerous incautious mis
 ch evous untender carelessness (Sc Di t
 1818) See *canny* and cf synon G r *un
 kern lich* lit unfamiliar Cf also *uncon* in

uncate [bot] From L *uncus* hook

unchancy Sc from orig sense of *chance*
 (q v) For synon. *ranchance* see *wanton*

uncial L *uncialis* as in Late L *littera un
 ciales* letters an ynche long (Coop)
 used by Jerome and applied to a character
 resembling a capital used in early MSs
 See *nick owner*

uncinate [bot] L *uncinatus* from *unc*
 hook

uncle *Γ oncle* VL *unculus* for *avunculus*
 the uncle on the mother's side (Cox)
 dim of *av* s grandfather Introduced in 16

most Teut langs in place of native word (e.g. AS *ēam*, Ger *ohcim*), which is also ult cogn with L *avus*. The pawnbroker as (helpful) uncle is found in E, F, Ger, Norw Dan

unco Se form of *uncouth* (q v), esp in *unco gund*, unnaturally righteous

unconscionable See *conscience* Chiefly as echo of Charles II's famous apology

He apologized to those who had stood round him all night for the trouble which he had caused. He had been, he said, a most unconscionable time dying (Macaulay).

unconventional A 19 cent epithet for a certain type of affectation

It is not difficult to be unconventional when your unconventionality is but the convention of your set (Somerset Maugham)

uncouple Orig of hounds, from *couple* (q v), in etym sense

uncouth AS *uncūth*, unknown, from p p of *cuman*, to know For sense-development cf *strange*, *outlandish* Chauc has it in the sense of rare, splendid (A 2497 and *House of Fame*, in 189) Cf dial *unkid*, in which *-kid* is the p p of AS *cylhan*, to make known

uncouth extraneous, exotic (Prompt Parv).

The most uncouth accident that ever befell unto poor men (Purch xiv 98)

unction L *unctio-n-*, from *ungere*, *unct-*, to anoint For fig senses of *unctuous* cf "oily," and for degeneration cf *bland* With *extreme unction*, after F *extrême-onction*, cf in *extremis*

undate [bot] From L *unda*, wave

undé [her] F *ondé*, waved (v s)

undecennial From L *undecim*, eleven, after *septennial*, etc Cf *undecagon*, with G second element

under AS *under*, under, among, second sense surviving in *under the circumstances*. Com Teut, cf Ger *unter*, Du *onder*, ON, *undar*, Goth *undar*, cogn with L *infer*, *infra*, which correspond to the two Teut senses Often, like *over*, used with adj force, e.g. *under jaw*, *under dog*, *under-linen*, etc

undergrad Short for *undergraduate*, univ student in *statu pupillari*

The audience was chiefly composed of undergraduates and undergradettes (the latter from Girton and Newnham) (Obs Nov 23, 1919)

underhand Orig adv., prob from gambling

trick; cf F *sous main* The opposite of *above-board*

tenir sous main to keep in secret, in private, in a corner, in hugger-mugger (Cotg)

underhung "Having the underjaw projecting beyond the upper jaw" (Goldsmith, *Animated Nature*)

underlie In fig sense from geol

underling See *-ling*. In *Piers Plowm* (B vi 47)

undermost See *-most*

underneath See *beneath*, *nether*

underpin From obs *pin*, to fill in joints

understand AS *understandan*, lit to stand among The sense-development is obscure, but cf G *ἐπιστασθαι*, lit to stand upon, Ger *verstehen*, corresponding to AS *forstandan*, to understand, lit to stand before, also OHG *anfristōn*, to interpret, with double prefix. *Understandings*, euph for legs, is 19 cent

understrapper. ? Orig. a barber's assistant

I [a charlatan] shall have occasion now and then for some understrapper to draw teeth for me, or to be my toad-eater upon the stage (T. Brown, 1701).

understudy [theat] To study a part so as to be able to replace another actor if necessary Cf *study* (*Mids N Dream*, 1. 2) undertake Cf Ger *unternehmen*, AS *underniman*, F *entreprendre* An undertaker was orig a contractor, projector, etc For specialization of sense, from c. 1700, cf *stationer* Funeral-undertaker was the orig description in current sense

undertakers were such as were employed by the Kings purveyors, as their deputies, and such as undertake any great work, as draining of fens, &c (Blount, *Law Dict* 1691)

underwrite Transl of *subscribe* (q v), cf Ger *unterschreiben*, "to subscribe, underwrite, or sign" (Ludw) It occurs in *Piers Plowm*. in orig sense Now esp. to sign a marine insurance policy

undies [neol] For *underclothing* Cf *nighty* for *nightgown*

undine ModL, *undina*, from *unda*, wave Popularized by the Ger romance *Undine* (1811) by La Motte Fouqué

undo For spce sense of bringing destruction upon cf *defeat*

undose [bot] L *undosus*, from *unda*, wave

undulate From L *undulare*, from *undula*, dim of *unda*, wave

unearth ? Orig. from fox-hunting, ? or treasure-seeking Cf F *déterrer*

unready In hist application to Ethelred II preserves fuller orig sense Cf AS *un-gæd*, ill-advised.

unreliable A word coined by Coleridge, to which ignorant objections are often made De Quincey suggests, "as more correct English," *unrelyuponable*

unruly From obs *ruly*, from *rule* Cf *uncouth*, *unkempt*

These notable examples of justice have since held us in much better termes of ruly obedience

(Purch xvi 67)

The tongue can no man tame, it is an unruly evil

(James, iii 8).

unsex ? A Shaks coinage

Come, you spirits

That tend on mortal thoughts, unsex me here

(*Macb* i 5).

unsoaped First in Dickens Cf *unwashed*

The unsoaped of Ipswich brought up the rear

(*Pickwick*, ch xxiv)

unspeakable Orig unutterable, ineffable (i *Peter*, i 8), now usu disparaging, e g the *unspeakable Turk* (Carlyle, *Daily News*, Nov 28, 1876)

unstrung Now usu felt as mus metaphor, but perh orig of bow (see *string*)

until For *unto*, with substitution of northern *hill*² (q v)

untim(e)ous [*arehate*] From Sc *tim(e)ous*, a leg term coined on *righteous* App revived by Scott

unto For **und-to*, with first element cogn with OSax *und*, OHG *unz*, Goth *und*, and with *un*²

untoward See *toward*, and for sense cf *forward*, for which it is a kind of euph, like *untruth* for *lie*

untruth In sense of lie app due to Dogberry But in Chauc (B 687) in sense of unfaithfulness.

Moreover, they have spoken untruths

(*Much Ado*, v 1)

unvarnished An echo of *Oth* i 3

unwashed Used by Shaks of artisans (v 1), now esp in the *great unwashed*, the rabble

Another lean, unwash'd artificer

(*King John*, iv 2).

unwieldy From obs. *wieldy*, of which orig sense was powerful, capable of wielding

Ther was greet showyng, bothe to and fro,

To lifte hym up, and muchel care and wo,

So unweeldy was this sory, palled goost

(Chauc H. 53).

unwieldy inhabilis (Litt.)

unwritten law Orig law approved by

practice or judicial decision, though not in statute form Applied to right of private vengeance in US

up AS *upp*, *ip* (adv) Com Teut, cf Du *op*, Ger *auf*, ON. *upp*, Goth *up*, cogn. with *over* and with G *über* To get the *upper hand* is from wrestling

uppish rampant, crowing, full of money

(*Dict. Cant Crew*)

An absolutely up-to-the-moment drama

(*Advt. Dec* 1918).

upas Malay, poison The use of the Javan poison tree, *pōhun ipas*, for poisoning darts is described by Triar Odoric (14 cent), but the fable of its deadly influence first appeared in the *London Magazine* (1783), and was popularized by Erasmus Darwin in his *Loves of the Plants* (1789) For a similar myth cf *juggernaut*

upbraid App from *up* and *braid* (q.v), with idea of "taking up (sharply)." Cogn ON *bregtha*, Dan. *bebreide* have the same fig. sense A parallel form *unbriade* is common in Tudor E

upheaval Fig sense is from geol, in which it is the opposite of *subsidence*

upholster First as noun, for *upholdster*, from *upholder*, in ME² a broker, used in *Piers Plowm* of the traders of Cornhill For lengthened *upholsterer* cf *fruiterer*, *caterer*, etc For mod. limitation of sense cf *stationer*, *undertaker* Current sense perh affected by Ger *polstern*, to pad, cushion, etc, cogn with *bolster*

upholdere that sellyth smale thyngis velaber

(*Prompt Parv*)

upholstar frippier (Palsg)

upholster tapetarius, plumarius (Litt)

uphroe, euphroe [*nau*] Kind of block Du *guffrouw*, lit young woman, maiden See *gasket*

upon AS. *uppon*, up on

upright AS *upriht* For fig sense cf cogn Ger *aufrecht*, *aufrechtig*

uproar Du *oproer*, from *op*, up, and *roeren*, to stir, which is cogn with AS *hræran*, to move, Ger *rühren*, to stir, ON *hrœra* So also Ger *aufrihr*, "an uproar, sedition, tumult" (Ludw) Unconnected with *oar* (q.v), though the two have been associated See also *earmouse*

Ther was a gret up-rore and showyng yt ys sermon

(Machyn's Diary, 1550-63)

upset ME *upsellen* means to set up, fix. Mod sense seems to be due to obs *overset*, to capsize.

upshot. ? Orig in sense of target thing shot at (archery)

I [a] e) there s the but whose h e)art white if we hit
The game s our's We'll we may age and o
At Ghist r Lan ast Chester Fa k abridge
But he is the upshot (Look abou t you 1600)

upside down For *VL* up so down up as
though down Cf *lopy harv* and *Γ* sens
dessus dessous where *sen* is for *sen sen*
(Cotg) app for *sen* See quot *γ* *amiss*

And h turnyde p adown th h d f chau grr
(W) W/ll x i i)
s en dess s d stowh up ide-down tops turvy
(Cotg)

upstart MC has *startup* in same sense still
surviving as surname. A *Stephen Startup*
is mentioned in the *Pope Polls* (1 cent).
Shaks uses both forms (*Much Ado* 1: 3
1 *Hen IV* 1v 2).

upward(s) See *up* and *ward* Often misused
in sense of nearly approaching

I am a very foolish old man
To rock and upward (L a v y)

uraemia [med] From G σ per urine μ a
blood

uraeus [*antig*] Head-dress of Egypt kings
G *or* *uo* *oe* from *o* *or* tail

Ural Altsai[*fin*] Finno Ugrian. From *Ur* and *Altai* mountain. The chief langs of the group are Finnish and Magyar (Hung) uranium[*chem*] Discoverd i (1789) by Klaproth and named after the planet *Uranus* in compliment to Herschel (v.1)

urban From *Ur* = passio heaven also (myth) the father of Saturn and given as name to planet discovered by Herschel (1781) Cf *Urania* muse of astronomy
urban e *L urbanus* of a cite dwelling in a cite civil curtesie (Coop) from *urbs* city For sense of *urbane* the older form of *civil* and the contrasted *boorish* *churlish* For differentiated spelling and sense of *humble*

urceolate [bot] From *L. urceolus* dum of
urceus pitcher

trichin MF trichoun orig hedgehog then
goblin small boy ONF Aeri Aun (Aeris on)
VL. (A)ic ciao-n for ericinus cogn with
G xyo hedgehog. The sea urchin is also
in F or ssin as though from ours bear
(cf or ssion bear-cub) and thus may have
affected the F word Wyce (Is vs 3)
has trichon (I ul, er e us) here Convent
has oter and A d b e n!

As far as I know the sea urchin fish whose out
side seems what resembles the land-urchin (Cota.)

Urdu [hug] Hindu tam the lingua franca of India a mixture of the vernaculars descended from Sanskrit with the langs of various invaders (Arab Pers Mon II For *razan urdu* Language of the camp horde (a v l

Urdu ashi camp language is a proper one of Hindustani, formed in the times of the Mogul Emperors (Mr. Miller).

urea [*kye* + *l*] From *l* = *ex* = urine

ureter urethra (awit) From G o pe to urinate

urge L u 2re cogn with G φ ye to
shut compres. and ult with φ rick

unic [med 1] From G *o* por urine

Urim and Thummim *Sibf* Ornaments of
high priest's breastplate (*Lx* xxviii 30)
Heb light and perfect ns

Pnes aut m in r t ali j dnu doctrinam et ver
t tem, qu e eru t t pectore Ansa
(I Ig E axell, 3)

urine F L 475 a corn with G o por

urman [ʊr ɡ] Tract of coniferous forest in Siberia. Of Tatar origin.

urn *F* urne *L* urns urn vessel of burnt
clay ³ coen with *urne* to burn

urochs See **o** **u** **o** **h** **s**

Ursa Major Minor [a t on] L Greater
(Smaller) Bear

urine L. MRSINW of the bear MRSINW

Ursuline Order of nuns (founded 1531)
named from St Ursula of Colne

articulate [med] To sting like a nettle
u. fida

arubu Black culture Native Central Amer
name

mus. See 4 oct.

AS was (dat) of Du o G r ur ON
 oss Goth was AS had also are m. w. (f
 OIC m. sch Goth m.)

se The round r hanc f us (in us s en
t nes) L s is from us to n e. The
ve bas f user (in Mod f w ar out use
v) VL ensure for ut Leg sens of
herent enjoyment (of property etc) ha
been affected by OF no profit advantage
L f us but L wms has this cr e als
eg feci as n fu c m in us no *
re has Leo user is the F in n (cf us
nomer s r n d r etc) Prudent of used a
f used to to the f d k

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utility F *utilité*, L *utilitas*, from *utilis*, useful, from *uti*, to use E *utilitarian*, F *utilitaire* are 19 cent, dating from the *Utilitarian Society*, founded by Mill 1822-3

² Coined by Bentham

I told my people that I thought they had more sense than to secede from Christianity to become Utilitarians (Galt, *Annals*, ch xxxv)

I did not invent the word, but found it in one of Galt's novels, "The Annals of the Parish"

(J S Mill)

uti possidetis L, as you possess

utmost Double superl from AS *ūt*, out See -most For sense cf *extreme*

Ne gēst thū thanone, ƿr thū āgylde thone ƿtemestan (Wyc last, Tynd utmost) fōrthlinge

(AS *Gosp Matt* v 26).

Utopia Title of Sir T More's imaginary country (1516), from G *οὐ*, not, *τέρος*, place Widely adopted in Europ langs

Utraquist [*hist*] Hussite sect claiming communion in both kinds, *sub utraque specie*

utricle [*biol*] F, L *utriculus*, dim of *uter*, leather bag, wine-skin

utter¹ Adj AS *uttera*, compar from *ūt*, out *Uttermoſt* is for earlier *utmost* (q v.)

utter². Verb ME *utthen*, from adv *utler*, cf Ger *aussern*, to utter, express, from *aus*, out, cf "out with it" AS had *ūttrān*, to expel. To *utter base coin* is a figure something like that of "releasing" films (see *release*) The verb was formerly used of retailing (see *vent*²)

They ben gretely hurted and in grete damage in utterance and sellynge of their marchandise

(*York Merch Aduent* 1478)

debiter to sell, or utter by parcels, to passe away by retails (Cotg)

utterance [*archaic*] F *outrance*, as in *combat à outrance*, from *oultre*, beyond, L *ultra* Chiefly as echo of *Macb* III I

This battle was fought so furre forth to the utterance, that, after a wonderfull slaughter on both sides, when that theyr swordes and other weapons were spent, they buckled together with short daggers (Holmes)

uvula [*anat*] ModL, dim of *uva*, bunch of grapes

uxorious. From L *uxorius*, from *uxor*, wife

v- There are, apart from dial, no words in v- of AS origin, exc *vane*, *vat*, *vixen*, which are southern vars of f-forms On the obs Cockney confusion between w- and v- see Messrs Weller passim, and cf quot below Machyn's *Diary* (1550-63) has *wacabond*, *weluel*, *volsake*, *vomen*, etc, and in 1573 an inhabitant of Nottingham got into trouble for "becallyng the constabelles knaves and 'wellanttes'" (cf *warmint* for *vermin*) See also *wear*²

Villiam, I vants my vig Viteh vig, sir? Vy, the vite vig in the vooden vig-box, vitch I vore last Vensday at the westry (Pegge, 1803)

V Five The Roman symbol for the number vac For *vacation* Recorded for 1709 Cf *mob*, *cit*, etc, of same period

vacant F, from pres part of L *vacare*, to be empty, *vacuus* Cf *vacancy*, *vacate*, *vacation*, the last used by Chauc in sense of release from activity

vaccine L *vaccinus*, from *vacca*, cow, used (1798) by Jenner in *variolae vaccinae*, cow-pox Hence *vaccination* (1800), adopted by F and other langs, which replaced earlier inoculation (q v.)

The small pox is here [at Adrianople] entirely harmless by the invention of *ingrafting*, which is the term they give it (Ladv M Montagu, 1717)

vaccinium [bot] L. bilberry
vacillate From L. *vacillare* to waver or
 waver to be less. (Coop)

vacuum L. neut of *vacuus* empty *Nature*
abhors a vacuum was the early scientists
 explanation of phenomena now known to
 be due to atmospheric pressure

vade mecum L. go with me

vagabond F. L. *vagabundus* from *vagari* to
 wander

vagary Oris (16 cent) wandering roaming
 etc. Current sense is that of mental
 wandering divagation. App. from L. *ia*
gari to wander though the nature of the
 borrowing is abnormal. In 17 cent often
figary *figary*

They lo g d f e *vagare* into the country
 (Easha d Hor m)

vagina [ana] L. sheath

vagrant M. *viarius* AF *uagant* very
 common in rules and enactments OF
uagant uagant pres. part of *uagare*
 to wander app. cf Teut. origin and cogn
 with *walk*. Change of *u* to *v* is due to
 influence of *ia* bond

Que null. sent. *trouvé* w. k. *raunt* apres. *Carles* sent
 a *Servat* Martin (L. b. *Ab* 64)

vague F. I. *lagus* wandering. But in some
 senses e.g. *into the vague* *vacuum* of waters
 it corresponds rather to F. *vacue* in *la vague*
des cieux *terram vacuam* No man's land
 which is L. *vacuus* empty

vail [archaic] To lower descend. Aphet
 for obs. *avale* I. a. *ilr* from *al vallem* to
 the valley downhill (cf *amount*)

She cha ged u. to stink out sales f. r. th. h. g. of
 Span. a. d. al. th. down. i. co. di. g. t. th. pr.
 to gail. e. they had. n. these. seas. (Purch. *xxx*, 37)

vail [archaic] Gratuity. Aphet for *vaile*
 (qv) in sense of profit perquisite esp.
 as received by servants

vain F. L. *vanus* empty *vain* *vain* *lory*
 (13 cent) is adapted from MedL. *vanus*
gloria

vair [her] Fur of grey and white
 squirrel F. L. *varius* of divers colours
 or fancies (Loop) Cf *various*

vakeel [Anglo-Ind] Agent representative
 Urdu *vakil* from Pers. Arab

valance App. a pl. form (cf *balise*) of un-
 recorded *valant* from F. *valer* to de-
 scend (see *tail*) Cf F. *valence* *valance*
 (Lotg) from *pendre* to hang

Two p. lion coddles with th. lances
 (York H. d. 1312)

A. b. id. bed of walnut tree, w. th. th. ca. *opy* at s.
 curtains and gilt knobs (Hakl. *xx*, 33)

Now are my valence up

(Marston. H. kat you a. l. in 1)

I g. e. and b. q. e. th. t. Jane Coll. a. suit. f. thought
 fortunes and valour

[H. d. f. D. me. M. ry. s. under. f.
 M. N. d. r. t. E. v. 663]

The valans f. th. [book. sh. el. va. bei. g. of. gre. e.
 I. l. frug. d. th. g. id. [H. d. v. m.]

vale F. *val* L. *valis* cf. It. Sp. *valle* Now
 only poe. e.g. *valley of tears* (m. cry etc.)
 or in place names

valerian From L. *valeriana* to say fare
 well tale imper. of *valere* to be strong
 pro. per

valenciennes Lace from place of origin
 (Nord)

valentine Oris person of opposite sex chosen
 as sweetheart on day of St. Valentine
 (Feb. 14) when birds were supposed to
 mate

For this was on Seynt Valentines day

Whan e. ry. bird com. th. r. to chese. h. m. k.
 (Ch. un. F. L. F. was 300)

valerian F. *valeriana* cf. It. Sp. MedL.
valeriana app. from pers. name *Valerius*
 but some of the Ger. & Scand. forms of the
 name point rather to connection with the
 saga hero *Valerius*

valet F. OF *vasil* *valet* *dum* of *vaissal*
 (qv) Now usu. as short for *valet de*
chambre gen. sense of F. *valet* a groomer
 valet or household servant of the
 meaner sort (Cot) being represented by
 var. *valet* (qv) This is a degeneration
 from the OF. *ense* of nobl. page young
 squire etc.

valetudinary L. *valetudinis* subject to
 sickness often sickly quiescent (Coop)
 from *valetudo* state of health from *valere*
 to be well

Valhalla From ON *Valhöll* *Valhalla* hall of
 those slain in battle Cf AS *weal slau* later
 bodys of slain warriors and poet. Ger.
Walhall battle-field. Kluwe sag. sts con-
 nection with OHG *weal* o. earththrow AS
weal pestilence *Valhalla* was introduced
 by 18 cent antiquaries (cf *norm. rune* etc.)
 See also *Valhalla*

val Turk. governor See *va*

vahant F. *vaillant* OF pres. part of *valer*
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Two p Jon coddre w th th al roles
 (Notes H d 152)

A field bed of walnut tree, ith the can py valens
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How re my valence up
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Two pillion oddes w th th
Lutis
(*Lock Hall 1312*)

A f id bed of w lout tre with th canopy alens,
c rtai es, and g ft knops (*H. bl. m. 3*)

How are m alens p
(*M rston, B. 1. 1. 11 m. 1*)

Igt e and beg th to j ne Coll ut of wrought
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(*Bill of D me M ry a ders f*
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valley F *vallée*, from *val*, *vale*, cf It *vallata* Has largely replaced native *dean*², *dale*

vallonia See *valonia*

vallota Plant From *Vallot*, F botanist (†1671)

vallum L, "a bulwarke or rampire" (Coop), from *vallis*, stake, palisade

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valour F *valeur*, worth, valour, L *valor-em*, from *valēre*, to be worth, etc Sense of value is common in ME

valse F form of *waltz* (q v)

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We apologize to Mr Wells for using the word "values," since he dislikes it

(Times Lit Sup June 5, 1919)

The hooligan sees none of the values of the stranger (H G. Wells, *Obs* Jan 18, 1920)

valve L. *valva*, leaf of folding-door, usu in pl, ? cogn with *volvere*, to roll.

vambrace [hist] Guard for fore-arm Earlier *vaint-brace*, F *avant-bras* Cf *van*¹.

vamose, vamoose [US] Sp *vamos*, let us go, from L. *vadere* Cf *absquatulate*, *shedaddle*

vamp ME *vampy*, OF *avanpié* (*avant-pié*), part of foot-gear covering front of foot Hence to *vamp*, patch (shoes), fig to patch up (literary work, a mus accompaniment, etc) Cf *vambrace*, *van*¹

vampy of a hose *avant-pié* (Palsg)

It being a new play, or an old one new vamped, by Shadwell (Pepys, Feb 25, 1669)

vamp superior pars calcei (Litt); to *vamp* inter-polo, refreicio (ib)

vampire F, Magyar *vampir*, found also in all the Slav langs Adopted by most Europ langs, first in Ger (1732), in an account of the Hungarian vampires Such

vars as Russ *upir*, Pol *upior*, seem to point to Turk *über*, witch Also applied to a SAMer blood-sucking bat.

vamplate [hist]. Hand-guard for tilting lance From *plate*, with prefix as in *vambrace* (q v)

van¹ Short for *vanguard*, F *avant-garde*, "the forward, or vaunt-guard, of an armie" (Cotg) See *vambrace*, *vamp*, and cf. *vaunt-courier*.

van² Vehicle For *caravan* (q v) Cf *bus*, *wig*, *loo*

van³ [archaic & poet] For *fan* (q v.) Either a southern dial var, or adopted from cogn. F. *van*, "a vanne, or winnowing sieve" (Cotg)

vanadium [chem] Named (1830) by Sw chemist Sefstrom from ON *Vanadis*, one of the names of goddess Freyja

Vandal L *Vandalus*; cf AS *Wendlas* (pl), ON *Vendill*, a Ger tribe As opprobrious epithet since Genseric's sack of Rome (455) Cf *Goth*, *Hun*

Vandyke In *Vandyke beard* (brown, collar, etc) From A *Van Dyck*, Flem painter (†1641) Cf *Gainsborough hat* Hence verb to *vandyke*, mark with deep indentations, like a Vandyke collar

vane Southern var of obs. *fane*, AS *fana*, flag Com Teut; cf OSax *fano*, Ger *fahne*, ON *-fān* (in *gunn-fān*, gonfalon), Goth *fana* Cf Ger *wetterfährlein*, "a fane or weather-cock, at the top of a steeple" (Ludw)

vang [hist] Rope for steadyng gaff Var of synon *fang*, with sense of catch, or from cogn Du *vang*

vanguard See *van*¹

vanilla - Sp *vanilla*, dim of *vaina*, pod, L *vagina*, sheath

vanish Aphet for obs *evanish*, OF *esvanir*, *esvaniss-* (*evanoun*), from VL **exvanescere*, for *evanesceere*, from *vanus*, empty

vanity F *vanité*, L *vanitas*, from *vanus*, empty

The name of that town is Vanity, and at the town there is a fair kept, called Vanity Fair (Bunyan)

van John Univ slang (? obs) for *vingt-et-un* vanquish OF *vanguir*, *vanguiss-*, var of *vaincre*, to conquer, OF *veindre*, L *vincere*

vantage Aphet for *advantage* (q v), esp in *coign* (q v) of *vantage* and in lawn-tennis *vant-brace* [wehate] See *vambrace*

vapid L *vapidus*, "that giveth an ill smacke, that casteth a vapour of an ill savour" (Coop) Cf *vappa*, "wyne that hath lost the vertue" (ib)

vapour *Γ* *vapeur* *L* *vapor-em* (v s) With archaic *vapours* hysteria etc from early physiology cf *humour* With *vapour* boast etc very common in 17 cent cf mod to gas

You can do most things with the Briton if you do not approach him in the temper of a very governess with the vapours (H Harcourt A g 19 5)

vapulatory From *L* *vapulare* to be beaten
vaquero Sp cow boy from *vaca* cow *L* *vacca*

Varangian [hist] Norse rover (9-10 cent) reaching Constantinople via Russia member of body guard of Byzantine Emperors (see *Count Robert of Paris*) From *MedL* *Varangus* *MedG* *B* *pyrros* via Slav from *ON* *vārīn* : from **iar* phleted faith (only in pl *tāra*) cogn with *Cer uah* true *L* *verus* *Ol* *fir*

varech Sea weed *Γ* from Scand cogn with *wreck*

variance *OF* *L* *varian* *ia* from *variare* to vary (q v) This is in *E* the oldest word of the group With to be at variance cf to be at odds and spec sense of difference

variant In ling applied to a parallel form e.g. *burde* *burilen* *lone* *tune* while in th s Dict *variation* is used for a (usu phyl) elaboration or imitation of phrase e.g. to confiscate the macaroon (take the cake) where *Maggie* wore the beads (in the neck) etc

varicose *L* *varicos* *is* from *varix* *varic* a crooked vein swelling with melanoly blood in the temples belly or legges (Coop) cogn with *varius* that hath crooked legges that hath spots in the face (ib) whence *L* name *Varus*

variegate From *L* *variegare* from *varius*
variola [med] Smallpox From *L* *varius*
Cf *F* *variole* *petite érole* and see *var*
variorum *L* of various (commentator) for *editio cum notis variorum*

varlet Archaic *F* noble page var of *OF* *tasset* *valet* (q v) For degeneration in *E* cf *hunts*

varnish *F* *vernis* cf *It* *vernice* *Sp* *barra* *MedL* *vernicium* *tern* *r* *MedG* *βερνικη* also *Ger* *verniss* *Du* *verniss* *Dan* *fernis* etc from *F* Earliest (8 cent) is *Late L* *veronix* of unknown origin The *varni* *hing* *days* of the Royal Academy were instituted in 1809 With fig sense of to gloss

varsity Aphet for *university*

Wee I do n with all the ve titles
Wher I singt prof-st (R mp Son 64 1

varsovienne *F* (sc danse) from *Varsovie* Warsaw

vary *F* *varier* *L* *variare* from *varius*
various Cf *tair*

vascular From *L* *vascul* in dim of *vas* vessel vase

vase *Γ* *L* *vas* (v s) with sense restricted in *F* In US still usu pronounced as by the author's father (1920 aetat 85)

He bo dear weel place
For love breakt t pri t plea g lon
A d h with li contr ances wh h g o
Thos giv ec ses —many pnci usston
Spurkled l ing its ool l many se
(Do J 19)

vaseline Trade-name coined (c 1874) from *Ger* *Wasser* *r* *Wasser* *G* *Wasser* *oil* and *mel*

vassal *F* adherent warrior cf *It* *vassallo*
Sp *vassallo* *MedL* *vassallus* dim of *vassus*
Of *Celt* *ovm* cf *Welsh* *gu* *is* *Ol* *f* *s*
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in names see *part* *to* *let* *tato* *our* In
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tassela *e* *strike* *proress* is contrasted
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vast *L* *vastus* great beyond measure
hu *e* *solymyne* *desolate* (Coop) cogn
with *waste* (cf *desolate*) From 16 cent
and very popular in 17-18 cents e.g.
tastly *obliged* etc The extended *tasty* is
an echo of *Shaks* (*1 Hen* *II* *iii*)

vat Southern ar of *Bibl* *fat* (*Mark* *xii* 1)
AS *fat* *cask* *Com* *Teut* cf *Du* *fat* *Ger*
fass *ON* *fat* *cogn* with *Ger* *fa* *sen* to
hold contain For *v* cf *tane* *tann*

Vatican *L* *fat* *caus* (sc *col s* *mons*) *It* *il*
on which Papal palace stands Cf *F*
fat *cin* *It* *Sp* *Vaticano* The *Vatican* is
theoretically an independent sovereignty

Wh ite Sultan as Cal ph, h il m l h ad
of V t an re in Constantinople d keep a
in d g so recelity (Ols J n 1)

vaticinate From *L* *vat* *scinari* to prophesy
from *vates* *prophet* *-cinere* (*canere*) to
sing

vaudeville *F* earlier *vaudeville* *e* light popu
lar song such as those ascribed to *Ol* *r*
Bussell (15 cent) inhabitant of the valley
of *Vire* (Calvados)

Vaudous *F* *MedL* *valden* *is* See *il* *lucens*
vaudo

vault Noun *ME* *rouf* *OF* *roule* *to* *e*
(for *e* *arched* *roof*) *VL* *e* *ha* *(h* *r* *rel* *e*
from *red* *ere* *to* *t* *rn* *I* *or* *rest* *red* *I* *cf*
f *i* *t* *Cf* *It* *volta* *a* *vault* *a* *cellar* *an*
arche *a* *bent* *or* *bow* (*Fl* *r*)

vault² Verb F *volter*, "to vault, or tumble, also, to bound, or curvet, also, to turn, or make turn" (Cotg), from *volle*, It *volla*, "the turne that eunning riders teach their horses" (Flor) In E applied to mode of mounting horse (v 1), orig connection with horsemanship appearing in gymn *vaulting-horse* Etym as for *vault*¹ See *Maeb* 1 7.

desultor a vaulter that leapeth up and doune from an horse (Coop)

vaunt Partly aphct for obs *avaunt*, OF *avante*, to put forward, from *avant*, L *ab ante*, partly F *vanter*, to praise, extol (whence *se vanter*, to boast), OF also *venter*, L *vendicare*, "to do any thing before men to set forth him selfe and have a prayse, to vaunt, to crake, to biag" (Coop), lit to push one's wares, frequent of *vendere*, to sell Cf It *vantarsi*, "to boast, to bragge, to glorie, to vante, to crake" (Flor), where *vantare* is aphct for *avantare*, "to brag, to boast, to glorie, to erake, to vaunt" (Flor), from *avante*, before The derivation usu given, from Late L *vantare* (Augustine), disregards the lust of the word, which has reached its present use via the reflex scns (in OF & ME) of putting oneself forward, praising oneself.

Ki traist altre, nen est dreiz qu'il s'en vant

(*Rol* 3974)

Their master wyll perchance avaunte hym selfe to be a good philospher (Elyot, *Governour*, 1 167)

institor a marchaunts factour. *Institor eloquentiae* a marchant of eloquence, a vaunter or setter forth of eloquence (Coop)

Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up

(1 Cor. xiii 4)

vaunt-courier [archaic] Only as echo of *Lea*, in 2 F *avant-courier*, "a fore-runner, avant-errour" (Cotg)

vavasaur [hist] Feudal tenant ranking below baron F *vavasaur*, Merovingian L *vassus vassorum*, vassal (q v) of vassals

vaward [archaic] Contr of *vanward*, vanguard (see *van*¹)

veal OF *veal* (*veau*), L *vitellus*, dim of *vitulus*, calf, orig yearling, eogn with G *ēros*, year, and with *wether* For adoption of F name cf *beef*, *mutton*, *pork* As name for animal still in 18 cent

vector [math] L, agent noun from *vehere*, *vect-* to carry

Veda One of the four sacred books of the Hindus Sanskrit *veda*, knowledge, sacred book, eogn with L *videre*, E *wit* Hence *Vedic*, early Sanskrit

vedette, vidette [mil] F, It *vedetta*, "a watch tower, a prying or peeping-hole" (Flor.), from *vedere*, to see For scns-development, with change of gender, cf *spy*, *scout*, *sentry*, *sentinel*

veer¹ [naut] To let out rope Du LG *vieren*, esp in *den schoot vieren*, "to veer the sheets" (Sewcl), cogn with OHG *fieren*, to give direction to

haler wi chable to veere a cable, or let it out, or let it runne out (Cotg)

veer² To turn Also orig naut, of the wind Altered, after *veer*¹, from earlier *vire*, F *vire* (12 cent), "to veere, turne round, wheele or whirle about" (Cotg), cf It *virare*, Sp *virar* Origin obscure The same root appears in *environ* and *ferrule* As OF *vire* means also to direct, it may be from LG *vieren* (see *veer*¹) See *wear*².

vega [geog.] Sp, fertile plain, ? VL **vica*, from *vic-em*, turn, from rotation of crops

vegetable F *végétale* (adj), L *vegetabilis*, from *vegetare*, "to quicken, to make lively and lusty" (Coop), from *vegetus*, "quicke, sound, lusty, fresh, lively" (ib), from *vegere*, to be healthy, cogn with *vigere*, to flourish Mod sense of to *vegetate* is thus very far from orig. Currency of barbarously formed *vegetarian* dates from formation of Vegetarian Society at Ramsgate (1847)

vehement F *véhément*, L *vehemens*, -ment-, explained by some as from *mens*, *ment-*, mind, with neg prefix as in *vesanus*, insane According to others from *vehere*, with idea of bearing onward

vehicle L *vehiculum*, from *vehere*, to carry Orig (c 1600) a means, medium, esp in medicine.

Vehmgericht [hist] Secret tribunal in Westphalia (12-16 cents) Older form of Ger *Femgericht*, from MHG *veime*, *veime*, judgment, of obscure origin, perh eogn with Du *veem*, gold, league, whence *venmoot*, companion, for *veem-geuoot* See *Anne of Geierstein*, ch xx

veil OF (*voile*), L *velum*, of which pl *vela*, treated as fem sing, gave *voile* (f), sail, which is orig sense of L *velum*, cf It Sp *velo* Earliest in ref to garb of nun, to take the veil occurring c 1300 To pass beyond the veil is allusive to the Jewish veil of the Temple

vein F *veine*, L *vena*, cf It Sp *vena*

Thou troublest me, I am not in the vein
(*Rich* III, iv 3)

velar [phonetic] Of the soft palate L *velaris* from *velum* curtain veil Cf *larium* awning

veldt [SAfr] Older form of Du *veld* field (q.v.) For SAfr sens cf *prune*

velitation Skirmish esp ag (archaic) L *velitatio* n from *velites* pl *velites* light armed soldier

velleity [archaic] MedL *elleitas* coined after *voluntas* from *velo* to ish of I *veld* it weak impulse

vellety or *woud* g. u. nas (Litt.)

velum F *vel* n from OF *el* calf (cf *veal*) For final m of s n m p *gram* perh due to distant assim but l prefers m fcl *gro gra* s)

velocity F *vel* n to I *elocitas* from *celor* *celve* swift? *celgo* with *celare* to fly *Velocipede* (obs) is F *elocipède* from *celor* and *pes* *ped* i t The *Velocipede* or swift walker is the title of an article in the *Observer* (Mar 14 1817) From short ened *velo* is coined *velotisme* after *hippodrome* Cf more recent *aer drome*

velour a I velvet (q.v.)

velvet Ult from L *villos* shaggy hair cf It *vellus* in Flor *vellos* a tuft of silk called velvet Sp *vel* to also F *velour* OF *veour* L *villosus* hairy The v is app a misreading of the u (for an opposite case cf *flured* for *flured* Alfred) in AF *velael* app a dim from F *velu* shaggy VL *villosus* (whence It Sp forms above) cf F *velo* te name of various woolly plants for obs *veloute* *veluete* As u only is used for u o in medical MSS it is prob that in all the earlier records *velut* is trisyllabic (v r t) I.e. *veluten* s 18 cent

And by hire beddes hood sh m d m we

A d co red it w th l tetteres bl we

(Chaucer 141)

The duchye met w th fvm m h e s o veld with blew f l wett fl veyor CA 146)

Not lik our antler who s alw on vel t h is a a e of some d fl l t es (B r k 69)

venal L *venalis* from *venum* that which is for sale Cf *vent*

venatic L *venaticus* from *venari* to hunt Cf *venatorial*

vend F *tendre* L *tendere* for *tenum dare*

vendace Confused by error *istumation* of loc *tan* is with unrelated OF *vendise* (*randoise*) a dance or dare fl h (Cotg)

Tb a n i custom of sitg th Caste f ch f Lochmab f the endie f b d to h a bee introd ced by M ty Queen of Scotland f nee (Daily Chron Aug 1 1915)

Vendean [hist] F *vendéen* esp in ref to the rising of *La Vendée* against the Republic (1793) Cf *Chouan*

vendetta It L *rindicta* ven sance See *indictive*

veneer For earlier (18 cent) *pineer* Ger *furnieren* to inlay with vario s sorts of wood to veneer (Ebers Ger Dict 1 96) F *fourrir* to turn b (q.v.)

venerable F *vind* abl L *venerabilis* from *veneri* to worship from *venas* *vene* love (cf *vene* e h) Orig of distinguished ecclesiastics e.g. B'de now spec of arch deacons Also in ME with ref to dignity of age

venereal From L *venereus* from *venere* (v s)

venery or *Arche* Hunting Archaic F *vénerie* from OF *venier* to hunt from L *vena* Cf *venison*

venery [med] Sexual indulgence From L *ve u* *venere* sexual love

venesection [med] From L *vena* vein *sectio* cutting Cf *phlebotomy*

Venetian E p in *venetian blind* I n *tiann* Sch of (15-18 cents) MedL *venethianus* from *venetia* Venice 17ME also *venetian* from OF

vengeance f from *ven* er to avenge L *vindicare* from *vindex* *vindic* redresser of wrong s etc etym sense of wh ch app. is a *vindicate* (q.v.) With a *vengeance* (cf archaic *u ta a mis chief pl e por* etc) is evolved from Tudor phrase *a vengeance on* (f a mischief *pl u por* to on) Both sets of phrases are very common in flay wood (c 1540) *Vengeful* s from archaic verb to *re i e*

A d t go hed e t r i c l l s t p e a r e th v e g e a c (O b M 1 9)

venial OF *en al* (*véniel*) Late L *venialis* from *ven* i pardon

venue facias [archaic lg] Writ directing heriff to summon jury L that thou make to come

venison F *venaison* L *venison* from *venari* to hunt cf It *vena* o e Sp *ven cijn* Ued in archaic *ven* and *venison* of game animal collect vely

Venite L come First word of Ps *venite exultetis Domino*

venom ME *venim* F *ven* n from L *venenum* poison For m of f *La* but OF *venim* (when e *venimeus*) po ut rather to

VL *venimen* (? after *crimen*)

venous L *venosus* from *vena* vein

vent¹ Slit in back of coat For earlier *sent*, F *fente*, fissure, from *fendre*, L *findere*, to cleave

sent of a goune fente (Palsg)

vent² Orifice, outlet, emission Partly from F *vent*, wind (cf L *spiraculum*, vent-hole, from *spirare*, to breathe), partly from F *évent*, exposure to air, from *éventer*, OF *esventer*, "to puff, blow, breathe, or yield wind, also to divulge, publish, or spread abroad" (Cotg) From the latter comes to *vent one's spleen* No doubt also associated with *vent¹*, the spelling of which it has influenced Finally, fig sense, esp. in to *find a vent*, has been associated with obs *vent*, sale, F *vente*, which is very common (also as verb) in 16-17 cents, occurring passim in Hekl and Purch It is impossible to demarcate rigorously the origins and senses of this word See also quot s v *utter²*

We be uncertaine what vent or sale you shall find in Persar (Jenkinson's *Voyages*, 1557-71)

vent for wares vendituo (Litt)

ventil [mus] Organ-valve Ger, L *ventile*, shutter, from *ventus*, wind

ventilate From L *ventilare*, to fan, winnow corn, from *ventus*, wind (cf current use of *fan*) Fig sense of investigating, bringing to notice, etc, common in 17 cent, is now felt as a hygienic metaphor, but was orig. a metaphor from winnowing, found long before the "fresh air" gospel

ventilare to van or winnow, to canvass, or sift a point (Litt)

ventral. L *ventralis*, from *venter*, *ventr-*, abdomen Cf *ventricle*, L *ventriculus*, "the stomache, the cell or hollow part of the harte" (Coop), *ventriloquy* (16 cent), from L *ventriloquus*, "one possess with a spirit that speaks out of his belly" (Litt)

venture Aphet. for ME *aventure*, adventure (q v) At a *venture* is for earlier at *aventure* The Merchant Venturers' School (Bristol) preserves the fame of the Elizabethan *venturers*

venue [leg] Esp in *change of venue*, locality in which a case is tried, now commonly, and absurdly, of locality in gen, esp with ref to sport Usu explained as ident with obs *venue*, *venew*, *veny*, bout in feneing, from p p fem of F *venir*, to come I cannot see the connection, but regard it as altered, perh by association with *venire facias* (q v), from earlier AF *visné*, MedL *vicinetum*, orig area from which jury was

summoned, later applied to the jury itself For a similar disguised ending of *purveu* for *purley*, dial *vinew*, mouldiness, for *vinny*. Another parallel is obs *persue* (ven), track left by wounded animal, earlier *parey*, F *percece*

Triable by enquest in the same shire and visne where the said action shall be taken (NED. 1449). *visnetum* al *vicinetum* a venue or venew, a neighbour place (Litt.)

It is the proud tradition of the Essex hunt that a fox has never been shot in their venue

(Daily Chron. Feb. 16, 1917)

Venus Personification of L *venus*, sexual love See *venerable*, *venereal*, and cf *Cupid* veracity F *vérité*, MedL *veracitas*, from *verax*, *verac-*, truthful

verandah. Hind *varandā*, Port *varanda*, balcony, etc, of unknown origin ? Cogn with It *verone*, "a building of pleasure jetting or butting out in prospects or galleries" (Flor) For Port. words via India cf *padre*, *tank*

veratrine [chem] F *vératrine*, from L *veratrum*, hellebore

verb. F *verbe*, L *verbum*, word, verb, ult cogn with *word*

verbena L, "the herbe vervin" (Cotg). Cf F *verveine*, whence E *vervain*.

verbiage F. (17 cent), from OF *verbier*, to speak

verbose L *verbosus*, from *verbum*, word *Intoricated with the exuberance of his own verbosity* was said by Disraeli of Gladstone

verbum sap For L *verbum sapienti satis est*, a word to the wise is sufficient Cf *infra dig*

verdant After F *verdoyant*, pres part of *verdoyer*, to grow green, from OF *verd* (*vert*), L *viridis* Or simply suggested by much earlier *verdure*, from F Cf *verd antique*, ornamental marble, OF, It *verde antico*, antique green

verderer [hist] Royal forester. Extended (cf *poullterer*) from AF *verder*, OF *verder*, from *verd*, green (v s), with allusion to *vert* and *venison* (q v)

verdict ME & AF *verdit*, OF *veir dit*, *von dit*, true word Hence MedL *ver(e)dictum*, to which mod form has been assimilated F *verdict* is from E

verdigris OF *vert de Grece*, Greek green, later *verd-de-gris* (*vert-de-gris*), "verdigrise, a Spanish green" (Cotg) Cf MedL *viride grecum*. The reason for the name is unknown. Synon Ger *grunspan* is for *spangrün*, "verdigrise or vertgreece"

(Ludw.) early *spanischgrün* Spanish green
(v s) MedL *viridis hispanica*
verditer Pigment Of *vert de terre* (vert d
terre) earth green
verdure F from OF *verd* (vert) green L
v *vidis*

verecund L *verecundus* from *re* to re-
vere

verge¹ Noun. On wand and p of office
l "A rod wand stick small tab also a
sergeants verge or mace (18) L *virga*
Hence *ver* or mace-bearer l in the *verge*
or staff of office l the R v d ste ward came
the expression *in the verge* l AF *delix*
l *verge* AL *verga* or *verga* l l pect the
Steward's authority l applied to a
twelve mile radius round the l r g court
and in 18 cent to the precincts of White-
hall as place of sanctuary Hence gen
sense of boundary else him and finally
brink in to be on the verge (of) A very
curious sen-o-devel pm nt.

One Flax with Cott il was coudem d at th
verge held n on Thurs y l l f f s t a l t on of
hi majesty d her

(l l r r f r a j b j)

verge² Verb L *vertere* to turn (f *hinge*
converte) but much influenced by *verge*
esp in to *verge on* i e border on

verger See *verge*¹

veridical From F *veridique* L *veridicus*
from *re* m truth d cere to say

verify F *verifier* MedL *verificare* from
verus true *facere* to make

verisimilitude L *verisimilitudo* from *re*
similis likely to be true Cf F *raisonne-
ment* probable

Corroborate l l l intended to gl e r t i t i
veridical l l t bald a d nconvincing arr t i
(Pook Bab)

verity F *veritas* L *veritas* from *verus* true
cf It *veritas* Sp *verdad*

verjuice F *verjus* verjuice especially that
which is made of sower an l unripe grapes
(Cotg) earlier *vertis* is green juice

vermucell It pl of *vermicello* dum of *verme*
worm L *vermis*

vermicular MedL *vermiculus* is from *vermis*
culus him of *verm* s (v s)

vermiform F *vermiforme* MedL *vermiformis*
worm shaped esp in *vermiformis* *applanatus*
(18 cent) Cf *vermicole* *vermifuge*

vermilion F *vermillon* from *verme* L
vermiculus dum of *vermis* worm applied
to the cochineal insect *Vermetis* ooc used

poet in E for ruddy bri ht and also in
its secondary sense of silver gilt.

vermin F *vermin* collect from OF *verm*
(ver) worm L *vermis* Applied in ME to
noxious animals in gen (a still by game
keepers) and also to parasitic insects etc
OF had also the collectives *serpentine*
saeva etc

vermouth F Ger *vermuth* wormwood
(q v)

vernacular From L *vernaculus* that is
borne in one's own house that taketh be-
ginning in our own country (Coop)
from *verna* bond servant Cf the *culgus*
to us

vernal L *vernalis* from *verna* from *re*
prim cogn ith G ap

vernicle antiq OF *vernicle* var of *veron-
ique* portrait of the Saviour imprinted on
the handkerchief of St Veronica See
veronica

vernier Instrument invented by F mathe-
matician *Verrier* (1637)

veronal Drug Fancy name from L *ver-*
spring

veronica Flower From St *Veronica* (see
cruciat) The name of the Saint may have
sprung from the le nd and represent
L *verum* true combined with G *crucis*
uma e likeness Some regard it as altered
from *Beren* e

verrucose L *verucosus* from *verruca* wart

versible F L *reversibilis* that turneth or
may be turned (Loop) from *versare*
frequent of *verte* to turn

verse *an* f r L *versus* metri line ha-
truing (to the next line) from *vertere* to
turn Reinforced by F *vers* In most
European languages Sense of stanza peculiar to
E is developed in ME In AS also used
of clauses of the Creed and verses of the
Psalm corresponding to the Heb coup et

The whole Bible was first divided into
verses in the Geneva Version (1560) With

versus L *versum* a f F *re* or a
versible or short verse (Cotg)

versed Practised Adapted from F *versé*
o L *re* sal p p of *re* sari to busy one

self frequent of *vertere* to turn Cf *con-*
vers and *pol* into *vers* i

versed (math) In *re* d n Adapted from
L *re* is turned

vericoloured From L *re* *color* turning
changing color (s)

version F L *versio* n from *vertere* *vers*
to turn.

vers libres [*metr*] F, free verses, i.e. lines of varying length

verso L (se *folio*), abl of *versum folium*, turned leaf

verst Russ *versta*, via Ger *weist* or F *versle* About two-thirds of a mile Usu *weist* in the early travellers

versus L, towards, against, from *vestere*, *vers-*, to turn

vert F, green Chiefly in *vert* and *venison*, where *vert* means green vegetation such as serves as cover to deer Cf *verderer*

'vert Coined (? c 1846 by Dean Stanley) of seceders from the Church of England to Rome

Old friends call me a pervert, new acquaintances a convert the other day I was addressed as a 'vert (NED 1864).

vertebra L, from *vertere*, to turn

vertex L, whirlpool, vortex, hence pole of the sky, summit of anything, from *vertere*, to turn Hence *vertical*, F, Late L *verticalis*

vertigo L, from *vertere*, to turn

vervain See *verbena*

verve F, with sense in OF of whim, caprice In E very common in current sense from c 1870 Origin unknown L *verba*, words, has been suggested, with a transitional sense of empty chatter which occurs in the *Roman de la Rose* (13 cent)

very ME *verray*, true, real, OF *veiai* (*vrai*), ? VL **veracus*, for *verax*, *verac-*, from *verus*, true, ? or VL **veranus*, from *avo*, I say (cf *veridicus*) Orig sense appears in *verily*, Very God of very God, the very image, etc For adv use of US *real nice*

Very light From F *inventor*

vesica L, bladder In arch sense short for *vesica piscis*, a pointed oval ornament Cf dim *vesicle*

vesper L, evening star, cogn with G *ἑσπερος*, *Hesperus* Use in pl for older *even-song* was app suggested by F *vêpres*, OF *vespres*, "even-song, or evening prayer" (Cotg) This appears first in 17 cent accounts of travel, and was prob at first an affectation brought home by those who had done the "grand tour" For pl cf *matins*, *nones*, and see *compline*

vespine Of the wasp, L *vespa*

vessel Represents both OF *vaiscel* (*vaisseau*), ship, L *vascellum*, dim of *vasculum*, dim of *vas*, vase, etc, and F *vaiselle* (collect), pots and pans, plate, L *vascella*, neut. pl taken as fem sing Both senses appear

c 1300 The association between hollow utensils and boats appears in all langs In Bibl metaphor, with *weaker* (1 Pet. iii 7), *chosen* (Acts, ix 15), *wrath* (Rom ix 22), it represents the body as containing the soul, and renders L *vas* (Vulg.), G *σκεῦος* The form *uessel* is common up to 16 cent

Gevynge honour to the wommans vessel, or body (Wyc 1 Pet iii 7)

But I must comfort the weaker vessel, as doublet and hose ought to show itself courageous to petticoat (As You Like It, ii 4)

He called me a vessel, Sammy, a vessel of wrath (Mr Weller).

vest First as verb OF *vestir* (*vêtu*), L *vestire*, from *vestis*, garment, cogn with G *ἔσθῃς*, Sanskrit *vastha* Now usu replaced by *invest*, but surviving in ref to rights, authority, *vested interests*, with which one is *invested*, cf *investiture* and fig sense of *clad* and of F *revêtu* As noun, F, It *veste*, orig used of various loose garments, current sense being latest The tailor still preserves the sense of waistcoat, said by Pepys to be due to Charles II

Vesta Roman goddess of the hearth and home, corresponding to G *Ἑστία*, personification of *ἑστία*, hearth, household. For application to wax match of *Lucifer* Hence *Vestal*, orig one of the *virgines Vestales* in charge of the sacred fire in the temple of Vesta

vestiary OF *vestiarie* (*vestiaire*), L *vestiarium*, wardrobe, neut of *vestiarius*, from *vestis*, garment

vestibule L *vestibulum*, porch, entry

vestige F, L *vestigium*, footprint In E usu fig and accompanied by neg Cf *investigate*

There is no footstep in history of any absolute monarchy established in this island

(News-Reader's Pocket-Book, 1759)

vestment OF *vestiment* (*vêtement*), L *vestimentum*, from *vestire*, to clothe In E usu of ceremonial, esp ecd garments, current use belonging to the High Church revival

This day [Nov 1, 1552] all copes and vestments were put downe through all England

(Wriothesley, Cron)

vestry OF *vestiarie*, *vestiary* (qv) Extended sense is connected with the E system in which the administrative unit is ident with the Church parish, the *vestry*, or robing-room, of the church being used for the deliberations of the parishioners

Victim

vesture OI from *vestir* (*vêtir*) to clothe (v s) Chiefly poet and fr ModF *vesture* is used only of assuming monastic garb
 vesuvian Eruptive match (c 1850) long disused by all good smokers Trade name from Mount Vesuvius

vet For vet(erinary) surgeon

vetch ONI *verke* (I *ve* *ke*) L *vesca* the pulse called a vetch (loop) Var *fitch* (Is xxviii 25) occurs in Wyc and in s N in dial use

veteran F veteran L Lee Annas I om ve as
veter old Cf in ce ate

veterinary I. *leleparius* from *leleparia*
(animalia) bea ts used in carna e as
horses mules asses (Coop) ong beasts
of a certain age (v s)

- veto L. I forbid formula used by Roman tribunes in opposition measures of the Senate etc

vettura It carriage L *vettura* from *vetere*
rel to carry of F *vettura*

vex F vexer L *terere* to shake a state as still in a red question vexation of spirit (Ecc 1:27) from *terere* from *terere* to carry along Cf *abstergere* from *abstergere* to drive along

venillum [vini] L. military flag cogn with
velere to carry

via L by way (of)

viaduct Coined (early 19 cent) from L. via
way after *aqueduct*

vial Var of phial (1 v) E p in vials of
uralk (Ret xvi 1)

viand F viande VL viande for: ends
from there to live one r being lost by
dissim and not pl. taken as fem sing
cf It viande Sp viande For hesitation
in 'Modf' to sense of meat cf hist. of meat
in E See also vianditis

viaticum L travelling money provision for journey from via a

vibrate From L. *vibrare* to shake brandish

viburnum I the wild vine or hornbush (Litt) Hen e F. vine the hol e-plant called the travellers joy also the hedg tree called the way farrn tree (Cotg) The statement in Smythe-Palmer and NED that the *travellers joy* was named by Gerard seems doubtful. He prob only fitted the pop name to a fancied etym

(14) commonly called rose & quail parson's
and therefore I have noted it the travellers here
(Gerard & Hervey 79)

vicar I will give L. as a substitute from
the same turn. One priest acting in place

of absent rector or as deputy from religious community to which the tithes were appropriated hence still distinguished from rector (qv). For earlier sense cf vicar of God the Pope F because the curia's 'deputy and adj. vicarious.

Th sat pr th f th co ty De h
Th Vic f Ray will f b r f D stud
12 7

vice' Fault hist also personification of a
vice on medieval stage hence buffoon T
Latinum offence vicious satire

vine' Implement *l'us* screw the vine
or part of a press also a winding
stirre (Cotg) *L. viti* vine with ref to
spiral tendrils cf it *it* an arbor of
vines the vine it self Also a vice or a
screw (Flor) The second seen e.g. en by
Cotg is also found in ME and is still used
by archaeologists

vice⁸ Short for vi & (chairman etc)

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vicennial. From L. *vicinus* near twenty years
from rises twenty times and an
biennial tree plant

vicennial. See years 171

vice versa *L.* position turned abt absolute
See *ice*

vichy Mineral water from *Vichy* (Alier)

vicinity From L. the island from ...
in the neighbourhood from ...
Of this age restored from ...

vicious I suspect L. rufus I see w
vial I house hold is mod va v l m
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Does the right honour ble gentlemen t see that
the effect of a speech made by a g alleman in Lord
Roberts posit n: to vilify a fo eign p r?
(Swift M ell M P N v 6 19)

vill [hist] AF territorial unit corre ponding
to AS tithing F *ville* Revived by mod
historians

villa L a manour or house out of a city or
town (Coop) ? corn ith circus settle
ment wick For sense-development of F
ville of E town ton hms borough etc
Current E sense is via It With *viladom*
cf *suburbia*

Suburban villas highway s d i tre ta,
That dre d th encroachment four wing trees
(Cowper)

village F L *villatus* m neut of *villaticus*
of a villa (vs) cf It *villaggio* Sp *village*
villain vellein OF *villain* peasant churl
(whence ModF *villain* low ighly) ori serf
attached to a *vill* or manor (see *villa*) For
degeneration of sense perh in this case
helped by association with *vill* ale cf
churl *door* An opprobrious epithet early
in OF hence usual E sense but AF
villain is used by historians in orig sense
cf *villena* *e* serfdom For the extensi e
proverbial lore dealing with the villainy
of the *villain* see Cotg

v n a vill i e, slave, bondma *servile* ten t
Hence also a churl le boy l n and a
miser in ch r pinchpe ny peunf th d a
knave rascall, vari t fiths f l u n v b e
h m red ill born d w re bred hunde elho
or clusterfist (Cotg)

villanelle [metr] F It *villanella* a ballad
such as countrie milke-maid sing. (Fl r)
fern of *villanello* rustic (vs) F & It
forms were used in 16 cent E of a rural
song Current use is 17 cent

villeggiatura It from *villeggiare* to live in
a country villa

villain See *villain*

villosity [b of] From L *villosus* from *villos*
shaggy hair

vim Orig US ? Acc of L *vis* strength
vinous [bot] From L *vinens* from
vinum *vinum* oster

vinaceous From L *vinaceus* from *vinum*
wine

vinaigrette F from *vinai re* (aromat c)
vinegar (q v)

vincible Chiefly in *vincible* n rance (theol)
See *invincible*

vinculum L from *vincere* to bind

vindicate From L *vindicare* to punish to
defend or deliver from danger or wrong
(Coop) from *vim* acc of *vis* force *dicere*
to say Cf *vindictive* earlier (16 cent)
vindicatus F *vindicta* f vindictive re
vengeance wreakfull aven cfull (Cotg)
See *vengeance*

vine F *vine* L *vinca* vineyard vine from
vinum wine (q v) In *vineyard* substituted
for older *wine* AS *win card* with wh ch
cf Ger *wein arden* The older word sur
vives in name *Wynyard*

vinegar F *vinagre* sour wine (see *sager*)
cf It *vinagro* soure wine vineger
(Flor) Sp *vinagre* *vine* ar aspect is after
Shaks (*Measure of len* 1 1)

vingt et un F twenty-one See *san John*

vinous F *vinens* L *vinosus* from *vinum*
wine

vintage Earlier *landa* *e* (Wyc) F *vendange*
vintage vine harvest grape harvest
(Cotg) L *vindemia* from *vinu* i wine
demere to remove from *de* and *emere* to
take Later form is due to influence of
virtuer (q v)

vintrier Altered from earlier *vinier* OF
vinier from L *vinum* wine Hence
Vintry part of the City (cf *Poult* *Jenny*)

viol For earlier *viele* after later F *viola* cf
Prov *viole* It Sp *viola* all from a root
vid which appears in ModL *vidula* *vitula*
and in *vidle* (q v) the WGer name being
presumably of L origin If so the three
instruments of the early minstrels repre
sent the three Europ lang groups viz L
(*fidle*) Teut (*harp*) Celt. (104) *viol n* is
It *dim* *e* *olino* an instrument of m ucke
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It *dim* of augment *viol ne* a great vi ll
or *viola* de *gamba* (ib) The *viola da*
gamba is held between the legs (see *gambist*)
? UIt from I *fides* (lute) string

viola Flower L violet (q v)

viola In trument It viol (q v)

violate From L *violare* to violate to cor
rupt to defile to defoure to breake as a
man doth a lwa (Coop) from vi ti
force Earlier are *violence* (13 cent)
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Figgs on Downland Downland a fortis, a lotes, atans
Inquisitum p. trum 116 os (12 p. 1 x 4)

visne {hist} See *venue*

visor *vizor* AF *viser* 1 is *vis* from *vis*
vice *visage* (q)

vista It sight view 1 in L *ide* 1 to see A word that came in with It land
scape gardenin (1 cent)

visual Late L *visua* from *vis* 1 to see *visual* was applied by C. Ledge

vital L *vitalis* from *vis* 1 to see *vitalis*
equivalent to its opposite *mortalis* e.g. *fatal*
mistake (sound) A noun in pl for vital
parts *fatal spark* (leave *vital*) is the
first line of types adaptation of the
Imperator Hadrian address to his soul—
"anima va ubi blan lula

vitelline {chem} From *vis* 1 *ovum* yolk of egg
lit. little calf *vitellus*

vitalize From L *vitalize* from *vis* 1 *vita* vice

viticulture F from L *vit* vine

vitreous From *vis* 1 *vitrus* from *vit* m glass

vitriol F (13 cent) Med *vitru* from
glassy appearance (v. a.) in Chauc (1
608) The sense of *vitru* is 19 cent

Vitruvian {arch} Of *vis* 1 *vitrus* Roman archi-
tect (1 cent)

vitta {b of} L tillet strip

vituline L *vitulinus* osseous all *vis* 1 See
real

vituperate From L *vituper* 1 to censure
from *vis* 1 *vituperare* to make re 1
(cf *to find fault*)

Vitus A Slav divinity drank 1 d w
shiped by the Baltic Slavs (15 cent) with
epileptic dances was transformed by early
Christ. in missionaries into *Sancus Vitus*
whence a popular baptismal rite (cf
1st It *Quinto F* 144) With *St Vitus*
dance of *Ida de de Saint-Ger* 1st
144

viva 1 It. pres subj of *vivere* to live Cf
vital

viva 2 Short for *viva voce*

vivacious From L *vivax* 1 *vivere*
to live For formation of *vivacious*

vivandière F 1 m of OF *vivandier* par
veyer from Late L *vivanda* provisions
See *vivand*

vivarium L. from *vivere* to live Hence also
F *vivier* Ger *visker* fish pond

A tones *v* see, founds *es*, especially on *of*
by *j* tios {F *ja d'os*} {C *elys*}

vivat L. pres subj of *vivere* to live Cf
quisque

viva voce L with living voice Cf F *device*
1818

vivid L *vividus* from *vivere* to live Cf
vivify F *vivifier* in *p* *ous* (see *parous*)

vivisection (see *section*) The last dat s
from 1740

vixen AS *fyzen* fem of *fox* with solitary
L survival of Teut fem suffix still com-
mon in *ter* (*Jackson Zarn* etc) cogn
with *in* of L *regina* *Jan* 1 (cf *pans* 1)
is west country F sense is *ri* *shak*
(*Ms* *v* *D* *am* in 2)

vix *ad* *v* *d* *perv* *b* 1 (*D* *v* *Cent* *C* *act*)

vix For *vid* *liri* (q v) Earlier *ix* the *a*
burn orig not a letter but a twirl indi-
cating abbrev

vizard Var of *vis* *r* with *evanescent* *ad* as in
scholar

When the house began to fill sh put on h
bush flat become a gr at fashion among th
lures (Pepys 1 1 662)

vizier Turk *zafir* Arab *zafir* (see *al-nash*)
from *moas* *a* to bear burdens Title first
conferred (54) by Abbasid Caliphs in place
of earlier *kalid* secretary

vizor See *vis* *r*

vley *vly* {S *if* } Depression swamp Contr
of *vis* *v* *all*

vocable F L *vocabilium* com with *ror*
loc voice With *vocabular* Late L

locabilium cf *dictionary*

vocal L *voca* is from *loc* *voc* voice

vocation 1 L *vocatio* *n* from *vocare* to
call Orig of *p* *ntual* call Cf *vocat* *n*

L *voca* *r* s (see *casus*) calling case

vociferate From L *vocifer* 1 from *ror* *voc*
voice *fer* to bear

vodka Russ brandy *d* *m* of *roda* water
(1 v) It is also call'd end'argingly *rodoshka*.

For sense hist cf *whisky*

Vocem *t* *red* *m* *que* *ad* *n* *matu* *red* *dk*
al *n* *ad* *d* *eloquence* *les* *Russes* 11
otto *d* *la* *maure*

(R *H* *v* 1 *H* *it* *m* *d* *deol* *to*)

vogue {Shelland} Inlet Norw 1228 ON *vagr*
creek *ogn* with *egue*

vogue F from *rogare* to sail forth or
forward {Cotg} It *rogare* to row in a

galley or any boat {Fl. } from Ger *wage*
wave OHG *wac* cogn with AS *wag*
Orig *en* *e* *m* *to* *se* *la* *gal* *rel* ? For
metaphor of *boon* (see *boom*)

viper F *vipère*, L *vipera*, for *vivipara*, viviparous (q v) See also *viverr*
virago L, "a woman of stoute and manly courage" (Coop), from *vir*, man In Wyc. (v 1)

Hæc vocabitur Virago, quoniam de viro sumpta est (Vulg Gen. ii 23)

virelay [metr]. F *virelai*, altered on *lai*, lay², from OF *vireli*, prob meanungless jingle as refrain of daneing song

virescent. From pres part of L *virescere*, to become green, *viridis*

virgate [hist] MedL *virgata*, from *virga*, (measuring) rod, rendering AS *gierðland*, yard¹ land Cf *bovate*, *carucate*

Virgilian Of *Virgil*, as in quot below, referring to the *sortes Virgilianæ*, i e opening Virgil at random as an oracle King Charles I, at Oxf, is said to have opened at *Aen* iv 615 The spelling *Virg-*, for L *Virg-*, comes via F from It

I cannot but suspect Cowley of having consulted on this great occasion the Virgilian lots (Johns)

virgin OF *virgine*, *virgine*, L *virgin-em*, acc of *virgo* (whence F *vierge*), cf It *vergine*, Sp *virgen* In early use chiefly of the Holy Virgin, and in ME also used (as was *maid*) of males Hence unsullied, untouched, as in *virgin forest* (gold, soil) The connection of archaic *virginals*, musical instrument, with this word is unexplained (cf archaic *regals*, used of a small organ)

virginia Tobacco (mentioned by Capt John Smith) from *Virginia*, founded 1607 and named after Elizabeth, the *Virgin Queen* Cf *virginea creper*

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virile F *viril*, L *virilis*, from *vir*, man See *werwolf*

virtu It *virtù*, virtue, in spec sense of knowledge of, and love for, art Adopted in 18 cent, when Italy was the vogue

virtue F *vertu*, L *virtus*, *virtut-*, "vertue, strength, puissance, valiantnesse, mannesse, manhoode, prowessse, power Helpe Merit or defect" (Coop), from *vir*, man Orig sense survives in *virtual*, essential, *medicinal virtues*, in *virtue of*, and in Bibl lang Wye has *virtue* passim where Tynd and AV have *power* Spec sense of female chastity first in Shaks (*Much Ado*, iv 1), but *virtuous* is earlier in this sense The *seven cardinal virtues*, as opposed to the *seven deadly sins*, are divided into natural

(justice, prudence, temperance, fortitude) and theological (faith, hope, charity). For sense-development cf Ger. *tugend*, virtue, from *taugen*, to be of service, whence also *tuchtig*, doughty

virtuoso It, in spec sense of skilled, learned See *virtu* Perh made current by Evelyn, who uses it repeatedly, while Pepys applies it to the members of the Royal Society

Such as are skilled in them [antiquities] are by the Italians termed *Virtuosi*, as if others that either neglect or despise them were idiots or rakehels (Peacham, 1634)

virulent L *virulentus*, from *virus*, poison, venom

vis L, strength

visa F, L, p p. fem of *videre*, to see. Cf. *visé*

visage F, from OF *vis*, face (still in *vis-à-vis*), L *visus*, from *videre*, to see; cf It *visaggio*, Sp *visaje*. So also Ger *gesicht*, face, from *sehen*, to see

visard See *visor*

vis-à-vis F, face to face See *visage*

viscacha SAMer rodent Sp, from Peruv viscera L, pl of *viscus*, "the chief intestes of a man or beast, as the hart, splene, longes, liver, &c" (Coop)

viscount AF *viscounte*, OF *visconte* (*visconte*), from *vice-* (q v) and *count*¹ (q v), cf It *visconte*, Sp *vizconde* In ME spec a sheriff The form *vice-count* is also found

viscous L *viscosus*, from *viscum*, "mistledeu, birdlime" (Coop), cogn with G *ifös*, mistletoe, from which bird-lime was made

visé F, p p of *visor*, to inspect, VL **visare*, from *videre*, *vis-*, to see

Vishnuism Worship of *Vishnu*, second of the triad of Hindu deities, Sanskrit *Vishnu* lit worker, from *vish*, to be active

visible F, L *visibilis*, from *videre*, *vis-*, to see Visible means of subsistence are referred to in an act of 1824 Cf *vision*, F, L *visio-n-*, also aphet for obs *avision*, apparition, from OF, app influenced by *aviser*, to warn

Visigoth [hist] Late L *Visigothus*, Late G *Oúarýoþos*, with first element prob meaning west, cf *Ostrogoth*

vision See *visible*

visit F *visiter*, to inspect, search, etc, L *visitare*, frequent of *visere*, from *videre*, *vis-*, to see Early uses are due to frequent occurrence of *visitare* in Vulg, sense of inspecting, testing, passing into that of punishing, requiting. Current sense arises

voice OF *vois* (*voix*), L. *vox*, *voc-*. Obs sense of vote (cf F *voix*) still in to *have a voice in*. As verb, to *voice* (a grievance, aspiration, etc.), used by Bacon, and then uncanceled till 19 cent

void OF. *voit*, *vuit* (*vide*), ? VL. **vocitus*, for **vacitus* (cf *evacuare*), app influenced also by *viduus*, empty. See *avoid*, of which archaic verb to *void* is sometimes an aphet. form *Aching void* was serious in 18 cent (Cowper)

voivode Ruler, official (Poland and Balkans). Russ *voyevoda*, with first element cogn with Russ *vojna*, war, Serb *vojsko*, army, second from Russ *voditi*, to lead. For formation cf Ger *herzog*, duke, lit army-leader, AS *heretoga*

volage F, from *voler*, to fly. Current in ME (Chauc), but now re-introduced as a F word

volant F, pres part of *voler*, to fly, L. *volare*

Volapük Artificial lang invented (1879) by Schleyer. Supposed to mean, in Volapük, world-speech. Cf *Esperanto*

volar [anat] From L *vola*, "the palme of the hand, or sole of the foote" (Coop)

volatile F *volatil*, L *volatilis*, from *volare*, to fly

vol-au-vent F, for *vole au vent*, fly in the wind

volcano It, "a hill that continually burneth and casteth out flame and smoke" (Flor). L *Vulcanus*, Vulcan, whose forge was supposed to be below Etna, to which the name was at first spec applied

vole¹ At cards F, ? L *vola*, hollow of the hand, ? or from *voler*, to fly

vole² Field-mouse. Short for *vole-mouse*, Norw Dan *vold*, *voll*, field, plain, ON *vollr*, cogn with E *weald*, *wold*

volet [arch] F, "a shut, or wooden window to shut over a glasse one" (Cotg), from *voler*, to fly, L *volare*

volitant [hist] From L *volitare*, frequent of *volare*, to fly

volition MedL *volitio-n-*, from *volo*, I wish

volkslied Coined (1771) by Herder, from Ger. *volk*, people, *lied*, song. Cf *folklore*

Volksraad [hist] Parliament of former SAfr republics. Du, council of the people (v s). *Raad* is cogn with Ger *rat*, counsel, E *rede*, *read*, etc

volley F *volée*, from *voler*, to fly, L *volare*. Orig a term at tennis (v 1), and still surviving as such in E, of taking the ball in

"flight" With shooting sense cf to "let fly"

perdre la volée pour le bon to lose an opportunity, by neglecting it, upon a hope that it will return (Cotg)

volplane [aeron] For F. *vol plané*, from *vol*, flight, and p p of *planer*, to glide

volt Unit of electromotive power. From *Volta*, It physicist (†1827), whence also *voltage*, *voltage*. Cf. *galvanism*, *ohm*, *ampere*, etc

Voltaire Of *Voltaire* (†1778), i.e François-Marie Arouet, whose pen-name is said to be an anagram of *Arouet le j* (le jeune)

volte [fenc & equit] F *volte*, "the bounding turn which cunning riders teach their horses" (Cotg). As *vault*² (q v).

volte-face F, It *volla faccia*, turn face

voltigeur [hist] F, orig member of light company, light bob, from *voltiger*, It *volteggiare*, to leap, etc. See *vault*²

voluble L *volubilis*, from *volvere*, *volu-t-*, to turn, roll. Current sense first in Shaks

A knife very voluble (*Old n 1*)

volume F, L *volumen*, from *volvere*, to roll, the earliest volumes being in roll form. Hence also mass, wreath (of smoke, etc), orig conceived as in form of coil

voluntary F *volontaire*, L *voluntarius*, from *voluntas*, wish, from *volo*, I wish, cogn with *will*. A *voluntary* in church is supplied by the organist as something outside his compulsory duties. *Volunteer* (F *volontaire*) has app been influenced by other mil words in -ier, -eer (*grenadier*, *carbineer*, etc)

Orders to disarm and secure malignants in the county and to raise volunteers for the security and defence of ye same (Josselin's *Diary*, 1650)

voluptuous F *voluptueux*, L *voluptuosus*, from *voluptas*, pleasure, cogn with *volo*, I wish

volute F, It, L *voluta*, from *volvere*, *volu-t-*, to roll

vomit From L *vomere*, *vomit-*, cogn with G *ipêv*, to vomit (cf *emetic*). Hence *vomitory*, exit of Roman amphitheatre. *Vomito*, yellow fever, is Sp *vómito*

voodoo Wind witchcraft, with human sacrifice and devil-worship. ? Creole F, from *vaudois* (see *Waldenses*), these "heretics" being represented as devil-worshippers by RC teachers of negroes. The *NED* does not, however, mention this theory, but

wafer ONF *waufre* (*gaufre*), LG. or Du *wafel* (whence US *waffle*, kind of pancake), cogn with Ger *wabe*, honeycomb, which is ult cogn with *weave* Orig small flat cake with honeycomb pattern, as still F *gaufre* See *goffer*

Waff Acrostic (1915) of *West African Frontier Force*

waft From 16 cent (also *waught*), in obs naut sense of conveying ships, very common in early naut literature Fletcher calls Charon the "wafter of the souls" App this sense passed into that of signalling to convoy, indicating direction, etc, in which there was prob confusion with *wave*¹ App from archaic Du or LG *waliten*, to watch, guard, etc (see *watch*, *wart*) For pronunc cf *laughter*

I shall conducte and waft hys vytellars to hys grett army in the water of Brest

(*French War*, 1512-13)

The Scots were very busy a wafting her [an English galley] ashore towards them, with a banner of Saint George that they had (W Patten, 1548).

I made a weffe with my torbant [turban]

(Jourdain, 1611)

wag Cf Sw *vagga*, to rock, ON *vagge*, cradle, cogn with AS *wagian* (whence ME *wawen*), OHG *wagōn*, whence Ger frequent *wackeln*, "to wag, wobble, totter, rock, reel or move" (Ludw), ult. cogn with *weigh* Now rather jocular, and esp of tails, but see *Matt.* xxvii 39 *Wag*, jester, orig rascal, as still in to *play the wag* (truant), is short for *waghalter*, with which cf synonym *crackrope*, *crackstring*, whence obs *crack*, lad (*Cor* 1 3). Cf with these Sc *hempie*, minx, It *capestro*, wag, lit halter With *wagtail* cf synonym Du *kwakstaart*, lit quick-tail (see *redstart*, s v *red*), and *rumpevrikker*

The gallows groans for this wag as just rope-tipe
(*Misogonus*, 1 4, c 1550).

cavestrolo a wag, a haltersacke (Flor)

Wife, the meaning hereof differeth not two pins
Between wagging of men's beards and women's
cluns (Heywood, 1562)

"Thus we may see," quoth he, "how the world
wags" (*As You Like It*, ii 7).

c.n. *erzschalek* an arch-wag, a waghalter (Ludw).

wage. Noun ONF (*gage*), from Goth *wadi*, pledge, whence MedL *vadum*, cogn with *wed* For pl often treated as sing (*Rom* vi 23) cf *links*, *shambles*, etc Hence verb to wage (war), orig to declare war, with which cf *gage of battle* With *wager* cf

synon F *gageure* Its earlier sense appears in lust *wager of battle*

gage a gage, pawne, pledge, also, a wager and a stake at play, also, a guerdon, reward, or salary
(Cotg)

Not a miserable allowance to starve on, but living wages (Lloyd-Jones, *Beehive*, July 18, 1874)

wager See *wage*

waggle Frequent. of *wag*, cf Ger *wackeln*
waggon Du *wagen*, carriage, cogn with *wain* (q v) Still in US, after Du, for vehicle in gen, cf also *waggonette*. See also quot s v *crambo* To hitch one's waggon to a star is from Emerson

O Proserpina,

For the flowers now, that frightened thou let'st fall
From Dis's waggon (*Wint Tale*, iv 4)

From Dort I took wagon [i.e. a coach] to Rotterdam
(Evelyn)

waif ONF. for OF *garf*, of Teut origin, but exact source doubtful (see *wave*) Orig leg. of abandoned property (*waifs and strays*)

gaynes, choses gaynes weifes, things forsaken, mis-carried, or lost, which not being justly claimed in a yeare and a day, may be lawfully retained by the finder, or by the lord of the mannor wherein they were found (Cotg)

wail ON *vala*, ? orig to cry woe, ON *væ*, *ver* In ME esp in *weep and wail*,

For I moot wepe and wayle while I lyve,
With al the wo that prison may me yeeve

(Chauc A 1295)

wain [archaic] AS *wagn*. Com Teut, cf Du Ger *wagen*, ON *vagn*, ult. cogn with *way*, with L *vehere*, to convey, carry, G *ῥῆξ*, vehicle, Sanskrit *vah*, to transport An ancient Aryan root (cf *nave*¹, *wheel*), pointing to early invention of vehicles

wainscot Du *wagenschoot*, earlier *wagheschoot*, of which second element means board First element may be a Fris word cogn with AS *wāg*, wall, but is explained by Kil as from archaic Du *wage*, wave², with ref to marking of grain (v 1) The word is very old in E, and was orig applied to a fine kind of boarding imported from Holland

waghe-schoot lignum scriinium, tabula undulata, asser lignus, lignum quod sponte fluctuantis maris undas imitatur (Kil)

waist ME *wasle*, from *waven*, to grow, orig of a man's, rather than woman's, waist, and regarded as the region of greatest circumference. The *waist* of a ship (v 1) is still its widest part

waiste, of a man's wedy. vasutus (Promp¹ Part 1).

wallet App idcnt with *wattle* (q v), as *walel*, *walel* occur as var MS readings in *Piers Plowm* (C 11 269) Shaks (*Temp* iii 3) uses "wallets of flesh" of the Alpine goitre, app likened to the "wattles" of a turkey

wall-eyed ME *wald-eyed*, ON *vald-eygthi*, ? for *vagl-*, beam, disc of eye. Some connect the first element with *weld*¹ or *woad*

gauzo bleere-eyed, pink-eyed, squint-eyed, goggle-eyed, whal-eyed (Flor)

wall-knot [naut] See *wale*

Wallon F *Wallon*, people and Rom lang of part of Belgium and NE France See *Welsh*

wallopp [slang] To thrash, in ME to gallop, also to boil furiously App connected with AS *weallan* (see *well*¹), but of obscure formation (see alternative suggestion s v gallop) See also *potwalloper* With intens use of *wallopping* cf *thumping*, *spanking*, etc

wallow AS *wealtwan*, to roll, cogn with Goth *walujan*, L *volvare*, to roll

He walowed to a grete stoon at the dore of the biriel (Wyc Matt xxvii 60)

walnut First element is AS *wealh*, foreign (see *Welsh*), cf Du *walnoot*, Ger *walnuss* (also *welsche nuss*), ON *valknót*, cf also Pers *ganzrūmi*, walnut, lit Roman nut

Walpurgis night Ger *Walpurgisnacht*, witches' revel, esp on Brocken, on May-day eve From *Walburga*, E abbess who migrated to Heidenheim in Germany in 8 cent, by the accident of May 1 being the day of the removal of her bones from Heidenheim to Eichstätt

walrus Dan *hvalros*, inversion of ON *hross-hvalr*, horse-whale (cf AS *horschwæl*). Du *walrus*, Ger *walross* are also of Scand origin, and the E word may be via Du The more usual early E name was *morse* (q v)

waltz From Ger *walzer* (18 cent), from *walzen*, to roll, cogn with *welter*¹ Some, however, connect both dance and word with the F *volte* (see *volte*, *vault*²), a popular medieval dance

Those maniacal turnings and gesticulations which have lately become fashionable in this country, under the appellation of German vaults (or rather, *walzen*) (*Domestic Encycl* 1802)

wampum N Amer Ind, from *womp* (Narragansett), *wapi* (Delaware), white (cf *wapiti*) The current form is short for *wampumpeag*, white money (ie strung shells)

wan AS *wann*, black, dark, later sense of pale being connected with earlier via idea of absence of colour, ? cogn with AS *wan*, deficient (see *wane*, *wanton*) An epithet of the sea in Chauc (*A* 2456)

wand ON *vonds*, ? cogn with *wind*² (from phiancy), cf Goth *wandus*.

wander AS *wandrian*, frequent formation from root of *wend*, cf Du *wandelen*, Ger *wandeln*, to walk, *wandern*, to wander

wanderoo Monkey Sinhalese *wandern*, cogn with Hind *bandar* (cf *bandar-logi*, from Sanskrit *vana*, trec, forest)

wane AS *waman*, from *wan*, wanting (see *wanton*) Usu of moon and in contrast with *wax*

wang-hee. Cane. Chin, ? yellow root

wangle First in printers' slang (1888) ? Idcnt with dial (Chesh) *wangle*, to shake, totter, with var *wankle* (cf ME *wankel*, unstable, Ger *wanken*, to totter), ? hence, to perform in make-shift fashion, do a thing somehow, also to be a dodger. fond of raising trouble

"You're a bloomin' wangler, Short" "What's that, corporal?" asked the injured Shorty "A wangler is a bloke who wangles," said Bill illuminatingly, "a nicker, a shirker, a grouser—any bloomin' thing that talks a lot an' don't do much work."

(E Wallace, *Private Selby*, 1912)

It may be laid down as an axiom that in every shop there is a senior wangler (*Daily Mail*, Mar 8, 1918)

want ON *vant*, neut of *vanr*, lacking (see *wanton*), whence also *vanta*, to be lacking, and E to *want* For sense-development cf F *il me faut*, I want, lit there lacks to me

wanton ME, from *wan-*, not, and *towen*, taught, trained, AS *togen*, p p of *tēon*, to draw, educate (see *tow*², *tie*), cf Ger *ungezogen*, ill-mannered, naughty, corresponding to ME *untowen* This is the only E survival of a Com Teut neg. prefix, cf Du *wan-* (still in *wanhooft*, despair), OHG *wan-* (still in *wahnwitz*, *wahnsinn*, madness), ON *vam* (see *want*), Goth *wans* ? Ult cogn with *vain* See also *wane*, *wan* Orig of children, associated by Shaks with (childish) cruelty, and, in moral sense, explained by 17 cent etymologists as "want one" (of the opposite sex).

A frere ther was, a wantowne and a merve (Chauc *A* 208).

wap See *whop*

wapentake [hist] AS *wāpengetac*, *wāpentac*, ON *vāpnatak*, from *vāpna*, genitive pl. of *vāpn*, weapon, *tak*, touching, from *taka*, to take, grasp, etc Orig an armed muster

with inspection of weapons cf *Sc wapen show* in this sense (*Old Mortality* ch 1) Or the touching of arms may have been a sign of homage (v1) The *wapentakes* of counties subject d to Norse occupation corresponded to the AS *hundred*

When any n c rtaund and pbe took p han the g verame t of th R ndr d the fr t es met him vith l un es d h holing h i upri ht all th est l i ga of bedun with th r laun es t u h d b laun e w p (Le gh)

wapiti Amer elk N Amer Ind (Cree) *wapi ik* white deer Rocky Mountain goat

Cl wapum For transference of name to an animal which is not white cf *fungum*

war ONF *uerre* (F *guerre*) OHG *uerra* strife confusion (1 Ger *uerrnen* to perplex) whence also It Sp *guerra* The Teutons had many poetic words for fight (eg AS *guth feahto h i d w h* all common in pers names) but no gen current term (Ger *Krieg*, or^o obstinacy etc only a quired current sense in lto MHG) The borrowing of a foreign word by Romance was due to the homophony of L *bellum* war and *bellus* beautiful For *uwarfare* or^o warlike expedition (1 Cor ix 7) see *fare* With *warrior* cf OF *guerrois* r from *guerroyer* to make war whence obs L to *uuarrior* H ar cry (cf F *cri de guerre*) *war path* aar *piant* war whoop were orig used of Red Indians H ar *lord* (neol) renters Ger *Arrie sheer* In the ancient ship name H a *spile* the second element is d al *spile* speight woodpecker com wth Du Ger *specht* The bird appears in the arms of th ship A large number of *war words* date from 1914 onward

At S *cray* n the la t of Ta *larry*
Th r dwellt kyng that enreyed R }
(Ch ii F 1)

War [hist] Acrostic (1915) of H est African Rift s Cf H aff

warble MF *uerbler* ONF *uerbler* Ger *wirbeln* to roll rotate etc also to warble ult cogn with *wheel*

ward Verb is IS *uuardian* from *ward* (m) keeper *uea* t (f) keeping From the former comes r and keeper replaced by *warden* (q v) *uuarder* exc in archa compds *be uuard* *galeward* etc in *wardward* (q v) and in names *Hayward* (hedge) *Durward* d (loce) *Wheelward* et The latter gives abstr *ward* e p in *watch* and *ward* (ee *watch*) also *ward* of town (prison hospital, lock) and *ward* minor under

guardianship With *ward-room* of war ship cf *guard room* of fortress The whole group is partly due to com ONF *u ar der* (F *gard r*) Ger *uarden* to wait whence also It *guardare* Sp *guardar* cf AS *uuardian* (v s) ON *uarka* to protect Goth *uards* keeper Ult co n with *u ir* ward(s) AS *uuard* Com Teut cf Du *waart* Ger *uarts* ON *u e k* (oth n *uarks* co n, with AS *uorkian* to become (see *worth*) and with L *uersus* towards *certere* to turn See also *fronda* d lo a d Much u ed in nonce f smat u eg *Pulney uork* (Larile) Canon Lidd u *uard* of one making f r St Paul s to hear the famous preacher

warden Keeper IF *uarden* correspond ing to F *ga den* from *garder* cf MLL *gardianus* Ha largely replaced earlier *uard* eg h *schu den* for *chur hward* the obs form surviving as surname

warden warden Fear ME *u adone* app from ONF *uarder* (see *u ad*) as *u ng* a keeping pear Cf the etym I have pte posed for *pear tin* which in MF was equivalent to *warden* Hence *warden pie* (H int Tal i 3 and *Ingoul* 's)

pe d e d a warden or wint *pears*, a *peare* wh h may be k pt cri *hog* (Lola)

wardrobe ONF *u arde-robs* (F *gard r* vte) keep dress

ware Noun Usu n pl etc in compounds (*sh adare sa thern re* etc) and in *u ar* *ious* and e p of pottery Replaced in n sently *goots* *merchand* so AS *uara* (pl) Com Te t cf Du *uarr* Ger *u a e* (from LC) ON *uarr* Prob cogn with *ware* with ground sense of protected property

ware [archaic] Adj (*Acts* xiv b) Now usu replaced by *wary* (see *u ar* *u a e* *u ar*) AS *uarr* Com Teut cf Du *uuarder* Ger *uuard* ON *uarr* Goth *u ar* com with I *u ar* to respe t As v rd now only in imper eg *u ar* u el One source of the verb may be cogn ONF *u ar* e (F *g re*) from Teut (re *garagel* F *u ar* *gare* corresponds exactly to F *u ar* e

warson [obs] ONF from *u ar* s (OF *u ar* s) to protect save whence F *u ar* s to heal *u arson* ure (see *u ar* s) Erron used by Scott (*Lav* iv 24) as th ugh meaning *u ar sound* (Cogn with *u ar* s *u ar* s)

warlock [a *hau* Wirld or g trace *break* IS *u ar* *u ar* from *u ar* *u ar* *u ar* compact *u ar* to hel usual ML form was *warlock* surviving as surname

warm AS *warm* Com. Teut., cf. Du *Ger* *warm*, ON. *varm*, Goth *warmjan* (verb), cogn with L *formus*, G *θερμός*, Sanskrit *gharma*, heat, glow. For fig senses cf. those of *cold* A *warm man* is "comfortably off" Warming-pan is ME

warn AS *warnan*, cogn with *ware*²; cf. Ger. *warnen*, ON *varna* Ground-idea is that of taking heed, providing against See *garnish*

warp AS *weorpan*, to throw Com Teut., cf. Du *werpen*, Ger *werfen*, ON *veipa*, Goth *warpan* The warp of a fabric is that across which the *woof* is thrown The idea of distortion or bending, orig naut. and of Scand. origin, is found in the other Teut. langs., cf. also F. *déjeté*, warped, from *jeter*, to throw. The connection of *warp*, land reclaimed from the sea, is obscure, but this sense is old (v 1).

warpe, *threads for webbing* stamen (Prompt. Parv.).

warpynde, of *cessells* that *war* *wrope* or a *selonge* oblongacio (ib.)

warbyne of the *see* or of *older water* alluvium (ib.)

The country here is all "warpe," or reclaimed land (Dauk) Chron. Mar. 26, 1919)

warrant ONF *warant* (F *garant*, surety), OHG *warento*, from *weren*, to guarantee, whence Ger *gewähren*, "to warrant, avouch, or assure" (Ludw.) From *garant* was formed *garantu*, whence E *guarantee*, senses of which are parallel with those of *warrant* Cf *warranty*, ONF *warantie*, from *warrantu*. With I'll *warrant* cf. I'll *be bound* A *warrant officer* has a *warrant* from his superior, not a commission from the sovereign See also *arr*²

garant to *arrant*, or *passé* by *warrantie*, to *give* *harmlesse*, to *protect*, *support*, *defend*, *keep safe* from *danger* (Coig.)

warren ONF *warrenie* (F *garenne*), from OHG *ueren* (*ueren*, *gewähren*), to *keep safe*, *preserve* (v 3), cogn with Goth *warjan*, to *protect*, and with *uer*. Cf *warrant*

warrior See *war*

wart AS *u-wite* Com Teut., cf. Du *war*, Ger *war* ON *warla*, ult. cogn with L *uerua*, "a wart, a knap of flesh rising in the body" (Coop.)

wary From earlier *ware*² (q.v.) Cf *swarthy*, *wasly*, etc.

A *ware* of the laws, *war* and *wy* (Cl. Aug. A. 309)

was See *be*.

wash AF *wascar* orig strong (as in Bibl. *waschen*) Com Teut., cf. Du *wassen*, Ger. *waschen*, ON *was*, ult. cogn with

wet, *water* To *wash one's hand* of is after Matt xxvii 24. The *wash* of a steamer is perh. rather naut. F. *ouache* (see *wake*²).

washer In mech. sense of disk of metal or leather for tightening joint this can hardly be from *wash* Form below suggests possible connection with F. *vis*, screw, vice.

It [the nave] has likewise in each end of the hole, through which the end of the axle-tree goes, a ring of iron called the washer, which saves the hole of the nave from wearing too big (Gent. Dict. 1793)

Washington Californian palm Named from George Washington

wasp AS *wæsp*, *wæps* (whence dial. *wips*) Com Teut., cf. Du *wesp*, Ger *wespe*, Norw. Dan *veps*, cogn with OSlav. *vosn*, L. *vespa*, ? and ult. with *icare*, from structure of nest (cf. *wafel*) F. *guêpe* (OF *guêpe*) shows mixture of L *vespa* with Teut. *w* (cf. *waste*)

wassal [archaiz] AF *weissel* (Wace), representing AS drinking salutation *wes hâl*, be hale (healthy), where *wes* is imper. of *uesan*, to be (whence *was*, *were*) Cf AS *hâl ues thu* (Luke, i 28) See *hal*¹, *whole*

waste ONF *waster* (F. *gâter*, to spoil), L. *vastare*, to waste, destroy, from *vastus*, vast, desolate The init. is influenced by OHG *wasian* (from L.), cogn with AS. *wæste*, waste, uninhabited, Du *woest*, Ger *wüst*, *wüst*, whence *wüste*, wilderness Sense of prodigality is in Chauc. (c 593). *Waster*, as term of contempt, may owe something to naut. *waister*, inefficient seaman stationed in waist of ship. *Wastrel* is its dim. (cf. *cocherel*, *dollerel*) With F. *gâter* cf. It *guastare*, Sp *gastar*.

watch AS *u-wite* (noun), *waetan* (verb), cogn with *wake*¹, orig. of night only, hence *watch and wind*, night and day guard, cf. Ger *wache*, *wacht* (as in *die wachstum Rhein*), Goth. *wahtuð*, *wahtu*, *wahtere*, watchman. The *watch* orig. patrolled the streets, or guarded the camp, at night, hence *watchword* A *watch* differs from a clock in needing to be "watched" instead of listened to; cf. F. *monter*, orig. clock-dial, from *montrer*, to show, L. *monstrare* Watchman, what of the night? (F. xx, 11)

water AS *water* Com. Teut., cf. Du *water*, Ger. *wasser*, ON. *vatn*, Goth. *waht*; cogn. with *u-let*, with G. *u-let* and OSlav. *u-let* (see *u-let*) Another Aryan name is represented by L. *aqua*, AS *ea* (as in *Tunnam*, at two waters), Goth. *ahra* (cf. Ger. *Eisenach*, *Fulda*, etc.). Numerous ng.

occur in dial as synon with stubble-goose

The master printer gives them a way-goose, that is he makes them a good feast

(Moxon, *Mechanick Exercises*, 1683)

we AS *wē* Com Teut, cf Du *wij*, Ger *wir*, ON *vēr*, Goth *weis*, cogn with Sanskrit *vayam*

weak ON *veikr* Com Teut, cf AS *wāc*, Du *week*, Ger *weich*, cogn with G *είκω*, to yield Form, for ME *wick*, has been affected by *weaken*, from AS *wæcan*, from *wāc* (v s)

weal¹ Prosperity AS *wela*, cogn with *well*²

weal² Mark of blow See *wale*

weald AS *weald*, forest, woodland, whence ME *wald*, *wæld*, now *wold* Com Teut, cf Du *woud*, Ger *wald*, ON *voðr* (see *vole*²) The spelling is archaic and app due to Verstegan In 16-17 cents often confused with *wild*

A franklin in the wild of Kent (1 Hen IV, ii 1)

wealth ME *welthe*, from *wea*¹ Orig sense was welfare, happiness, as still in common-wealth and in PB (e.g. *Prayer for the King's Majesty*) Cf sense-development of F *bien*, well, goodness, property

For the wealth of our voyage, the health of our men, and safetie of our ships (Hakl vi 212)

wean AS *wēman*, to accustom, c.g. to a new diet Com Teut, cf Du *gewennen*, Ger *gewöhnen* (MHG. *gewenen*), ON *veña* From a Teut adj which appears in E *wont* (q v). In current E sense Ger uses *entwöhnen*, to unaccustom, with which cf synon AS *āwenian*

weapon AS *wæpen* Com Teut, cf Du *wapen*, Ger *waffe*, weapon, *wappen*, coat-of-arms (from LG), ON *vāpn*, Goth *wēpna* (pl), ? cogn with G *όπλον*

wear¹ Of clothes AS *werian*, orig weak (v i), cf OHG *werian*, ON *verja*, Goth *wasjan*, cogn with *vest* Secondary sense of using up springs from that of effect of age on clothes, cf. Ger *abtragen*, to wear out, from *tragen*, to wear, lit carry

A whit cote and a blew hood wered he

(Chauc A 561)

The House have cut us off £150000 of our wear and tear (Pepys, Oct 12, 1666)

wear² [aut] Seamen's pronunc of *wee*², with past *wore*, due to association with *wea*¹

to *wee* signifie russi "venir vent arriver" On corrompt souvent ce mot en disant to *wee* (Lesc)

He [Nelson] disobeyed the signal without a moment's hesitation and ordered his ship to be wore

(Southey)

weary AS *wērig*, cogn with *wōrian*, to wander, cf OSax *wōrig*, weary, OHG *uotriag*, drunk Unconnected with *wea*¹ weasand [archaic] AS *wæsend*, *wāsend*, the latter now represented by dial *wosen* App pres part of some lost verb

weasel AS. *wesle* Com Teut, cf Du. *wezel*, Ger *wiesel*, ON *hreyrs-vísla*, hole-weasel ? Cf OSlav *vesely*, lively.

weather AS *weder* Com. Teut; cf Du *weder*, Ger *wetter*, ON *veithr*; cogn with *wind*¹, Ger *wehen*, to blow, Sanskrit *vāta*, wind Orig sense of movement of air (*wind* and *weather*) survives in naut lang, e.g. *weather side* (opposite of *lee*), to *weather a storm* (*cape*), *weather gage*, to *keep one's weather eye open*, etc Cf also Ger *gewitter*, storm, *witlern*, to wind (game), *verwillert*, weathered (of rocks, walls, etc) With *weathercock*, from shape, cf synon. Du. *weerhaan*, Ger. *wetterhahn* This compd also preserves the connection between *weather* and *wind* *Weather-beaten* (cf Norw Dan: *veerslagen*) has absorbed also *weather-bitten* (cf *frost-bitten*, *hard-bitten*), corresponding to Norw Dan *verbidt*, Sw *väderbitten*

weave AS *wefan* Com Teut, cf. Du. *weven*, Ger *weben*, ON *vefa*, cogn with G *ύφος*, web, and with Sanskrit *ārnā-vābhi*, spider, lit wool-weaver One of the key industries of primitive races, hence numerous and simple fig applications.

weazen See *wizened*

web AS *webb*, cogn with *weave*, cf Du. *web*, Ger *gewebe*, ON *vefr*

wed AS *weddian*, from *wed*, pledge, which is Com Teut, cf. Du *wedde*, Ger *wette*, ON *veti*, Goth *wadi*, all in sense of pledge, wager, marriage sense developing in E only from earlier sense of betrothal (v i); cogn with L *vas*, *vad-*, G *άθλον* (whence *athletic*) See also *gage*¹ Wyc always has *wed*, which Tynd replaces by *marry* *Wedlock* is AS *wedllac*, second clement meaning sport, offering, etc (see *lark*²), occurring also in some pers names, e.g. *Güthlāe* (*Goodlake*) Its precise sense here is obscure

A mayden, weddid to a man, to whom the name was Joseph (Wyc Luke, i 27)

wedge AS. *wecg* Com. Teut; cf. Du *wegge*, simnel-cake, *wig*, wedge, Ger *weck*, wedge-shaped cake (OHG *wecchi*, wedge), ON *weggr*, wedge For Du & Ger senses cf E dial *wig* (v i)

*eschaud*² a kind of *wieg*, or symnell, fashioned somewhat like a hart; a three cornered symnell (C oir).

1 3), misunderstood later as meaning uncanny, gruesome-looking AS *wyrd*, fate, from *weorðan*, to become, orig sense of turning, direction, appearing in cogn suffix *-ward(s)*. The verb is Com Teut. (see *worth*²). Cf ON *urðr*, fate, *Urðr*, one of the Norns, cogn with *verða*, to become. The words that we eleven destinee

(Chauc *Leg Good W'onen*, 2580)

Makbeth and Banquo met be þe gait thre wōmen clothit in elrage and uncouth weid. They wer jugit be the pepill to be weird sisters

(Bellenden's *Boethius*)

welcome From *well*² and *come* (p p), cf F *bienvenu*, It *benvenuto*, ON *velkominn*, all prob orig as greeting. But this has replaced AS *welcume*, cf *wileuma*, welcome guest, lit one come according to will, wish (cf Ger *willkommen*)

weld¹ Dyers' weed ME *welde*, *wolde*, Sc *wald*, cf LG *wolde*, Du *wouw*, Ger *wau*, earlier *waude*, also F *gaude* (from Teut.)

weld² Verb. For earlier *well*, in sense of coagulating of melted metal (see *well*¹). For crescent *-d* cf *woold*. Prob, with other iron-work words (e.g. *coldshort*), from Sw, which uses *välla*, to well, bubble up, in same sense

wellyn metyl fundo (Prompt *Parv*)

wellyn mylke or oil er lycur coagulo (ib.)

welfare From *well*² and *fare*. Cf *farewell* and Ger *wohlfahrt*. Child *welfare* is a neol. welk [archaic]. To wither ME *welhen*, *welwen*, ? from *wallh*, sickly. Cf synon Ger *welken*, from *welk*, faded, ? orig. damp

verwelken to forwelk, flag, wither, dry up, droop, decay, fade, or fade away, as a flower does (Ludw.)

welkin [poet] AS *wolcnu*, pl of *woleen*, cloud WGer, cf Du. *wolk*, Ger *wolke*, cloud. For sense-development in E cf *sky*. Esp in to make the welkin ring

well¹ For water AS *wella*, well, spring, etc. Orig rather of moving water, and cogn with *weallan*, to boil, well up, etc. Com Teut, cf Du *wel*, spring, Ger *welle*, wave, *wallen*, to boil up (cf *wallop*), ON *vell*, bubbling (whence Sw. *välla*, to weld), ult cogn with L *volvare*, to roll. Older sense survives in *well-head*, *wellspring*

Dan Chaucer, well of Englysh undefyled

(*Faerie Queene*, iv ii 32)

well² Adv AS *wel*. Com Teut, cf Du *wel*, Ger *wo(h)l*, ON *vel*, Goth *waita*, prob. cogn with *will* and with L *volo*, *velle*, orig sense being according to wish (cf

double origin of *welcome*) With interj use cf F *eh bien!*. See *weal*¹, *wealth*. With well-known fact of unquestionably

welladay, wellaway [poet]. Second is older, *welladay* (*Merry Wives*, iii 3) perh. being suggested by *woe worth the day* (see *worth*²) ME. *we la wei*, northern var. of *wo lo wo*, AS *wā lā wā*, i.e. woe lo woe

For I may syng alle and weylaway

(Chauc B 1308)

wellington Boot. Named from Duke of Wellington. Cf *wellingtonia*, New Zealand tree. Cf also *blucher*

Welsbach burner. From name of Austrian inventor. See *thorium*

Welsh AS *wēlisc*, foreign, from *wealh*, foreigner, slave, esp Celt. Cf Ger *welsch*, foreign, esp Italian, *Welschland*, Italy. From the Celt tribe *Voleae*, inhabiting southern Gaul. Cogn arc *Wallachia*, *walnut*, Cornwall, *Walloon*, etc. For sense-development cf Arab *ajam*, foreigner, Persian. With *Welsh rabbit* (incorr *rarebit*) cf *Bombay duck*, *Welsher*, betting sharper, perh belongs to the reputation given to Taffy in the old rime "The word is modern, but the practice is ancient" (Hotten)

welt¹ Seam ME *welt* (of a sho), "incutium" (*Prompt Parv*), of obscure origin. For dial sense of thrash cf *wale*, *weal*², with which *welt* is perh cogn

welt² Ger, world, esp in *weltmacht*, colonial power, usu misunderstood in E as meaning world domination, *weltpolitik*, *weltsehmerz*. The last was coined (1810) by Jean Paul Richter and popularized by Heine

welter¹ To wallow. Frequent of ME *welten*, *walten*, from AS *wealt*, unsteady, cogn with Ger *watzen*, "to wallow, or roll" (Ludw.), ON *weltask* (reflex), and ult with *wallow* and *walk*. Cf F. *se vautrer*, to wallow, of Teut origin

welter² In *welter weight*, unusually heavy. ? From *welter*¹, as likely to produce a wallowing motion

Theoretically, a *welter-weight* is that which should make a horse roll from distress at the finish of a race, a sight frequently seen

(Notes & Queries, Aug 22, 1903)

wen AS *wen*, cf. Du *wen*, LG *ween*, Ger dial *weine*

wench ME *wenche*, app shortened from earlier *wenchele*, boy or girl, AS *wencel*, child, ? cogn with AS *waneol*, unstable

(cf Ger *wanken* to totter) and ult with ON *vahr* child Norw dial *vakja* little girl For shortening cf *much* and for ong common gender cf *girl* Like synon F *fillo* Ger *dirne* the word has degenerated exc in dial

The wench is nat dead b t l p th
(W c M # i 4)

The xxi day of May w m v i d l red f
wench (Hoby's *Autob*)

wend AS *wendan* to turn causal of *wind*
Com Teut cf Du Ger *wen en* ON
renia Goth *umljan* all causal No
only in to u id me s av and in pact *went*
Wend [ethu] Slav r a e v NL Germany
Orig gen Ger name for Slavs OHG
Hunsd Hined when e L *lench* (Tacitus)
Vendi (Pliny)

went See u nd

wentletrap Shellfish Ger u ntelteppie lit
spiral stair cogn with win¹ trap

were See be

wergild [hist] Fine for manslaughter AS
u rgild from we man gild payment (see
werewolf 3121)

wert See be

Wertherism Fr m *Die Leiden de ju een*
Werthe sentimental suicide novel by
Goethe (1774) Cf Byron m

werewolf AS *werewolf* man wolf First ele
ment is Aryan cf OHG *wer* ON *wer*
Goth *wair* W l h e L r r etc Fr
the compd of G l *spuere* r l l m m
So also Norw Dan *varulv* Du u *werwolf*
MedL *gerulfo* whence OF *gero* re
placed by pleon *lup ger* o m aking
wolfe (Cotw) Explicit n m q of 213
folk-etym

Viduus *la fuy enter* And *per lve* *uone*
homines in l p m m tans quid d m m con
gerulfo C n i 4 *allid* so *werewolf*
die t were enter And e *uone* *uone* l
"lup m (Cotw 17 bary 12 rat)

u h w l e s a e Tel *uone* *uone*
man h d eol to beware of them
(E bary 12 rat)

Wesleyan Of John Wesley (fl 18)

west AS *west* Com Teut cf Dx *west*
(er *westen*) ON *vest* even with L
vesper C *lax* m evenm *lax* 11 from
Teut. *Wesc* u *Emp* re (lax h dat from
d m n of Roman Empire en er Thro-
dru (305) Cf Lat u *west* 2) Ch 4
The *West* p *west* Britain France Italy
is a term from the Great War W h e
ues ong L u a natural figure from t

setting sun cf C prov b *lax* *er* *er*
u y e

wet AS *wet* e ON *slap* OFris *wet* even
with *water* In many fig senses contr d
with *dry*

The s *hewen* i t the ON *hewen* t C m
endon *u h* u *hewen* a p u *u h* *u h* *u h*
form, ha *reue* the p *u h* *u h* *u h* *u h*
u t p a (Du y *Chap* July 1 u)

wether AS *wether* C m Teut cf Du
weder Ger *wid* r ON *weth* (th
u h u h *lumb* cogn with L *u h* *u h*
u h *lumb* cogn with L *u h* *u h* *u h*
appears in L *u h* *u h* *u h* *u h* *u h*
on *yearling*

wey Unit of weight AS *weg* *weight*
wh Words in wh are apart from for t
formats ns of Teut origin AS *wh* OHG
haz ON *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
L *haz* In some words *haz* *haz* *haz*
whole *haz* cf j the *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
which first of *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
thaz h For intense use of *haz* *haz* *haz*
thom, m a " *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*

whale a sh re *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
pollywhack a *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*

whale! Animal AS *haz* Com Teut cf
Du *haz* a Ger *haz* *haz* OHG *haz*
haz ON *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
haz (Larsson) was spelled t t t t
of *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
chasing *haz* *haz* *haz*

It m Do *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
haz a *haz*
haz *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
haz *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
haz *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
haz *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*

what t e C i T lth *haz* *haz* *haz*
whang Int t of l w *haz* *haz* *haz*
t i t *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
what AS *haz* t i De *haz* *haz* *haz*
th *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
but app e *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
t i t *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
p i e s any h t of *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
haz *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
t i t *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
haz *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
t i t *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
t i t *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
t i t *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*

what AS *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
haz *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*
t i t *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz* *haz*

To give one *what for* is to respond to his remonstrant *what for*? by further assault
For wa I wist nocht what was what

(Ywayne & Gawin, 432)

whaup [Sc] Curlew Imit of cry

wheal [Corn]. Mine. Corn *hwel*

wheat AS *hwæle*, cogn with *white* Com Teut., cf Du *weit*, Ger *weizen*, ON *hveiti*, Goth *hwaiters*

wheat ear Bird Imit spelling of false sing for *white-arse* Cf synon F *cul-blanc*, Du *wistaart*, and such bird-names as *redstart* (q v), also G *πύραγος*, white-tailed eagle, from *πυρή*, rump, *ἀργός*, white

wheedle A 17 cent word (Pepys, Jan 10, 1668), described by early slang dicts as a cant word, and mentioned by Locke, with *sham*, as a neol It occurs several times in Littleton's *Lat Dict* (1677) The *-h-* is prob spurious, and the date of introduction makes Ger origin likely, hence it may be Ger *wedeln*, to wag the tail, whence *anwedehi*, to fawn on, wheedle, cf. *fawn*² and see *adulation* Cf also G *salveur*, to wag the tail, fig "to fawn upon, caress, wheedle" (Liddell & Scott)

wheel AS *hwēol*, earlier *hweogul*, ult cogn. with *cycle*, cf ON *hvel*, Du *wiel*, Fris *wēl*, spinning-wheel One of the two Aryan words showing the antiquity of the device, the other being represented by L *rota*, Du Ger *rad*, Sanskrit *raha*, waggon, war-chariot The wheel comes full turn is allusive to the *wheel of fortune*

They four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel (Ezek. x 10)

The helm is usually composed of three parts, viz. the rudder, the tiller, and the wheel, except in small vessels where the wheel is unnecessary

(Ialc.).

wheeze AS *hwisan*, *hwāsan*, past *hāeos* Current sense of antiquated fabrication is quite mod., ? orig. of stale stage tricks.

wheek¹. Shell-fish Earlier *welk*, *wilk*, AS *weoloc*, *weolec*, chiefly in ref. to purple dye, murex, cf Du *wulk*, *wilk*, *wullok*, etc The *-h-* is spurious

wheek². Pimple Only as echo of Shaks. (v 1) AS *hwylca*, tumour, cf. synon Norw. *walk*. Cf also obs *wheal*, pimple

His [Birds] face is all bubukles, and wheelks, in 11 nobbs, and flames of fire (Hew V, lin. 6)

whelm [poet] ME *u.helmen*, *overu.helmen*, to turn, overturn, app connected with AS *āfegzlfar*, to vault over, overwhelm, from *hwælf*, vault, concavity. Cf Du *uelken*,

Ger *wolben* (OHG *welben*), ON *welfa*, to vault¹, Goth. *hwilftri*, coffin Cf dial *whelm*, to turn upside down, cover up Thus orig. sense would be to cover up, smother But the *-m* is obscure

Iwhelme an holow e thyng over an other thyng je mets dessus (Palsg)

cooperto to cover all over, to overwhelm (Litt)
to a.helwe cooperto (ib)

whelp AS *hwelp*; cf Du *welp*, Ger *welf* (OHG *hwelf*, whence family name *Guelph*), ON *hwelpr*. No connection with *wolf*

when AS *hwænne*, cogn. with *who* (cf relation of *then* and *the*), cf Du *wen*, Ger *wann*, *wenn*, ON *hvenar*, whence'er, Goth *hwan* Whence is ME *whennes*, with adv *-s* (cf *thence*, *hence*) For *when* (time), *whence* (place), cf *then*, *thence*

where AS *hwār*, *hwæ*, cogn with *who* (v s), cf Du *waar*, Ger *wo* (OHG *wā*, earlier *war*, as in *worin*, *warum*), ON *hvar*, Goth *hwar* Pronominal origin can be traced in compds *whereas*, *wherefore*, *wherewithal*, etc With the last cf F *de quoi*

wherry In 16 cent also *whirry*, *werrie*, *wyrry* Origin unknown

whet AS *hwettan*, from *hwæt*, bold, sharp (cf sense-development of *keen*) Com. Teut., cf Du *wetten*, Ger *wetzen* (from OHG. *was*, sharp), ON *hwetja*; also Goth *hwass*, sharp whether Orig pron AS *hwæther*, which of two, as still in Bibl E (Matt xxvii 21), from *who*, with same formation and development of function as *either*, cf OIIG *hwedar*, ON *hvārr* (for *hwatharr*), Goth *hwathar* The Aryan suffix appears in synon G *τῶρεπος*. Cf also *other*

whew. Natural expression of ludicrous consternation or suggestive of a shiver

whey AS *hwæg*, cf Du LG *wet*, Fris *wary*, E dial (north) *wlag*

which AS *hwile* (cf Sc *whilk*), from *-lic*, like, and root of *who*, formed like *each*, *such*, cf Du *welk*, Ger *welch*, ON *hvilkr*, Goth *hwileiks* In ME used as relative pron formed *who*, as still in Lord's Prayer whidah-bird From *Whidah* in Dahomey (WAfr)

whiff Imit of light puff Hence used also of a light sculling-boat The whiff of grapeshot is the title of Carlyle's chapter (Revolution, vii 7) describing Bonaparte's method of countering mob law

Whig "The name of a political faction" (Johns) Orig. (c 1667) a Covenanters,

Sc rebel for earlier *uhs amore* said to have been applied to Sc carters from the west who employed the word *uhigham* in sense of *gee up!* In current sense like *Tory* from Revolution of 1683.

Those whom (by w y l h t f all dastin t l) they call d Whiggs and Tru ners (i elyn 1683)

while Orig noun AS *hwil* space of time is still in *long u h l e worth u h l between* *whiles* etc. Corn Teut. cf Du *wey* Ger *weile* Oñ *hella* rest Goth *hwetla* *Whilt* is for earlier *whiles* (cf *a u n t i n d t* with *adv s* With archaic *whilom* AS *hwilum* (dat pl) cl ynon Ger *weiland* with excrement *d* from OHC *weilan* *hwelon* (dat pl) and Du *weilen* In to *while away the time* there may be a sociation with *weile* (cf *f tromper l heure*) *d v weiland h e t h l e t k s* (L dw)

whim Larlier (10 cent) usu *whim uham* The *s* of *whimsy* (Nilt) *whimsical* points to connection with Du *u nise* to run about aimlessly Dan dial *hims* giddy cf Oñ *himsa* to wander with the eyes

whimbrel Curlew App from cry cf *whimper*

whimper Frequent of obs *whimp* ult cogn with *whine* cf Ger *zimmern* to whimper or whine as a little child (Ludw)

whin Grass ME also *guin* Cf Norw Dan *hiene* Sw *hien* Norw dial *hien* cogn with Sw dial *hien* boggy field (Oñ *hiens* in place names) Cf for sense-development Norw Dan *hys* edge from *hjos* creek

whin Sandstone All *gu n* (cf *whin*) but connection between the two seems unlikely

whinchat Bird > To *u h i l* or *u h n* Analogy of *stonechat* points to latter

whine AS *hainan* cf Oñ *hina* to whiz prob of imit orig. In Not connected with Ger *weinen* to weep which correspond to AS *uanian* Du *weenen* Oñ *eina* prob from the Teut interj represented by E *uoe*

whinger See *whinyard*

whinny For earlier *u h i n* *hunnio* (Latt) of imit ori in cf *uhine* also F *hennir* (see *henny*) Ger *u ehern* the latter cogn with E dial *uicker*

whinyard whinger [151] Short sword A 16cent word which I take to be corrupted under influence of synon *pomarl* and *hanger* from Ger *weidner* a huntsman's hanger (Ludw) used also in sense of

short stabbing sword It is spelt *uhyarde* by Skelton (*Bouge of Court* 363) but the *h* is prob intrusive Boyer (i 20) has *whinyard* The form *whinger* is Sc (10 cent.) E is very old of *yard* cf *halyard lanyard* Skelton even has *hoynyarde* OF *haineur* hater

h aquena a wood knife hanger *haineyard* (Cutz)

pa a m p gade p dens Ger *tos treg* *eide* Du *byha gade d e b* ft prelaert *een hese een hase een tootd'g* (A Junius)

whip The *h* prob unoriginal and ground sense is quick and sudden movement (cf to *wh p off* or *g* cf Du *uwhpen* to shak or to wag (He h) Ger *wip en* to flog (from LG) cogn with *weifu* to wind whip (e g frills) with which cf *gu fure* ult cogn with L *u brare* Ger *wipfel* tree-top is also connected and LG *wip* bundle of twi s suggests a possible origin of the current sense Ori sense appears in Du *wip start* wagtul also in *whipstare* of cart with which cf *swingle* etc from *swing* Thou h not recorded in AS it is a true Teut word with Scand cognates Parl use of *whip* likening the ele t of the people to for hounds is characteristic of a sporting race Cf to *h s the u h p hand* of (Dryden) *Whipper snapper* (T Brown c 1700) *Whipster* (O h v s) app suggest much noise (snapping of whips) and little effect The *u h ppoorwill* (US) is named from its cry (cf *bobolink h i j d more porh*)

It was first *whipped* in t th Premi r and then be am *Pr mler* himself (4 Reg 2 7)

whippet Prob f om *whip* with idea of rapid movement Appld in the Great War to light tank

T se e and t k w y all so b gr hounds be gies, or wh ppet s ma any wile be sensive to h m jostys k m and du port (Royal W m of 1630)

whir Imit of *u h i*
whirl Oñ *huirill* in circuit crown f head (f i ierf) cogn with Du *weriel* Ger *wirbel* vortex whirlwind Norw Dan. has also verb *h i rre* Oñ *h e f s* to turn whence archaic Dan *huir elurnd* Com Teut. cf AS *hu orf n* to turn Du *uerwen* Ger *uerben* to be acti vly employed For *u h i l* (Prompt Parv) see *fig*

They b ve sown the w d and they sh ll reap the whited d (Ho m, vi f)

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For wa I wist nocht what was what

(*Ywaine & Gawain*, 432).

whaup [Sc] Curlew Imit of cry

wheal [Corn] Mine Corn *hwel*

wheat AS *hwæte*, cogn with *white* Com

Teut, cf Du *weit*, Ger *weizen*, ON *hwēti*,
Goth *hwaiters*

wheatear Bird Imit spelling of false sing
for *white-arse* Cf synon F *cul-blanc*, Du
witstaart, and such bird-names as *redstart*
(q v), also G *πύραργος*, white-tailed eagle,
from *πυγή*, rump, *ἀργός*, white

wheedle A 17 cent word (Pepys, Jan 10,
1668), described by early slang dicts as
a cant word, and mentioned by Locke, with
sham, as a neol It occurs several times in
Littleton's *Lat Dict* (1677) The *-h-* is
prob spurious, and the date of intro-
duction makes Ger origin likely, hence it
may be Ger *wedeln*, to wag the tail,
whence *anwedeln*, to fawn on, wheedle, cf
*fawn*² and see *adulation* Cf also G *caûveur*,
to wag the tail, fig "to fawn upon, caress,
wheedle" (Liddell & Scott)

wheel AS *hwēol*, earlier *hwocgul*, ult cogn
with *cycle*, cf ON *hwēl*, Du *wiel*, Fris *wēl*,
spinning-wheel One of the two Aryan
words showing the antiquity of the device,
the other being represented by L *rota*, Du
Ger *rad*, Sanskrit *ratha*, waggon, war-
chariot The *wheel comes full turn* is allusive
to the *wheel of fortune*

They four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been
in the midst of a wheel (*Ezek* x 10)

The helm is usually composed of three parts, viz
the rudder, the tiller, and the wheel, except in
small vessels, where the wheel is unnecessary

(Fale).

wheeze. AS *hwēsan*, *hwæsan*, past *hwēos*
Current sense of antiquated fabrication is
quite mod, ? orig of stale stage tricks

whelek¹ Shell-fish Earlier *welk*, *wilk*, AS
weoloc, *weole*, chiefly in ref. to purple dye,
murex, cf Du *wilk*, *wilk*, *wullok*, etc
The *-h-* is spurious

whelek² Pimple Only as echo of Shaks (v 1)
AS *hwylca*, tumour, cf synon Norw *valk*
Cf also obs *wheal*, pimple.

His [Bardolph's] face is all bubukles, and wheelks,
and knobs, and flames of fire (*Hen V*, iii 6)

whelm [poet] ME *whelmen*, *overwhelmen*, to
turn, overturn, app connected with AS
āhwylfan, to vault over, overwhelm, from
hwealf, vault, concavity Cf Du *welven*,

Ger. *wolben* (OHG *welben*), ON *welfa*, to
vault¹, Goth *hwilftu*, coffin Cf dial.
whelm, to turn upside down, cover up
Thus orig sense would be to cover up,
smother But the *-m* is obscure

I wel thine an holowre thyng over an other thyng je mets
dessus (Palsg)

coopero to cover all over, to overwhelm (I itt)

to whelwe coopero (ib)

whelp AS *hwelp*, cf Du *welp*, Ger *welf*
(OHG *hwelf*, whence family name *Guelph*),
ON *hwelpr* No connection with *wolf*

when. AS *hwænne*, cogn with *who* (cf re-
lation of *then* and *the*), cf Du *wen*, Ger
wann, *wenn*, ON *hvenar*, whence'er, Goth
hwan Whence is ME *whennes*, with adv
-s (cf *thence*, *hence*) For *when* (time),
whence (place), cf *then*, *thence*

where AS *hwār*, *hwar*, cogn with *who* (v s),
cf Du *waar*, Ger *wo* (OHG *wā*, earlier
war, as in *worm*, *warum*), ON *hwar*, Goth
hwar Pronominal origin can be traced in
compds *whereas*, *wherefore*, *wherewithal*,
etc With the last cf F *de quoi*

wherry In 16 cent also *whirry*, *werrie*,
wyrry Origin unknown

whet AS *hwettan*, from *hwæt*, bold, sharp (cf
sense-development of *keen*) Com Teut,
cf Du *wetten*, Ger. *wetzen* (from OHG *was*,
sharp), ON *hwetja*, also Goth *hwass*, sharp
whether Orig pron AS *hwæther*, which of
two, as still in Bibl E (*Matt* xxvii 21),
from *who*, with same formation and de-
velopment of function as *either*, cf OHG
hwedar, ON *hvār* (for *hvathar*), Goth
hwathar The Aryan suffix appears in
synon G *τὸρεπος* Cf also *other*

whew. Natural expression of ludicrous con-
sternation or suggestive of a shiver

why AS *hwæg*, cf Du LG *we*, Fris *wacy*,
E dial (north) *whig*

which AS *hwile* (cf Sc *whilk*), from *-lic*,
like, and root of *who*, formed like *each*,
such, cf Du *welk*, Ger *welch*, ON *hwilkr*,
Goth *hwēleiks* In ME used as relative
pron for mod *who*, as still in Lord's Prayer
whidah-bird From *Whidah* in Dahomey
(WAfr)

whiff Imit of light puff Hence used also of
a light sculling-boat *The whiff of grapeshot*
is the title of Carlyle's chapter (*Revolution*,
vii 7) describing Bonaparte's method of
countering mob-law

Whig "The name of a political faction"
(Johns) Orig (c 1667) a Covenantner,

whisk ME *wisk*, swift stroke The noun is not found in AS, but cf AS *weoxian*, to clean (with a wisk or brush) Orig sense appears in Ger. *wisch*, "a whisk or brush" (Ludw), whence *wischen*, "to whisk, or wipe something" (ib), *entwischen*, to slip away For sense of blow cf. vulg *wipe in the chops*, for that of rapid movement, e.g. to *whisk away*, cf similar use of *brush* Cognates are ON *wisk*, wisp, Du *wisch*, in *stroo-wisch*, wisp of straw Prob cogn with *wisp* *Whisker* was orig playful, "brusher" Here belongs also *whisky*, a light cart

He kept a phaeton, a stylish Tim Whiskey
(Hickey's *Memoirs*, II 32)

whisker See *whisk* In 17-18 cents *pair of whiskers* usu = moustache

whisker, or *mustache* *mystax* (Litt)

whisky¹ Spirit Short for *usquebaugh* (q.v.), the *i* being nearest E sound to Celt *u* (whence peculiar sound of F *u*) It is curious that *brandy*, *gin*, *rum*, *whisky* are all clipped forms *Whisky* thus means simply water (cf *vodka*).

whisky² Cart See *whisk*

whisper AS *hwisprian*, of imit origin, cf Ger *wispeln*, ON *hwiskra*

whist¹ Interj involving silence Natural exclamation better represented by *st* (cf *sh* and *hush*) In Wyc (*Judges*, xviii 19)

whist² Game Earlier (17 cent) *whish*, from taking up the tricks Altered (18 cent) to *whist* on assumption that it was a silent game (v.s.)

whistle AS *wistle*, *hwistle*, noun, *wisthan*, *hwisthan*, verb, of imit origin and cogn with *whisper*, cf ON *hwísla*, to whisper Used also in ME of the hissing of serpents (cf F *siffler*, to whistle, hiss) To *whistle for* (with small prospect of getting) is prob. from naut *whistling for a wind* In to *wet one's whistle* the word may orig have meant pipe (cf surname *Whistler* = *Piper*, and the use of AS *hwístlere* for minstrel, *Matt* ix 23) To *pay too much for one's whistle* is from Franklin (cf *are to grind*)

So was his joly whistle wel v-wet

(Chauc. A 4155)

whit AS *wiht*, thing, wight¹ (q.v.), the former app. the older sense Cf *ought*, *naught*, *rot* Now always with neg. or in every *whit*, as in *AT* (1 Sam iii 18)

Whit, Whitsun The second form is due to wrong separation of *Whit-Sunday*, i.e. *White Sunday*, into *Whitsun-day* (cf *Whit-Monday*) ? So called from white garments worn at baptisms usu celebrated at this time Late AS *Hwīta-sunnan-dag* (earlier is *Pentecosten*) Cf ON *Hwīta-dagar*, Pentecost, lit white days, *Hwīta-daga-vika*, Whit week, *Hwīta-sunnu-dagi*, Whit-Sunday, etc white AS *hwīt* Com Teut, cf Du *wit*, Ger *weiss*, ON *hvītr*, Goth *hweits*; cogn with *wheat*. In *whitebait*, the fry of the sprat, herring, and other fish, *bait* (q.v.) has the older sense of food *Whiteboy* (hist.), Ir secret society, so called from the white smocks used in raids, is 18 cent The *White House* is the popular name of the "Executive Mansion" of the US President at Washington With current use of *white man* (US), favourably contrasted with "coloured," cf E use of *sahib* in the Services Pol sense, opposed to *red* (Republican), dates from F Revolution. With formation of *whitening* cf. *lightning* With *whiting* cf. synon Ger *weissling*, Norw *hvitting* *White magic* (*witch*) is contrasted with the *black art* (q.v.). With fig sense of *whitewash*, to conceal person's faults, give bankrupt fresh start, cf earlier *blanch* (v.1) The *white man's burden* is a poem by Kipling (*Times*, Feb 4, 1899) *White hope* came into sporting use (c 1912) in ref to the quest for a white man capable of beating the negro champion pugilist, Jack Johnson

To blinch and varnish her deformities (Milt)

Before very long will begin White Bolshevism, the White Terror, the rule of the reactionaries

(*Daily Herald*, June 25, 1919)

Denikin and his Cossacks were the "white hopes" of the Anti-Bolsheviks (*Obs* Dec 7, 1919)

Whitechapel In various depreciatory senses (cf *Billingsgate*), from what was once a pleasant London suburb where Pepys used to drive to take the air

whither AS *huder*, from root of *who*, with suffix as in *hither*, *thither*

whitlow Dial forms, e.g. *quich-flaw*, *whick-flaw*, *white-flaw*, *whitflan*, etc., are due to folk-etym My own conjecture is that it is a perversion of *outlaw*, which had in ME a northern var *wielaw* Cf synon *felon* (q.v.) A prefixed *wh-* is not uncommon, cf. *one* and dial *wuls*, *oats*

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And Y shal bringe in up on Elam foure wyndus fro the foure coestus of hevenc, and Y shal wynewe [tar wyndewe] them in to alle these windus

(Wyc Jer. xlix 36)

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winter AS *winter* Com Teut; cf Du. Ger *winter*, ON *vet*, Goth *wintrus*. In primitive Teut. also in sense of year, as in AS *æwintre* (*ân-wintre*), one-year-old, and still in dial *twinter*, two-year old, for *two winter*, see *night*, *summer*

Now is the winter of our discontent

Made glorious summer by this sun of York

(Rich III, i 1)

Winton. Signature of bishop of Winchester, AS *Wintanceaster*

wipe AS *wīpan*, cogn with LG *wīp*, wisp (of straw for rubbing down) For relation of *wipe* to *wisp* (twist of straw), cf F *torcher*, to wipe, from *torche*, torch, also "wreathed clowt, wispe, or wad of straw" (Cotg) To *wipe out* (fig) is US For *wipe*, blow, cf slang use of F *torcher*, *fiotter*, *brosser*

To statesmen would you give a wipe,

You print it in Italic type (Swift)

wire AS *wīr*, cf ON *vīr*, OHG *wīra*, twisted ornament, ult cogn with L *viriac*, armlets (of twisted wire), said by Pliny to be of Celt origin. In sense of telegraph from c 1880 *Wireless* dates from c 1895 To *wire-draw* is to draw out metal into wire, hence to over-elaborate in length *Wire-drawer* occurs as trade-description and surname in 13 cent *Wire-pulling*, allusive to puppets, is US, for earlier *wire-working* To *wire in* (colloq), set to work vigorously, is mod slang (? orig pugil)

A subject common, bare-worne, and wyer-drawne in a thousand bookes (Florio's *Montaigne*, l 28)

wis [pseudo-archaic] False pres of *wist* (q v), through adv *wis*, certainly, orig adj, AS *gewiss* (cf Ger *gewiss*), being taken as *I wis* See *wit*

Y-wis, but if ich have e my wille,

For deerne love of thee, lemman, I spille

(Chauc A 3277).

Where my morning haunts are he wisses not

(Milton, *Smedymnus*)

wisdom See *wise*². With *wisdom tooth*, cut at age of wisdom, cf F. *dent de sagesse* (Cotg), Ger *weisheitszahn*, G *σοφιστο-τύπες*

wise¹. Noun AS *wīse* Com Teut, cf Du *wijse*, Ger. *weise*, ON *-vīs*, in *álfrvīs*; cogn with *wise*², ground-sense of which is knowing the way Cf F *guise*, from Teut Hence also suffix *-wise*, as in *likewise*, *otherwise*, often used indifferently with *-ways*

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wiseacre "One that knows or tells truth, but we commonly use it in *malam partem*, for a fool" (Blount). Via Du from Ger *weissager*, a prophet, altered, by analogy with Ger *wahrsager*, a soothsayer (from *wahr*, true), from OHG *wīzago*, cogn with AS *wīlega*, wise man, prophet, from *wītig*, witty, wise

weissager 1 ein prophet, a prophet, 2 ein wahrsager a prognosticator, a witty fore teller (Ludw.)

wish AS *wīscan*, from *wīsc* (in *wīscbeorn*), wish, whence ME *wisch*, mod noun being re-coined from verb Com Teut, cf Du *wensch*, Ger *wunsch*, ON *ōsk*; cogn with Sanskrit *vāśikā* The E word has lost an *-n-* before the spirant (cf *other*, *five*)

Thy wish was father, Harry, to that thought

(2 Hen IV, iv 5)

wishy-washy Redupl on *wash* But cf. Ger *wisch-wasch*, *wisch-waschi*, which may be equally well from *wisch*, wisp, fig trash

wisp ME. also *wips* (cf *wasps*), app. cogn with *wipe* (q v) Ground-sense is something twisted, as in Goth *waips*, crown. In *will o' the wisp*, the allusion is to a torch.

wist [archaic] Past of *wit* (q v); cf Ger. *wusste*, past of *wissen*, to know

wistaria Plant Named from C *Wistar*, US anatomist (†1818)

wistful. ? Evolved from earlier adv. *wistly*, silently, earnestly (Rich II, v 4), ? from *whist*¹ Later sense influenced by *wishful*

wit. AS *wit*, understanding, sense, from *witan*, to know, orig sense surviving in *out of one's wits*, *five wits*, *wit's end*, etc Replaced in early 16 cent, in higher senses, by *wisdom* The verb survives in archaic *wot* (pres), *wist* (past), *to wit* (cf F *d savoir*), cf also *willingly*, i.e. knowingly The verb, an old pret, as is seen by absence

wizard ME *wisard*, from *wise*², with pejorative suffix (cf *dastard*, *sluggard*, etc.) Unconnected with *witeh*

wizened From *wizen*, AS *wisman*, to wither, cogn with *weornian*, to fade, cf. ON *visunn*, wizened, whence *visna*, to wither, also OHG *wesanēn* ? Cogn with Teut *wesan*, to be, with sense of "has been" (cf Ger *verwesen*, decayed), ? or from Aryan root containing idea of destruction which appears in L *virus*, poison Also spelt *weazen-ed*

woad AS *wād*; cf Du *weede*, Ger *ward*, also F *guède*, It *guado*, from Teut Prob an ancient Aryan word represented in L by *vitrum*

wobble For earlier *wabble*, frequent of dial *wap*, cogn with ME *quappen*, to tremble, and perh ult with *squab*

woe AS *wā*, orig interj of dismay Com Teut, cf Du *wee*, Ger *weh*, ON *vei*, Goth *weh*, also L *vae* In *woe is me*, etc the complement is dat (cf L *vae victis*) Cf *wail*, *welladay* *Woebegone* preserves the p p of AS *begān*, *begangan*, to surround, beset, take possession of, the *woe-* being instrument

Wo was this wreeched womman tho begon
(Chauc B 918)

"Go wei," quod the kok, "wo the bi-go!"
(Fox and Wolf).

woiwode See *vorwode*

wold ME *wald*, AS *weald* See *weald* Orig sense, like that of *forest*, was uncultivated or unenclosed ground The northern *wolds* are usu treeless, like the southern *downs* Cf *Cotswold*

wolf AS *wulf* Aryan, cf Du Ger *wolf*, ON *úlfr*, Goth *wulfs*, L *lupus*, G *λύκος*, Sanskrit *vrka*, cogn with G *ῥάκων*, to fear (cf *vulture*) The lost guttural of the Teut forms survives in ON *ylgr*, she-wolf As the commonest of the predatory animals the wolf figures largely in metaphor and is an important element in Teut names (*Ethelwulf*, *Wolfram*, etc.) As emblem of famine in to *keep the wolf from the door* See also *Tartar*

Veniunt ad vos in vestimentis ovium, intrinsecus autem sunt lupi rapaces (Vulg Matt vii 15)

wolfram [chem] Ger, orig personal name, "wolf raven" For application to mineral cf *cobalt*, *nickel*

wolverine N Amer glutton² Irreg from *wolf*

woman AS *wīfmann*, wife man, i e female

being, with pl *wīfmen*. For loss of -f cf *leman* Change of vowel is due to the int w- (cf *won't*), survival of orig sound in pl being app due to unconscious tendency to differentiate, perh also to assim to second syllable (*wīfmīn*)

And she answered (all the woman in her flashing from her eyes),

"You mustn't ask no questions, and you won't be told no lies!" (Gilbert, *Annie Protheroe*)

womb AS *wamb*, belly Com Teut, cf Du *wam*, Ger *wamme*, *wampe*, ON *vōmb*, Goth *wamba*, all rather in gen than in spec E mod sense

And he covetide to fille his wombe of the roddis that the hoggis eeten (Wye *Luke*, xv 16)

wombat From native Austral *wombach*

wonder AS *wundor* Com Teut, cf Du *wonder*, Ger *wunder*, ON *undr* *Wondrous* is altered from ME *wonders*, adv genitive of adj *wonder*, which is a back-formation from adv *wonderly*, AS *wundorlic* Cf *nighteous* for a similar adoption of -ous *Wonderland* was popularized by Lewis Carroll (1865)

The great world behold, lo, divided wonderly
Into two regions (*Four Elements*, c 1510)

wont First as adj With crescent -t from ME *wone*, *wune*, accustomed, AS *gewinn*, usual, cogn with *wuman*, to dwell, continue, become habituated Perh also partly from the p p *woned* of the ME verb Cf Ger *gewohnt*, wont, OHG *giwon*, of which earlier form survives in *gewohnheit*, habit, *gewohnlieh*, usually Also ON *vanr*, accustomed, *venja*, to accustom (see *vean*) The whole group perh belongs to the Aryan root meaning pleasure which appears in *winsome*, *Venus*, etc

She never was to swiche gestes woned
(Chauc E 339)

won't For *will not* For change of vowel after w- cf *woman* Perh also influenced by *don't*

woo ME *wowen*, AS *wōgran*, also *wōgere*, wooer, with no known cognates

wood AS *wudu*, *wudu*, forest, timber (cf double sense of Ger *holz*), cogn with ON *viðr*, tree, OHG *witu* (still in *wiedehopf*, hoopoe, wood-hen, lit wood-hopper), also with OIr *fid*, tree, Gael *fiadh*, wood, Welsh *gwydd*, trees For *woodbine* see *vine* Second element of *woodruff*, AS *wudurofe*, is obscure The fact that it is a common surname (cf *Woodward*) would point to some

better, lesser If the worst comes to the worst is 16 cent, but the first worst was perh orig worse

I cannot hate thee worser than I do

(*Ant. & Cleop* II 5).

worship First as noun. AS *weorthscipe*, "worth-ship," glory, dignity, orig sense surviving in *your worship* (cf *your lordship*, *honour*, *majesty*, etc., the *worshipful* the Mayor) Verbis ME See quot s v *woisted*

worsted Recorded from 13 cent From *Worstead*, Norfolk, place of origin See Chauc A 262 F *ostade*, "the stuffe worsted, or woosted" (Cotg), is from E

I wold make my doblot all worsted for worship of Norfolk (*Paston Let.* II 235)

wort¹ Herb Now chiefly in compds (*colewort*, *mugwort*, etc), otherwise replaced by plant AS *wyrt*, plant, root Com Teut, cf OSax *wurt*, Ger *wurz*, ON *urt*, Goth *wairts*, cogn with root¹, and ult also with L *radix*, G *pflā* See also *wurzel*

wort² Unfermented beer AS *wyrt*, in *mar-wyrt*, mash-wort, app ident with wort¹; cf OSax *wintia*, Ger *wintze*, spice, ON *wirt*, beer-wort, cogn but not ident forms

worth¹ Value AS *weorth* (noun & adj). Com Teut, cf Du *waard*, Ger *wert*, ON *verth*, Goth *wairthis*, ? cogn with *ware*¹ With later *worthy* cf *swarthy*, *vasty*, *wary* The suffix *-worth*, in *stalworth*, is cogn

worth² [*archaic*] In *woe worth the day*. Pres subj of AS *weorþan*, to become, be Com. Teut, cf Du *worden*, Ger *werden*, ON *vertha*, Goth *wairthan*, cogn with L *vertere*, to turn ground-sense of taking direction appearing in cogn *-ward(s)*. See also *weird*

Thus saith the Lord God, How! ye, Woe worth the day [W'ug v're die] (*Isa* XXX 2)

worthy See *worth*¹, and cf Ger *wundig*, ON *verþingr* Application to person, e.g. a Tudor *worthy*, appears in ME

wot See *wit*

would Past of *will* (q v).

wound AS *wund* Com Teut., cf. Du *wond*, Ger. *wunde*, ON *und*, Goth *wunds* (adj.) The adj (AS *wund*, Ger *wund*) is perh the older, and repre ents the pres. part (cf *friend*, *fiend*) of a Teut verb, possibly represented by L *win* (q.v.). Formerly rmed with *ground* (v.i.)

I'll ring thy [Charles I's] obsequies with trumpet
And write thy ep taph with bloods and wounds

(Montrose).

wourah See *curare*

wr- All words in *wr-* are of Teut. origin, the *w-* disappearing in Ger. & ON, though persisting as *v-* in mod Scand langs. The combination corresponds to G *þ-* for earlier *Fþ-* A large proportion of *wr-* words belong to an Aryan root with sense of twisting

wrack ME. *wrac*, var *wreck* (q v), from which it is now differentiated in sense, cf Du. *wrak*, also F. *varech*, sea-weed, orig "a sea-wrack or wreck" (Cotg), from E. See also *rack*¹ *Wreck* is always *wrack* in early editions of *Shaks*

The constable of the castel down is fare

To seen this wrak, and al the ship he soghte

(Chauc B 512).

Wraf. Member of *Women's Royal Air Force* (1917) See *Waac* and cf *Anzac*

wraith. Orig Sc Earlier *wrath*, *wreth*, altered from *warth*, in orig sense of guardian angel, ON *vöthr*, guardian See *ward*

wrangle ME *wanglen*, cogn with *wring*. Hence *wangler* (univ.), disputant in schools, applied to first class in mathematical tripos.

wrap. App for earlier *wlap*, for which see quot s v *cratch* This occurs passim in Wye. where Tynd has *wrap* See also *develop* It is possible that *wrapper* and *envelope* are ult related. With fig *wrapped up* is cf *bound up with* *Wrap* was once literary (v i.).

The world was like a large and sumptuous shop,
Where God his goodly treasures did unwrap

(Silv. Furlis)

wrath AS *wræthra*, from *wrāth*, angry, whence *wroth*, cogn with Du *wried*, angry, OHG *īdan*, to twist, ON *reitir*, angry, and ult with *writhe*

wreak AS *wreccan*, to avenge (q v.), orig to drive, urge Com. Teut, cf. Du *wreken*, Ger *rächen*, ON *reka*, to drive, pursue, Goth, *writkan*, to persecute; cogn with L *urgere*, G. *drücken*, to shut in To *wreak vengeance* is, compared with ME, pleon Some times errone used by mod writers as though it were pres of *wrought* (see *work*) See also *wreck*, *wretch*

He wolde doon so ferforthly his mis; hit

Upon the tiraunt Creon hem to wrel

(Chauc A. 266)

The damage they have wreaked must be repaired to the uttermost farthing

(*Sunday Times*, Oct 6, 1918).

wreath AS *wræth*, fillet, bandage, cogn. with *writhe* Orig. sense of twisting in *wreath* cf

smoke *fae n calked n smokes wrealed*
kyn (Sperver Wordworth)

wreck AS *wreac* exile misery from *wr an*
 to drive wreat (q v) It later assumed sense
 of *cr n* *wra k* applied to anything driven
 ashore by the waves (cf *wre k*)

wren AS *wyrna* cf *ON rin ill* From
Rinda I *wind* one of the wrens of Odin.
 Its names in other lang are usu royal
 eg L *reg us* F *roi* Ger *konig* *kn*
 app in allusion to golden egg etc

Wren Men beroff *Wm n P val Wren* (Di)

wrench AS *wreac* art. co. trick whence
wra k to twist wrench cogn with
wra (q v) It is curious that the fig
 sense (stud in *clib*) *wra k* appears first
 in F. Le had other of ewes appears in
 Ger *raden* *wr n* ie pl *frank* twist cogn
 with *raden* to wren h cultivate

It a wile wra... *tho se marst t re*
Kha u os

wrest AS *wra k* to twist come with
wr alk wra *wrist* Twist *na* *leat* still
 prum non in fig sense

The Hame is bent *wra k* *g n* *tho p* *th* *pre*
juice they *an p k ep* (Peppy Oct 1 60)

wrestle AS *wra k* *an* from *wra k* (i s)

wretch *AS wra k* contrast, exile from
wr an to expel *wr alk* *f r an* *o de*
 ve pment of Ger *stend* wretched on
 e il OHG *el r* of alien land OHG
r k *wr co* *hant* outlaw took in
 MHG *re se* of warrior whence poet Ger
r k *re r* *ed* by Wieland in 18 cent With
 Peppy regular *my wile pwr wretch*
 cf *ju t* *la w* The word is still used
 somewhat endearingly in dial

k x el *ni wra k* *Perthwens my wra k*
l u l i t *f e e e* *oh l p*

wrick, rick. To twist ME *wri t n* cogn
 with *wr n* (cf *Dr wra k* *Nora Dan*
er k *Sm r k*)

wriggle frequent of obs *wri* cogn with
wri k (v) and with *wri* *wri e* of AS
wra k to struggle forward

wright Now dial exc in compds. (*wheel*
wr k *shipwr k* etc) but very common
 as surname AS *wra k* worker from
wra k to work. Cf OHG *wra k* worker
 also surviving in surnames, e.g. *Schwa k*
st *wr k* *ht*.

we wra k *es wra k* *dr n* *lys*
 (AS *Corp* *Mar k*)

wring AS *wra k* to twist. Com Teut.
 cf *Dr wr n* *gn* Ger *wra k* *Nora Dan*

wr n contorted Geth *wra k* *noose*
 Cogn with *wra k* *wra k* etc.

wrinkle AS *wra k* cogn with *wra k*
wr alk cf obs *Dr wr k* *Ger wr n*
dim cf OHG *wra k* (for *wra k*) cogn.
 with L *wr n* *wr n* *wr n* and prob
 also with *wra k* in sense of device etc (in
Emph) *wr n* to *g r n* *wr n* *wr n* *wr n*
 a direct dim from *wra k* (q v)

wrist AS *wrist* also *wra k* *st* *gn* with
wri For sense of Ger *wra k* *st*
wri from *lenken* to turn. The Teut.
 sense is joint articulation of L *wri k*
 Ger *r k* *wrist* and ankle in MHG *ON*
wri k

writ AS *writ* *acrit* a writing, legal docu
 ment scripture from *wri* With *H*
wri *f s r* *plure* F *wri k* *st* *st* etc

Ge *wra k* and common *hla k* *st*
 (AS *Corp* *Mar k*)

The *hla k* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*
 (Lod *W* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*)

write AS *wri* *st* to gra e draw write.
 Com Teut. though pec sense orig to
 scratch rines on bark (= book) is not
 found in *Dr k* Ger *f* *Dr wri k*
wri to tear *ON* *st* to write Geth.
wra k inferred from *wri* stroke of
 pen) Only sense of L *st* *st* was also to
 scratch (see *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*)

withe AS *wra k* to twist Com Teut. f
 archai *Dr wr k* *OHG* *wri k* (whence F
wra k to wrinkle) *ON* *wra k* Orig strong
 as till in poet *p p* *wra k*

wrong Lat *an* *wra k* *st* *st* *st* *st*
st *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*
 AS *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*

F *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*
st *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*

Wrong is in *Fr n* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*
st *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*
st *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*

wroth See *wra k*
 wrought See *wra k*

wry MF bent twisted from *wra k* to
 twist of AS *wra k* *st* *st* *st* *st*
st *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*

This *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*
st *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*

wuzzel Ger *wra k* (q v) *st* *st* *st* *st*
 an *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*
st *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*
 See also *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st* *st*

wyandotte Breed of fowls from N Amer
Name of Red Ind tribe

wych-elm See *witch-elm*

Wykehamist Member of Winchester College,
founded (1378) by *William of Wykeham*,
bishop of Winchester Recorded from 16
cent

wyvern See *wivern*

x- All words in *x*-, exc *xebec*, are of G origin
and learned formation In the abbrevs
Xmas, *Xhan*, *X*- represents G. *X* (= *ch*),
so also XP for G *Xpistós*, Christ

x As symbol for 10 from L In math dis-
tortion of earlier crossed *r*, for L *radix*
(see *root*) or *res*, as used by medieval
mathematicians for the unknown quantity
Hence *x-rays*, from their unknown character
(see *Röntgen rays*) On beer-barrels *XX*,
XXX are said to be for *extra*

Xanthippe Shrew Wife of Socrates

xantho- From G *ξανθός*, yellow

xebec Vessel Cf F *chabec*, *chebec*, It *seia-
becco*, *zambecco*, Sp *jabeque*, Turk *sumbakī*,
all from Arab *shabbah*

xeno- From G *ξένος*, guest, stranger,
foreigner

xero- From G *ξηρός*, dry

xipho- From G *ξίφος*, sword

xylo- From G *ξύλοι*, wood, timber

xyster [*med*] Instrument for scraping bones
G *ξύστηρ*, from *ξύειν*, to scrape

xyrust [*antiq*] Covered colonnade for use of
athletes in winter G *ξύστος*, prop adj,
scraped (vs), from polished floor

Y Of various Y-shaped devices Also *y-moth*,
gamma-moth

y- In archaisms for AS *ge-* See *yclept*

yacht Du *yacht*, earlier *yagt*, for *yagtschif*,
from *yagen*, to hunt, cf LG *yageschif*
Used by Purreh (*yacht*) in transl from Du
Pepys (from 1659) has many allusions to
the king's yacht, built as an improvement
on his Du pleasure-boat *Yachting*, like
skating (see *skate*), came from Holland
with Charles II Also in F (Colbert, 1666)

[We] anchored thwart of Sluis, where came on
board us with his yachts [MS. yachtes] the Prince
of Orange (Phineas Pett, 1613)

He is building the King's yacht, which will be a
pretty thing, and much beyond the Dutchman
(Pepys, Jan. 13, 1661)

I sailed this morning with his Majesty in one of his
yachts (or pleasure boats), vessels not known

among us till the Dutch East India Company pre-
sented that curious piece to the king
(Evelyn, Oct '1, 1661)

yager [*hist*]. Du *jager*, as *jäger* (q.v.). See
also *yacht*

yah Natural expression of derision

yahoo Brute in human form Coined by
Swift (*Gulliver*), prob from *yah*

Yahveh, Yahvist See *Jehovah*

yak Tibetan *gyak*

yale lock From name of US inventor (19
cent)

yam, Native WAfr Spelt *namu*, *namu* by
Hakl, *namo* by Purreh, cf F *name* (*Paul
et Virginie*), Port *inhame* Senegal *nyami*,
to eat, "understood by foreigners as re-
ferring to the African 'staff of life'" (James
Platt, *Notes & Queries*, March 24, 1900).

Saying in the true Creolian language and style,
"No! me no can jam more"
(Hickey's *Memoirs*, II 64)

Yama Hindu judge of the dead Sanskrit

yamen See *Tsung-li-yamen*

yank [US] To jerk abruptly Origin un-
known

Yankee Orig (18 cent) of limited applica-
tion, and perh first used of Du inhabitants
of New Amsterdam (New York) Prob a
dim of Du *Jan*, John (cf *Jenkin*) It has
also been suggested that it is a back-forma-
tion, like *Chinee*, *Portugee*, from Du *Jan
Kes*, lit John Cornelius, both of which
names are used as nicknames in Du *Yankee
doodle* was a pop song during the War of
Independence (1775-83)

And some be Seot, but the worst, God wot, and the
boldest thieves, be Yank!

(Kipling, *Three Sealers*)

yap Imut, cf F *japper*, to yelp

yard¹ Measure AS *gierd*, rod, wand,
measure of land, cf. Du *gaard*, rod, Ger
gerle, "a rod, switch, or wand" (Ludw),
Goth *gards*, stake, ? ult cogn with L
hasta, spear For sense of measure cf *rod*,
rood, *pole*¹, *perch*² Orig sense still in naut
yard, *yard-arm* Hanging at the *yard-arm*
is recorded in Purreh.

yard² Enclosure AS *geard* Warvan; cf
Du *gaard*, OHG *garto* (cf. *Stuttgart*), ON.
garth (see *garth*), Goth *gards*, house, L
hortus, garden (q.v.), G. *χόπος*, feeding-
place, all with ground-sense of hedged en-
closure, also OIr *gori*, field, Russ *gorod*,
town (as in *Novgorod*), Oslav *gradu* (*Bel-
grade*, *Petograd*) For sense-development
in other langs cf *town*

yarn AS *gearu* Com Teut cf Du *garen* (cf ON *garn* Thought to come from an Aryan root containing idea of winding which appears in ON *görn* (pl *garner*) entrails and L *haru fex* a divinator or soothsayer by looking in beasts' bowels (Coop.) Fig sense from sailors' practice of telling tales while engaged in sedentary work such as yarn twisting, with secondary allusion to length

yarrow AS *gearwe* WGer cf Du *e u* Ger *garl* (OHG *garawa*)

yashmak Mosl m woman's veil Arab

yataghan Farl r also *ata has* (Byron)

Turk *yiti klu* from *yak* bed & thus a bedside weapon cf F *épée de chambre* lit pillow sword

yaw [naut] ON *yagi* to sway (like a door in its hinges) supposed to be from Ger *ja en* to hunt (see *yacht*) In Shaks (*Hamlet*)

If any lose company and come in a hit again I make three yaws and strike them so three times (Hawkins 1564)

yawl Boat Du *jol* a Jutland boat (Sewel) cf LG *jolle* whence also Norw Dan *jolle* Sw *julle* Ger *jolle jolle* (also *galle gelle*) F *yole* ult from ON *hyoll* barge hip keel? Purch *hwyoll* in transit from Du *jolly-boat* (q.v.) is unconnected

yawl To yell etc Imit cf Ger *yaul n* ON *gaull*

yawn AS *garnian* al o *garnian* ge *nian* Com Teut cf Ger *gähnen* (OHG *gānen* *gānōn*) ON *gria* (cf ON *gri* *maw*) also without the *n* (orig inflexional) Du *geenen* OHG *gānen* cogn with L *hiare* to gape G *χε* hole

yaws Tropical Afr disease framboe is Orig from Guiana and prob a Guaraní (Brazil) word

yclept Now only facet phrase to its use by Arnaldo and Holofernes in *Lo z z Fab Lost* VL (y for AS *ge*) for AS *gecl* ped p p of clippings to call (out) cf OFris *kluppa* to ring LG *klipfen* to resound

If conjoined with *ge* cf Fe way That whil in way y-cl ped Scith a (Ch on. A 866)

ye AS *gē* nom pl and as such distinguished from *you* in ME though often confused with it in early mod E eg in *thankes* (*thank ye*) Aryan cf Du *gij* OHG *r* (*ih*) ON *er* Goth *f* s G *ty* Sanskrit *yam* See *you* & *ur* Bl sed are ye whe m ash t e l y u a d per-seute you (*Mat* v 22)

ye Archaic printin for the y being substituted for obs symbol þ (= th) Cf the substitution in Sc of s for obs þ (= gh or y) in *Macbeth* etc

yea AS *gea* Com Teut cf Du Ger ON Goth *ja* cogn with (y) truly See *yes*

yea *ean* [archaic & dial] To bring forth (a lamb) whence *yeawling* young lamb AS *geeanian* and *lanian* cf Du *oe en* ult cogn with L *a* us lamb cf Welsh *oen* OIr *an* lamb

year AS *gēr* *gēr* Com Teut cf Du *jaar* Ger *jahr* ON *a* with *jār* Also OFris *var* Orig sen e v as prob spring turn of the year cf corn G *wp* season spring Slav *jaru* spring The true Aryan word for year appears in G *os* gn with L *et* is old For uninflected neut pl as still in *two year-old* etc *I sume*

yearn AS *giernan* from *georn* eager desirous Com Teut cf Du *gierne* Ger *gern* (ad willingly) ON *gjaruk* Goth *garms* (in *sihtug r* a anxious) also Ger *begehren* to desire (from MHG *geren*)

yeast AS *gist* Com Teut cf Du *geit* Ger *gis* *hi* earlier *ga chi* (cf *gāh en* to ferment causal from OHG *gesen*) ON *ja* cogn with G *ζ* to boil

yell See *yolk*

yell AS *gelfin* Com Teut cf Du *gilen* Ger *hell* m ON *galla* cogn with AS *galan* to sing and hence with *gale* Of imit ori in

yellow AS *geolu* *golu* WGer cf Du *geel* Ger *gelb* (OHG *gih* *gila*) cogn with ON *gulr* L *hel* us pale yellow G *gel* *pus* green OFris *sa* = yellow *Yellow hummer* is for *amir* er AS *anore eme* with which cf Ger *goudamm r emmerling* (corruptly *hammerling*) applied to various birds perch cogn with OHG *amir* kind of corn (cf hist of lin es) The corrupt may be partly due to the metallic note of the bird The *yellow pe* it was first formulated in Germany (d *gelbe gefahr*) Hence perch also US *yellow press* (1875) seen rationally characteristic.

The yellow hummer is on the roof tiles be t

S et hilt delamers t ok trees (F an i Leda x)

yelp AS *gelfan* to boast cogn with *yell* cf MHG *gelfen* ON *gjalna* Of imit origin

yen Jap coinage unit Chin *yuen* round dollar

zemstvo Russ local council For *zemskoe sobranje* (q v), land council, from *zemlja*, earth, land (as in *Nova Zemlja*)

The Revolution commands the Zemstvos and Town Councils (*Daily Chron* Mar 17, 1917)

zenana Hind, from Pers *zanāna*, from *zan*, woman, cogn with G *γυνή*, woman (see *queen*, *queen*)

Zend Ancient Pers lang preserved in the *Zend-Avesta*, containing teaching of Zoroaster *Avistāk va Zand* is used in Pahlavi for the Zoroastrian law and commentary, the origin of both words being obscure Hence *Zend* (ling) for OPers

zenith F *zénith*, OSp *zemth*, Arab *samt*, way, road, L *semita*, pathway, for *samtur-ras*, path over-head Cf *azimuth*

zephyr F *zéphyr*, L, G *ζέφυρος*, west wind

zeppelin Invented (early 20 cent) by *Count Zeppelin* (†1917) In E as gen name for airship Colloq *zepp*

zero F. *zéro*, It *zero*, Sp *cero*, contr from MedL *zephyrum*, Arab. *ḥisr*, cipher (q v)

zest Orig piece of lemon-peel, etc to give piquancy (cf to *add a zest to*) F *zeste*, *zest*, used esp of membrane dividing sections of nut Origin obscure I do not know whether there is anything in conjecture below

zest segmentum corticis aurantiae [orange] in vinum per flammam lucernae expressum, qd *ḥarḥar* [hot] (Litt)

zeugma [*gram*] Ellipsis in which word has double function, cf *syllipsis* G *ζεύγμα*, bond, linking, cogn with *yoke* (q v)

zibet Asiatic civet It *zibetto*, civet (q v).

zigzag F, Ger *zick-zack*, redupl on *zacken*, point, tooth See *attack*

zinc Ger *zink*, of unknown origin Perh coined by Paracelsus

Zingaro Gypsy It, also *Zingano* (Flor), MedL *Zingari* (pl.), whence also Ger *Zigeuner*, F *tsigane* (q v) Origin unknown Late G *ἀθίγγαιοι*, a sect of early Christian heretics, lit non-touchers, has been suggested

zinnia Flower From J. G. Zinn, Ger botanist Cf *dahlia*, *fuchsia*, etc

Zionism Movement (late 19 cent) for colonizing Palestine with Jews From *Zion*, Jerusalem, Heb *Tsīyōn*, lit. hill

zircon [mīn] Arab *zaiqūn*, cinnabar, from Pers *zar*, gold See *jaigoon*

zither Ger, either (q v)

Zoar Place of refuge (*Gen* xix 22)

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The Revolution commands the Zemstvos and Town Councils (*Daily Chron* Mar 17, 1917)

zenana Hind, from Pers *zanāna*, from *zan*, woman, cogn with G *γυνή*, woman (see *queen*, *queen*)

Zend Ancient Pers lang preserved in the *Zend-Avesta*, containing teaching of Zoroaster *Avistāh va Zand* is used in Pahlavi for the Zoroastrian law and commentary, the origin of both words being obscure Hence *Zend* (ling) for OPers

zenith F *zénith*, OSp *zenith*, Arab *samt*, way, road, L *semita*, pathway, for *samtur-ras*, path over-head Cf *azimuth*

zephyr F *zéphyr*, L, G *ζέφυρος*, west wind

zeppelin Invented (early 20 cent) by *Count Zeppelin* (†1917) In E as gen name for airship Colloq *zepp*

zero F *zéro*, It. *zero*, Sp *cero*, contr from MedL *zephyrum*, Arab *ṣifr*, cipher (q v)

zest Ong piece of lemon-peel, etc to give piquancy (cf to *add a zest* to) F *zeste*, *zest*, used esp of membrane dividing sections of nut Origin obscure I do not know whether there is anything in conjecture below.

zest segmentum corticis aurantiae [orange] in vinum per flammam lucernae expressum, q d *ζεστόν* [hot] (Litt)

zeugma [gram] Ellipsis in which word has double function, cf *syllipsis* G *ζεύγμα*, bond, linking, cogn with *yoke* (q v)

zibet Asiatic civet It *zibetto*, civet (q v).

zigzag F, Ger *zick-zack*, redupl on *zacken*, point, tooth See *attach*

zinc Ger *zink*, of unknown origin Perh coined by Paracelsus

Zingaro Gypsy It, also *Zingano* (Flor), MedL *Zingari* (pl), whence also Ger *Zigeuner*, F *tsigane* (q v) Origin unknown Late G *ἀθίγγαιοί*, a sect of early Christian heretics, lit non-touchers, has been suggested

zinnia Flower From J. G. Zinn, Ger. botanist Cf *dahlia*, *fuchsia*, etc

Zionism. Movement (late 19 cent) for colonizing Palestine with Jews From *Zion*, Jerusalem, Heb *Tsiyōn*, lit hill

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